

# COACHES







# PHIL MARTELLI

## Head Coach - 12th Season

- 2004 National Coach of the Year •
- Four-time Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year •

In 11 years as head coach at Saint Joseph's, **Phil Martelli** has built a program that is consistently one of the top in the conference, a perennial post-

season participant and a key player on the national scene.

Martelli turned in another top-notch coaching performance in 2005-06, as the Hawks went from a 10-12 record in February to win the final five games of the regular season, and three straight in the conference tournament, to reach the Atlantic 10 championship for the second year in a row, falling just one point short of the title. The Hawks were rewarded with their sixth consecutive postseason bid, but saw the season come to an end in the NIT Second Round, closing with a 19-14 mark.

Martelli's effort was similar to the previous season where he turned in perhaps a more remarkable coaching job than in 2003-04 when he was the consensus National Coach of the Year. Faced with the loss of two NBA first-round draft picks from the '03-04 squad that went 30-2, the 2004-05 Hawks struggled early on, but Martelli reworked the team's style of play to guide SJU to 21 wins in the calendar year of 2005 to finish 24-12. Saint Joseph's posted the conference's best record (14-2) and won its fifth straight regular-season title to tie the league record. The Hawks garnered the top seed in the conference tournament for the second year in a row and reached the championship game. He was named the Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year for the second straight season and the fourth time in his career. The Hawks earned their fifth consecutive postseason bid and made an exciting six-game run in the NIT, falling on a last-second shot in the championship game. It marked the second time in his career that he guided SJU to the NIT title game.

Martelli's 11-year career record is now 222-125, but more impressively, his teams have gone 141-54 in the past six seasons, an average of over 23 victories per year. He currently ranks third on SJU's all-time list for coaching victories and needs just 13 to surpass Hall of Famer Jack Ramsay's total of 234. Martelli is fourth in winning percentage (.640). Setting the school record for wins in a season in 2004 (30), Martelli has guided SJU to 20 or more victories five times in 11 seasons. He is 114-62 in Atlantic 10 play, which is the most conference wins for any active coach in the A-10. Martelli has also been at his best when it counts the most. His 17 postseason wins (6 NCAA, 11 NIT) are the most in school history, ahead of Ramsay's total of 12. Martelli ranks first among Hawk coaches with a .680 postseason winning percentage (17-8) and has taken Saint Joseph's to the postseason in six consecutive years, and eight times in his 11 seasons.

Martelli's efforts and the success of the SJU program have been recognized on a consistent basis. In fact, he has earned a Coach of the Year award, whether it be a city, conference, or regional honor, in six of his 11 seasons.

In the summer of 2005, Martelli served as the head coach of the USA Men's U21 World Championship Team, which competed at the FIBA U21 World Championship in Argentina, and earned a fifth-place finish. It was the coach's third assignment with USA Basketball, having served as a USA assistant coach for gold-medal winning teams at both the 2001 FIBA World Championship for Young Men and the 1998 Goodwill Games.

In 2003-04, Martelli guided a focused and unselfish squad that became the most compelling story in college basketball. The Hawks went undefeated in the regular sea-

son, reached the pinnacle as the top-ranked team in the nation and earned the school's first-ever number-one seed in the NCAA Tournament, advancing to the Elite Eight. Jameer Nelson was the consensus National Player of the Year and with teammate Delonte West, were both first-round selections in the NBA Draft. The Hawks became the first team since 1990-91 to go through the regular season without a loss (27-0). SJU opened the season ranked 12th in the polls and moved up throughout the year, taking the top spot on March 8, 2004, for the first time ever, while finishing fifth in the polls, for SJU's highest final ranking since 1966. It was a school-record fourth straight season, and fifth in Martelli's tenure, that the Hawks were ranked in the *Associated Press* poll.

Martelli guided SJU to its fourth NCAA appearance in nine seasons, and its first back-to-back berths since 1982. The top-seeded Hawks reached the Elite Eight for the first time since 1981 before falling to Oklahoma State in a heartbreaker, 64-62.

### The Martelli File

**Career Record:** 222-125 (11 years)

**Atlantic 10 Record:** 114-62

**Postseason Record:** 17-8 (overall); 6-4 (NCAA Tournament)

**Birthdate:** August 31, 1954

**Hometown:** Media, PA

**Education:** Widener University, 1976

**Playing Career:** Widener University, 1972-76

**College Coaching Career:** Head coach, Saint Joseph's, July 20, 1995 to present; Assistant coach, Saint Joseph's, 1985-86 to 1994-95.

**Family:** Wife, Judy; children - Philip, Jr. (25), Jimmy (24), Elizabeth (19)



The Martelli Family (from left) - Phil, Jr., Judy, Elizabeth, Phil and Jimmy

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He joined with Nelson to sweep the National Coach and Player of the Year awards, marking one of the few times in history that the top player and coach were from the same school. Martelli won the 2004 Naismith Award, the Henry Iba Award (USBWA), the inaugural Adolph Rupp Cup, the Coach of the Year awards from both *Associated Press* and CBS/Chevrolet, and the NABC Co-Coach of the Year award. He was the Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year for the third time and a repeat winner of both the Harry Litwack and Big 5 Coach of the Year awards.

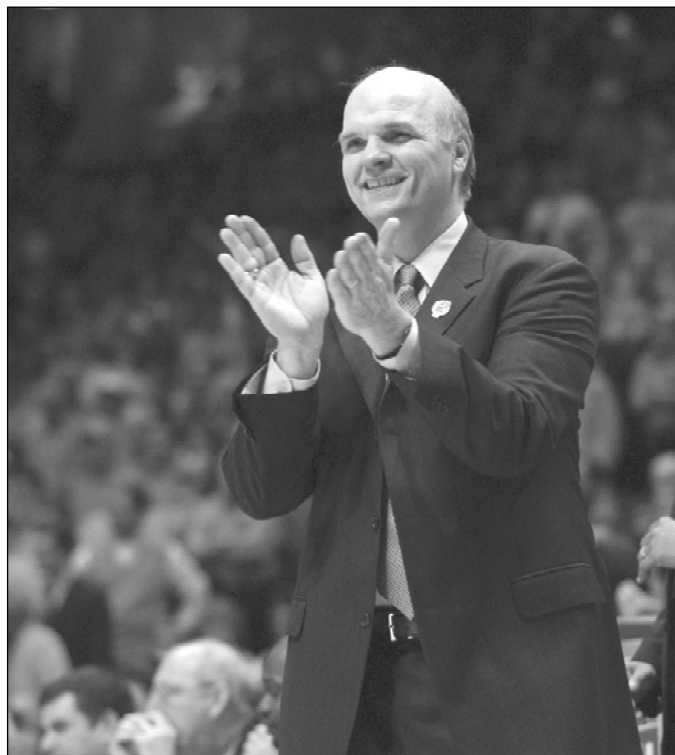
Phil Martelli continues his climb up the charts, putting himself among the Hawks' all-time winningest coaches. Heading into the 2006-07 season, Martelli needs 13 wins to surpass Jack Ramsay for second place in coaching victories at SJU.

## Hawk Coaches by Victories

|                         | YRS       | W          | L          |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| 1. Bill Ferguson        | 25        | 309        | 208        |
| 2. Jack Ramsay          | 11        | 234        | 72         |
| 3. <b>Phil Martelli</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>222</b> | <b>125</b> |

## Hawk Coaches by Winning Pct.

|                         | YRS       | W          | L          | PCT.        |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. Jack Ramsay          | 11        | 234        | 72         | .765        |
| 2. Jim Lynam            | 3         | 65         | 28         | .699        |
| 3. Jack McKinney        | 8         | 144        | 77         | .652        |
| 4. <b>Phil Martelli</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>222</b> | <b>125</b> | <b>.640</b> |



The Hawks also won their second outright Big 5 title and their fourth straight Atlantic 10 regular season crown. The squad was the recipient of the prestigious Wanamaker Award, given to the team or athlete which brings the greatest credit to the city of Philadelphia, and was named the Team of the Year by the Philadelphia Sportswriters Association.

One of the more colorful coaches in the nation, Martelli's personality, wit and accessibility have always made him a media favorite. His popularity grew to an even higher level in 2004, as the Hawks remained unbeaten and the coach was besieged by media requests from all over the country. Martelli remained as accommodating as ever and the Saint Joseph's story was well documented by the Philadelphia press and told by countless media outlets nationwide.

Martelli's commitment to Saint Joseph's is equaled by the University's commitment to him. The coach agreed to a new contract prior to the 2003-04 season that would extend his tenure through at least the 2009-10 campaign. Then following the thrilling run in '03-04, the University extended the coach's contract even further, through the 2011-12 season.

Martelli is not only passionate for coaching, but also for his work in the community. He is one of the leaders of the Philadelphia chapter of Coaches vs. Cancer, as the coaches from the city's six Division I schools strive to raise awareness and funding to defeat the disease. The "Philly Six" have dedicated themselves to becoming the highest fundraising coaches' group in the country and are on their way to reaching that goal.

The group was honored at the 2004 NCAA Final Four with the Coaches vs. Cancer Champion Award presented by the National Association of Basketball Coaches and with the Community Service Award from the Philadelphia Sports Congress. Martelli also serves on the Coaches vs. Cancer National Council, which received the Centennial Award from the Fox Chase Cancer Center.

He's received numerous honors for his community work, highlighted by two honorary degrees. Martelli's alma mater, Widener University, bestowed upon him one of its highest honors on May 15, 2004 with an honorary doctorate in public service for his "altruistic work in the community and his positive influence as a teacher, coach and role model". Martelli then delivered the commencement address to the more than 750 graduates. On May 21, 2006, he addressed more than 400 graduates at Cabrini College and received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree in recognition of his "extraordinary career and service to the community."

## MARTELLI'S MARKS

| YEAR          | OVERALL    |            |             | ATLANTIC 10 |           |             | FINISH      | POSTSEASON                            | FINAL AP RANKING | HIGH AP RANKING | COACH OF THE YEAR HONORS                                    |
|---------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|---|
|               | W          | L          | PCT         | W           | L         | PCT         |             |                                       |                  |                 |   |
| 1995-96       | 19         | 13         | .594        | 9           | 7         | .562        | 3rd East    | NIT Runner-up                         |                  |                 | Big 5   |
| 1996-97       | 26         | 7          | .788        | 13          | 3         | .812        | 1st East    | NCAA Sweet 16<br>Atlantic 10 Champion | #12              | #12             | Atlantic 10, District, Eastern Big 5                        |
| 1997-98       | 11         | 17         | .393        | 3           | 13        | .187        | 5th East    |                                       |                  |                 |   |
| 1998-99       | 12         | 18         | .400        | 5           | 11        | .312        | 5th East- t |                                       |                  |                 |   |
| 1999-00       | 13         | 16         | .448        | 7           | 9         | .437        | 4th East    |                                       |                  |                 |   |
| 2000-01       | 26         | 7          | .788        | 14          | 2         | .875        | 1st Overall | NCAA 2nd Round                        | #22              | #18             | Atlantic 10, Eastern  |
| 2001-02       | 19         | 12         | .613        | 12          | 4         | .750        | 1st East- t | NIT 2nd Round                         |                  | #10             |   |
| 2002-03       | 23         | 7          | .767        | 12          | 4         | .750        | 1st East    | NCAA 1st Round                        |                  | #25             | District, Eastern   |
| 2003-04       | 30         | 2          | 1.000       | 16          | 0         | 1.000       | 1st East    | NCAA Elite Eight                      | #5               | #1              | National, Atlantic 10, Big 5, District, Eastern Atlantic 10 |
| 2004-05       | 24         | 12         | .667        | 14          | 2         | .875        | 1st East    | NIT Runner-up                         |                  |                 |   |
| 2005-06       | 19         | 14         | .575        | 9           | 7         | .562        | 5th         | NIT 2nd Round                         |                  |                 |   |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>222</b> | <b>125</b> | <b>.640</b> | <b>114</b>  | <b>62</b> | <b>.648</b> |             | <b>4 NCAA, 4 NIT (17-8 Record)</b>    |                  |                 |   |

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Phil Martelli and Jameer Nelson collected all of the national Coach of the Year and Player of the Year Awards in 2004. The climax of the whirlwind awards tour was Nelson capturing the John R. Wooden Award and having the opportunity to meet coaching legend John Wooden at the awards ceremony in Los Angeles.

He's also been named the "Citizen of the Year" by the March of Dimes in 2004, was inducted into the CYO Hall of Fame for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and honored by the National Adoption Center to name a few. Most recently in 2006, Martelli was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Kennedy-Kenrick High School (formerly Bishop Kenrick).

Martelli views himself as an ambassador for the University and takes the role very seriously. He is one of the most sought after public speakers in Philadelphia, with an appeal that has begun to stretch even further outside the area. Making countless appearances year-round, he finds the time for many organizations, no matter how large or small.

Over the past few years, he served as the honorary chairperson for the Centennial celebration of Ken-Crest, the largest community-based service provider for children and adults with disabilities in Southeastern Pennsylvania and Delaware.

He shows his commitment to the game of basketball by serving on the Board of Directors of the National Basketball Coaches Association and participating as a voter for the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll.

After 10 years as an assistant at Saint Joseph's, Martelli was named the 14th coach in school history on July 20, 1995, and was just the third non-alumnus to follow in the storied tradition of SJU coaches.

Martelli burst onto the scene in 1995-96 and took SJU to the NIT Championship game as a rookie head coach, becoming just the fifth first-year head coach to take a team to the tournament's Final Four since the field expanded to 32 teams in 1980. He also matched Ramsay's feat, who led his first SJU team to third place in the 1956 tournament. Martelli led '95-96 Hawks, which had lost the school's all-time leading scorer and a 1,000-point, 1,000-rebounder performer, to a 19-13 record, tying him for third place with Jim Lynam (1978-79) for victories by a first-year SJU coach.

Expectations for 1996-97 were for a winning campaign and hopefully a return trip to the NIT as three senior starters had been lost to graduation. After a disheartening season-opening rout at Duke (89-60) in the first

round of the Preseason NIT, Martelli and his charges regrouped and turned in one of the best seasons in the program's history. The team's accomplishments, most of which have now been surpassed by the '03-04 team, included a then-record-tying 26 wins (7 losses), a final national ranking of 12th by the *Associated Press* and 17th by *CNN/USA Today*. The squad also put together a 10-game winning streak and three wins over Top 25 teams while winning both the Atlantic 10 regular season and tournament titles. The Hawks advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 before suffering a loss to defending national champion Kentucky.

With the team's success came individual accolades for the second-year coach. Martelli garnered Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year honors as well as District Coach of the Year by the USBWA, NABC, *Eastern Basketball* and *Basketball Times*. He was named the Eastern College Coach of the Year and co-recipient of the Big 5 award.

Martelli's third year at the helm was a true test of his character. The season started with the loss of one of his key players to academics, and two highly-touted recruits to NCAA initial eligibility rules. Despite the depleted lineup, the coach kept his team competitive throughout the season, as the Hawks struggled to find wins while facing one of the most demanding schedules in school history. They totaled 11 wins, but the "never say die" spirit of the Hawks was evidenced by the team holding leads over five nationally-ranked teams late in the second half.

In 1998-99, the Hawk mentor faced perhaps his toughest challenge as a head coach, guiding a team that started a school-record four newcomers through a tough non-conference slate and the always imposing A-10 battles. Martelli and SJU got off to a strong start, defeating No. 21 Tennessee and winning the Cable Car Classic en route to a 9-7 record at mid-January. Youth finally caught up to the Hawks, however, as the team experienced a nine-game losing streak and finished the season with a 12-18 overall mark.

## MARTELLI'S ACCOLADES

### 2006

Honorary Doctorate, Cabrini College  
Hall of Fame, Kennedy-Kenrick High School

### 2005

Head Coach, 2005 USA Men's U21 World Championship Team  
Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year

### 2004

Consensus National Coach of the Year  
• Associated Press Coach of the Year  
• Naismith Coach of the Year  
• Adolph F. Rupp Cup (Coach of the Year)  
• CBS/Chevrolet Coach of the Year  
• Hank Iba Award (USBWA Coach of the Year)  
• NABC Co-Coach of the Year

Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year  
USBWA District Coach of the Year  
Eastern College Coach of the Year (Herb Good Club)  
*Eastern Basketball* Coach of the Year  
Honorary Doctorate, Widener University  
March of Dimes "Citizen of the Year"  
Archdiocese of Philadelphia CYO Hall of Fame

### 2003

USBWA District Coach of the Year  
Eastern College Coach of the Year (Herb Good Club)

### 2001

Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year  
Eastern College Coach of the Year (Herb Good Club)  
Assistant Coach with USA Basketball (World Championship for Young Men)

### 2000

Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, Delaware County Chapter

### 1998

Widener University Outstanding Alumnus  
Assistant Coach, USA Basketball, Goodwill Games (Gold Medal)  
Archdiocese of Philadelphia Catholic School Hall of Fame

### 1997

Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year  
Eastern College Coach of the Year (Herb Good Club)  
Philadelphia Big 5 Co-Coach of the Year  
USBWA District Coach of the Year  
NABC District Coach of the Year  
*Basketball Times* District Coach of the Year  
*Eastern Basketball* District Coach of the Year  
Grand Marshal, Phila. Columbus Day Parade

### 1996

Philadelphia Big 5 Coach of the Year



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The 1999-2000 season included many highlights as the coach guided the team to a stunning 62-59 win over then-No. 5 Temple at The Palestra on February 29, for the first win over Temple in Martelli's tenure and the program's first win over a Top 5 team since February, 1984 (No. 2 DePaul). The team's 13-16 record at season's end was deceiving as the Hawks played the 32nd toughest schedule in the nation.

Picked by most as a middle-of-the-pack Atlantic 10 team in 2000-01, SJU started strong, posting a 7-3 record in its first 10 games, and finished even stronger, going 14-2 in the conference to win the single division A-10 regular season title. Overall, the Hawks again tied the school-record for wins, compiling a 26-7 mark. The team moved into the Top 25 in both major polls in February, and was

ranked in the final polls (No. 22 AP; No. 24 ESPN/USA Today).

Despite its ranking, and the presence of one of the nation's finest backcourts in junior Marvin O'Connor and Jameer Nelson, SJU received only a number-nine seed after falling to Massachusetts in the A-10 semifinals. Earning an at-large bid, the Hawks downed eighth-seeded Georgia Tech, 66-62, in the first round of the West Regional in San Diego. The team then showed its true mettle, battling top seed Stanford in one of the most exciting games of the NCAA Tournament, before falling, 90-83.

As in 1996-97, Martelli picked up much-deserved hardware following the season. He was named Coach of the Year by the Atlantic 10, NABC (District III) and Philadelphia's Basketball Writers (Eastern College Coach of the Year). Nationally, he was one of three finalists for the national Coach of the Year by *ESPN The Magazine* and one of 20 finalists for the Naismith College Basketball Coach of the Year.

In the 2001-02 preseason, the Hawks were ranked as high as eighth by *Sports Illustrated* and 10th by both major polls. SJU stayed in the polls until mid-December when three straight losses (North Carolina, Georgia State and Gonzaga), all coinciding with an injury to All-American guard Marvin O'Connor, saw the team fall from the rankings. The Hawks rebounded to post a 19-12 record, share the A-10 East Division title for Martelli's third regular season crown, and earn the fourth postseason bid in seven years in the NIT.

In 2002-03, after graduating four fifth-year seniors that compiled over 5,000 points and 2,200 rebounds, the Hawks were picked to be in the middle of the A-10 East Division. With arguably the nation's best point guard in the fold, Martelli built the team around defense and perimeter play. The plan worked to perfection as SJU went on to lead the nation in field goal percentage defense (.372) and ranked seventh in scoring defense (59.5 ppg). The team started the year with an impressive win at Boston College, and never looked back, cracking the national polls in February and ending the season with its third straight A-10 regular season title and second at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament in three seasons. The 23-7 mark may have been even better if first team All-Atlantic 10 guard Delonte West did not suffer a late-season stress fracture.

Off the court, Martelli's lighter side is featured weekly on his "HawkTalk" television show, which celebrated its 10th anniversary in

2005-06. Martelli hosts the most unique coach's show in the nation, with a "Tonight Show" format. Game highlights are included, but are secondary to the jokes and humorous interviews. Named the best coach's show in college basketball by *The Sporting News* in 2001, "HawkTalk" gained a much greater audience in its third year (1998-99), with its move to Comcast SportsNet, Philadelphia's regional all-sports station. The show's viewer base grew even more in 2003-04, when national network College Sports Television first aired the show, and has continued to do so for the past three years.

Martelli has also been active coaching internationally. In addition to taking his SJU team on a 1999 tour of Italy, he has worked with USA Basketball three times, most recently as the head coach of the 2005 USA U21 World Championship Team which traveled to Argentina. He has served as an assistant coach twice, with the gold-medal winning team at the 1998 Goodwill Games in New York City, and then with the 2001 USA World Championship for Young Men team that captured the gold in Saitama, Japan, of which Jameer Nelson was a member.

A four-time Atlantic 10 (1997, 2000, 2004, 2005) and four-time USBWA District Coach of the Year (1997, 2001, 2003, 2004), Martelli is one of just five Hawk coaches to record 100 career wins, posting his milestone victory at St. Bonaventure on February 10, 2001. He earned his 150th in the 2003-04 season opener on November 14 at Madison Square Garden against Gonzaga.

A 1976 graduate of Widener University, Martelli began his career on Hawk Hill with SJU's 1985-86 team which reached the NCAA Tournament. In his decade as an assistant, he was part of the Hawks' NIT teams in 1992-93 and 1994-95.

Prior to his arrival at SJU, Martelli spent seven years as head basketball coach at Bishop Kenrick High School in Norristown, PA. At Kenrick, he led his team to six straight Catholic League playoff appearances, a school record, and still owns the school's all-time mark for wins with 108. His best season came in 1982, when he was named prep Coach of the Year by both the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Philadelphia Daily News*. He earned similar honors in 1980 and 1982 for Montgomery County from the *Norristown Times Herald*.

Martelli began his career as the junior varsity coach at Cardinal O'Hara High in Springfield, PA, for the 1976-77 season. He moved on the following year to become an assistant at his alma mater, where he helped guide Widener to the NCAA Division III Final Four. After that season, he accepted the head job at Kenrick.

As a player, the Drexel Hill, PA, native was part of Widener's NCAA Tournament teams in both 1974-75 and 1975-76, serving as team co-captain as a senior. The talented point guard also set the school's single season and career assist marks.

Martelli and his wife Judy, a former basketball player with the legendary Immaculata College teams, have three children. Philip, Jr., a 2003 SJU graduate, is an assistant basketball coach at Niagara University, Jimmy is an assistant coach at Randolph-Macon College, and Elizabeth is a sophomore attending Saint Joseph's.

## Martelli's Milestones

### 1st Win

December 2, 1995 - - Saint Joseph's 64, Delaware 56

### 50th Win

January 14, 1998 - - Saint Joseph's 55, St. Bonaventure 50

### 100th Win

February 10, 2001 - - Saint Joseph's 78, St. Bonaventure 76

### 150th Win

November 14, 2004 - - #17 Saint Joseph's 73, #10 Gonzaga 66

### 200th Win

March 19, 2005 - - Saint Joseph's 55, Buffalo 50

### 100th Atlantic 10 Win

Feb. 12, 2005 - - Saint Joseph's 69, Temple 57

### 300th Game Coached

Feb. 19, 2005 - - Saint Joseph's 65, St. Bonaventure 47

### Highest National Ranking

March 8, 2004 #1 Associated Press; #1 ESPN/USA Today

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"This was the least-talented Hawks team during the six-season run. Which didn't stop them from playing with the passion and intelligence that have become the hallmarks of St. Joe's basketball under Martelli and his coaching staff. They always devise a way to give their teams a chance... Ultimately, it is a chance many programs don't get because they are never in the fight. One way or another, the Hawks are always in the fight."

- Philadelphia Daily News, March 21, 2006

## PHIL IN THE POSTSEASON

17-8\* overall record (6-4 NCAA; 11-4 NIT)

| YEAR | TOURN./ROUND        | RESULT                          |
|------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1996 | NIT                 | SJU 82, Iona 78                 |
|      | NIT                 | SJU 82, Providence 62           |
|      | NIT                 | SJU 76, Rhode Island 59         |
|      | NIT Semifinals      | SJU 74, Alabama 69 (OT)         |
|      | NIT Final           | Nebraska 60, SJU 56             |
| 1997 | NCAA 1st Round      | SJU 75, Pacific 65              |
|      | NCAA 2nd Round      | SJU 81, Boston College 77 (2OT) |
|      | NCAA Reg. Semi.     | Kentucky 83, SJU 68             |
| 2001 | NCAA 1st Round      | SJU 66, Georgia Tech 62         |
|      | NCAA 2nd Round      | Stanford 90, SJU 83             |
| 2002 | NIT 1st Round       | SJU 73, George Mason 64         |
|      | NIT 2nd Round       | Ball State 76, SJU 54           |
| 2003 | NCAA 1st Round      | Auburn 65, SJU 63 (OT)          |
| 2004 | NCAA 1st Round      | SJU 82, Liberty 63              |
|      | NCAA 2nd Round      | SJU 70, Texas Tech 65           |
|      | NCAA Reg. Semifinal | SJU 84, Wake Forest 80          |
|      | NCAA Reg. Final     | Oklahoma St. 64, SJU 62         |
| 2005 | NIT Opening Round   | SJU 53, Hofstra 44              |
|      | NIT 1st Round       | SJU 55, Buffalo 50              |
|      | NIT 2nd Round       | SJU 68, Holy Cross 60           |
|      | NIT Quarterfinals   | SJU 58, Texas A&M 51            |
|      | NIT Semifinals      | SJU 70, Memphis 58              |
|      | NIT Final           | South Carolina 60, SJU 57       |
| 2006 | NIT 1st Round       | SJU 71, Rutgers 62              |
|      | NIT 2nd Round       | Hofstra 77, SJU 75 (OT)         |

\* school record

## Martelli vs. All Opponents

| Opponent            | Record | Streak | Long Beach State     | 1-0   | W1  |
|---------------------|--------|--------|----------------------|-------|-----|
| Akron               | 2-0    | W2     | Loyola (MD)          | 0-1   | L1  |
| Alabama             | 1-0    | W1     | Massachusetts        | 11-10 | L1  |
| Alabama-Birmingham  | 0-1    | L1     | Memphis              | 1-0   | W1  |
| American-P.R.       | 1-0    | W1     | Mississippi          | 0-1   | L1  |
| Austin Peay         | 1-0    | W1     | Mississippi State    | 1-0   | W1  |
| Ball State          | 0-1    | L1     | Nebraska             | 0-1   | L1  |
| Boston College      | 3-0    | W3     | New Mexico           | 1-0   | W1  |
| Boston University   | 2-0    | W2     | North Carolina       | 0-1   | L1  |
| Bucknell            | 1-2    | L2     | Ohio State           | 0-2   | L2  |
| Buffalo             | 1-0    | W1     | Oklahoma State       | 0-1   | L1  |
| California          | 1-0    | W1     | Old Dominion         | 4-3   | L1  |
| Cal.-Santa Barbara  | 1-0    | W1     | Pacific              | 2-1   | W1  |
| UC-Davis            | 1-0    | W1     | Penn                 | 8-4   | W1  |
| Canisius            | 1-0    | W1     | Princeton            | 1-1   | W1  |
| Charlotte           | 0-1    | L1     | Providence           | 1-0   | W1  |
| Chattanooga         | 1-1    | L1     | Rhode Island         | 15-8  | W2  |
| Colorado            | 2-0    | W2     | Richmond             | 5-1   | W5  |
| Davidson            | 2-0    | W2     | Rutgers              | 2-1   | W2  |
| Dayton              | 7-9    | W1     | Saint Louis          | 2-0   | W2  |
| Delaware            | 6-0    | W6     | Saint Mary's         | 1-0   | W1  |
| DePaul              | 1-1    | L1     | St. Bonaventure      | 19-3  | W11 |
| Drexel              | 8-1    | W1     | Saint Peter's        | 1-0   | W1  |
| Duke                | 0-1    | L1     | San Francisco        | 2-1   | L1  |
| Duquesne            | 12-1   | W9     | Seton Hall           | 0-1   | L1  |
| East Carolina       | 0-2    | L2     | South Carolina       | 1-2   | L1  |
| Eastern Washington  | 0-1    | L1     | South Carolina State | 1-0   | W1  |
| Fairfield           | 3-0    | W3     | Stanford             | 0-1   | L1  |
| Fairleigh Dickinson | 1-0    | W1     | Syracuse             | 0-1   | L1  |
| Fordham             | 18-2   | W12    | Temple               | 11-13 | W1  |
| George Mason        | 1-0    | W1     | Tennessee            | 1-1   | W1  |
| George Washington   | 8-7    | L3     | Texas A&M            | 1-0   | W1  |
| Georgia State       | 0-1    | L1     | Texas Christian      | 1-0   | W1  |
| Georgia Tech        | 1-0    | W1     | Texas-El Paso        | 1-0   | W1  |
| Gonzaga             | 2-2    | L1     | Texas Tech           | 1-0   | W1  |
| Harvard             | 1-0    | W1     | Tulsa                | 1-2   | L2  |
| Hofstra             | 1-1    | L1     | Vanderbilt           | 0-1   | W1  |
| Holy Cross          | 1-0    | W1     | Villanova            | 2-7   | L2  |
| Iona                | 1-0    | W1     | Virginia Tech        | 2-3   | L1  |
| Kansas              | 1-1    | W1     | Western Carolina     | 1-0   | W1  |
| Kentucky            | 0-1    | L1     | Western Kentucky     | 2-0   | W2  |
| Liberty             | 1-0    | W1     | Wisconsin-Green Bay  | 1-0   | W1  |
| La Salle            | 12-4   | W7     | Wyoming              | 1-0   | W1  |
| Lafayette           | 2-0    | W2     | Xavier               | 6-10  | L1  |

# PHIL MARTELLI



Phil Martelli joined friend Geno Auriemma, the head women's coach at Connecticut, at Auriemma's induction into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame on September 8, 2006. The duo coached together at Bishop Kenrick High School when Martelli was the head coach there early in his career. Auriemma also spent a year at Saint Joseph's, as an assistant with the women's basketball team.



Martelli received his second honorary degree in three years when he gave the Commencement Address at Cabrini College in 2006. His alma mater, Widener University, had previously bestowed the honor upon him in 2004.



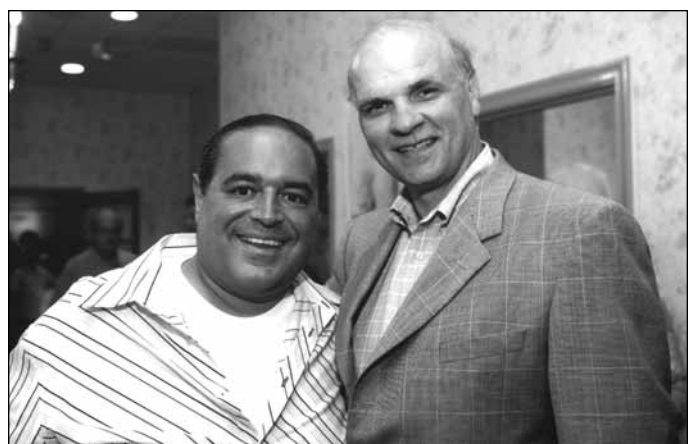
Martelli coached the 2005 USA Men's Under 21 World Championship Team at the FIBA U21 World Championship in Argentina in August, 2005.



The 2004 winner of the Adolph Rupp Cup as the nation's top coach, Martelli was called upon to present the award to the 2006 Coach of the Year, Roy Williams of North Carolina at the 2006 Final Four in Indianapolis.



Martelli is actively involved in many charitable endeavors and lends his time to numerous groups. One of his primary commitments is to Coaches vs. Cancer, as he serves as the co-chair of the Philadelphia chapter.



Martelli's popularity with the media affords him numerous opportunities for public appearances and speaking engagements. He met author and actor Joe Gannascoli ("The Sopranos") at a special event hosted by Philadelphia radio station WPHT 1210 AM.



# Q&A WITH PHIL MARTELLI

**Last year, the team had a 10-12 start but ended the regular season with five wins and then a total of eight to get to the A-10 title game. What caused that late-season surge?**

The schedule became a little bit more favorable, a bit more balanced with home and away, and we played probably more comparable teams in terms of talent. The overriding factor was the seniors. The seniors didn't give in and they had so many great experiences in college basketball that they wanted to carve their own niche. To their credit, the four seniors made that happen.

**It was the second year in a row that the team was up and down through the first two months and then came on strong late. Why does that happen and what can be done to avoid that?**

I think that the reason it does happen is that we seem to get better as the year goes longer is because of the practices that we do. It's really a tribute to the coaching staff, not necessarily me, but the staff works with these players, the players improve, and the concepts become clearer to them. The scouting reports are more succinct. So there's an awful lot that goes into getting better. And I take a lot of pride in the fact that our teams do get better. And they don't get tired, they don't get stale, they don't get frustrated. Last year was just attributed to the difficult schedule we had in place. This year is demanding, but there's better home and away balance. This team will be different in makeup, but will have an opportunity early on to be more together basketball wise because of the scheduling decisions that I made.

**You've lost four starters from last year and three of the team's top scorers. How do you make up for that?**

What you do is you study the team that you have and the team that you're building. We know that we're going to be young on the perimeter but they've had remarkable high school careers, and winning experiences. You're anticipating real breakthrough development by guys like Ahmad Nivins or Pat Calathes. The older guys now have to take on real leadership. Rob Ferguson has to not just be a different player but a different teammate, than he's had to be in his first few years. And the same from Artur and Arvydas. I think that you look for natural development and improvement and you have a shot here of real gifted winning players who are going to have to be ready when the ball goes up.

**Obviously, this team is going to be one of the youngest you've had in terms of the key players. Is the youth something to be concerned about or can that be a positive?**

Certainly I can see a number of young guys being in the rotation and I don't ever remember having a large influx of young players in the rotation. We've started freshmen before. I think the number of young players who will be in the rotation is unusual and the heavy reliance we will have on them on the perimeter. I'm never concerned. It is what it is. You can't spend your energy worrying, you can only spend your energy on planning. One thing that people know about our program is that we'll be well organized and we'll have a plan. There may be challenges that we can't meet but there are no challenges that we won't take on.

**What will be the team's strengths and weaknesses?**

Balance is going to be a needed strength for this team. We're going to need to be able to score the ball in and around the basket. We're going to have to develop some perimeter shooting. Defensively we've always been able to rely on our older guys and in this case, this team may not have a lot of older guys on the floor. So I think that teaching and precise scouting reports are really going to be crucial to this team. Attention to detail is going to be important.

A weakness will be just knowledge of the college game - the physicality, the travel, the intensity, the practice, and the pace.

**You've said that you expect Rob Ferguson to be a double figure scorer and he reached that number by the end of the season. Obviously with him being the only returning starter, those expectations have probably increased. What do you need Rob to do this year?**

I've always felt that he has All-League talent. He is going to have to be a guy that at the end of the day we should be able to identify as one of the best players in this league. I think that the way he carries himself is different, his self-confidence has really been boosted. There are going to be dark times where he will feel troubles but he's got to now be able to overcome those because all eyes are on him.

**Pat Calathes came on strong at the end of the year. Is that the type of play we should be seeing from Pat on a regular basis and what does he need to do this year to help the team?**

If we see it in practice then I think we can see it in games. His growth in the back end of the year was due to his work in practice. Mark Bass deserves a lot of credit for that. He stayed with him. Pat didn't give up on himself and he clearly had a much better picture of what we were trying to do. I think with this team we'll be less reliant on his ball skills and more reliant on his running and creativity. What we need from him is growth defensively and continued growth and understanding.

**Ahmad Nivins is another who showed some glimpses of his outstanding potential. What are you expecting from him this year?**

When you're All-Rookie, that's a step in the right direction. I do think that he had the ability to be the Rookie of the Year and I would like to have equal ingredients of his current personality and a little bit more meanness. Because he's such a nice person, we could use a little more of an edge. But this is the season for the growth, and the jump. My measuring stick is the jump that Delonte West made. He didn't play as much as a freshman, but sophomore year he was the most improved player in the city and the league, and first team All-League. That would be an attainable jump for Ahmad.

**What's the schedule like?**

The schedule is always set up for the challenges that you're going to face in the Atlantic 10. It does have a better balance of home and away than last year's. I think that's going to be important considering the youth of this team, to have a balance. They will have experiences that they will remember - playing at Louisville, in Madison Square Garden, and an opportunity to compete against nationally-ranked teams like Xavier, GW, Villanova. Plus I believe UMass is going to be a nationally-ranked team when all is said and done. We've always created the schedule to prepare us for the Atlantic 10 and also to create memories for these players that they can talk about in years to come.

**What are the overall expectations for the team?**

The expectations never change. I just want this team to be highly competitive and very well organized, which they will be, and at the end, for the players, for the coaches, and the staff, for the fans to be able to say that that team gave maximum effort. And this team will give maximum effort.





# MARK BASS

Assistant Coach  
8th Season

**Mark Bass**, one of the most prolific shooters in Saint Joseph's history, is the veteran among the Hawks' assistant coaches, entering his eighth

season at his alma mater.

Bass joined the Hawks' staff in 1999-2000 and has been involved with teams that have made six consecutive post-season appearances, won five Atlantic 10 regular-season titles and compiled a 141-55 record in the past six years. Nine years after he led the Hawks to the NIT Final as a player in 1996, Bass again helped SJU reach New York City and the NIT Final as a coach in 2005.

In 2005, Bass was honored with the William J. Bennett Memorial Award, recognizing dedication and loyalty to the Saint Joseph's men's basketball program. He was a co-recipient of the award with then-fellow staff member Monté Ross.

A fiery leader on the court, and two-year team captain, Bass led the Hawks to the NIT Finals in his senior season, 1995-96. He was second on the team with his average of 14.3 points per game. He connected on school records of 91 3-pointers and 268 attempts, marks which were just eclipsed by Pat Carroll in 2005. A second team All-Big 5 selection, Bass made 225 3-pointers during his career from 1992-96, a total that ranks behind only Carroll and Marvin O'Connor. As a freshman, the guard led the Atlantic 10 Conference in free throw percentage, with a school-record 86.9 percent. He also led the A-10 in 3-point percentage as a junior (.423), making him just the second Hawk player to lead the league in two different categories.

In 2001, Bass became the first member of the 1996 NIT Finalist team to be inducted into the Saint Joseph's Basketball Hall of Fame.



Upon graduation he played one season of professional basketball with the Tiajin Breakers in the Chinese Professional League in 1996-97. Following that, he served two seasons (1997-99) as an assistant coach under Max Good at Maine Central Institute, helping guide the team to back-to-back New England Prep School Championships, including a perfect 35-0 season in 1997-98.

A 1991 graduate of McCorristin High School in New Jersey and native of Trenton, Bass was named the Mercer County Player of the Year as a senior and set the all-time scoring record with 1,482 points in his career. He played for one year at Maine Central Institute, helping the squad to a 27-1 record with the lone loss coming in the New England Prep School Championship game.

Bass, who was inducted into the Mercer County CYO Hall of Fame in November, 2004, resides with his wife, Tracie, in Lawnside, NJ.



Mark and Tracie Bass

"Mark Bass has accepted the 'burden' of being the holdover member of the staff. He is growing in front of my eyes and has prepared himself for the opportunity of becoming a head coach."  
- Phil Martelli





# DAVID DUDA

Assistant Coach  
1st Season

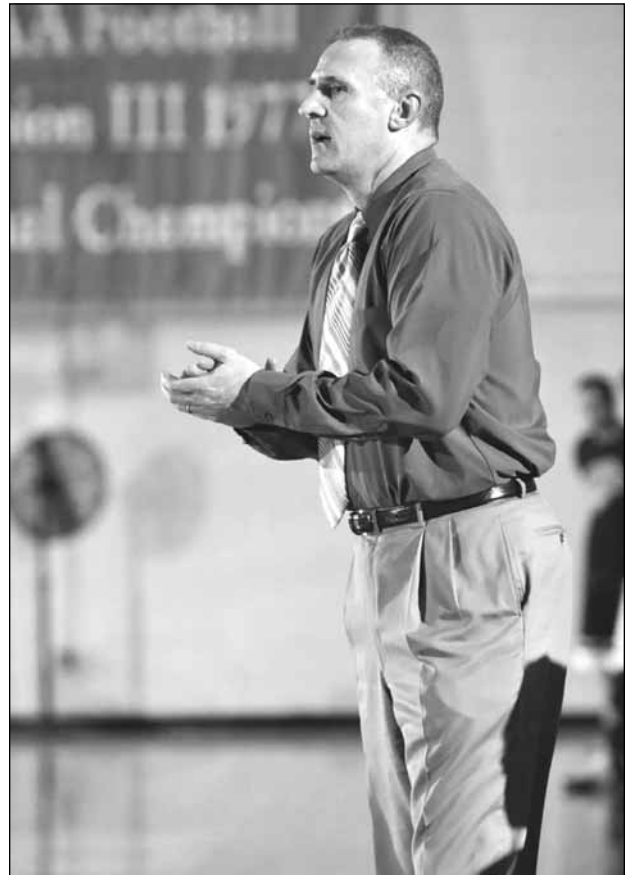
After a highly successful head coaching career in the Division III ranks, **David Duda** joins the Saint Joseph's staff in 2006-07.

Duda comes to SJU after eight years as head coach at Widener University, where he compiled a 143-68 record, with two MAC Commonwealth Conference championships and three trips to the NCAA Division III Tournament. He also served as Widener's athletic director since April 2003, overseeing the operation of the University's athletics program with 20 varsity teams.

Widener enjoyed its greatest success under his leadership last season, when the team finished 23-6, won the Commonwealth Conference regular-season title and made the school's first NCAA Sweet 16 appearance since 1987. Duda earned Coach of the Year honors for both the Commonwealth Conference and the NABC Mid-Atlantic Region.

Duda led the Pioneers to a record-breaking 24-4 season in 1999-00 and was recognized as the conference and Mid-Atlantic Coach of the Year.

A 1988 graduate of Spring Garden College, where he was a two-time honorable mention All-American, Duda began his coaching career as the top assistant to Herb Magee at Philadelphia University. During those seven seasons the Rams had their most successful period in school history, and were the winningest Division II school in the country during that span with a 171-35 record.



He moved on to be the head coach at Delaware Valley College in 1997 for two seasons. Duda turned around a team which had been 0-23, leading it to a 12-12 mark for the first non-losing season in 11 years. He earned the Freedom Conference Coach of the Year award in 1998. His career coaching record in 10 seasons is 159-99.

Duda's connection with the Hawks' head coach dates back to 1981 when he played for Martelli on the varsity team at Bishop Kenrick High School (1981-84).

Duda lives in Collegeville, PA, with his wife Barbara and children, Danielle (8) and David (4).



The Duda family - Dave and Barbara,  
Danielle and David

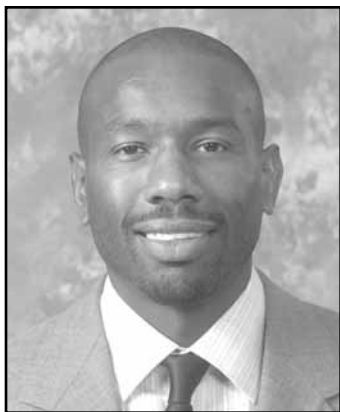
**"David's work ethic is second to none.  
His organizational skills are second to  
none. His passion for further learning the  
game is second to none.**

**He has hit the ground running and  
there's been no looking back."**

**- Phil Martelli**







# DOUG OVERTON

Assistant Coach  
1st Season

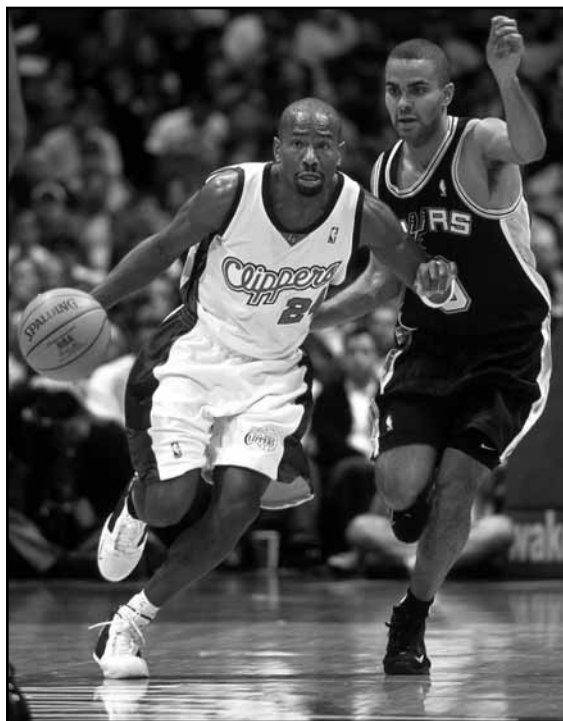
Philadelphia Big 5 Hall of Famer and former NBA player **Doug Overton** begins his collegiate coaching career in his first season as an assistant coach on

the staff at Saint Joseph's.

Overton makes his return to the college game after spending the 2005-06 season as the director of player development for the Philadelphia 76ers. Overton's primary responsibilities with the 76ers included assisted the coaching and scouting staffs and working with the team's community outreach programs.

He enjoyed an 11-year career in the NBA, playing for seven different teams, concluding his career with the Los Angeles Clippers in 2003-04. Originally a second-round draft pick of the Detroit Pistons in the 1991 NBA Draft, Overton began his career with Washington in 1992 and also played for Denver, Orlando, New Jersey, Boston, the Charlotte Hornets and the 76ers (1996-98, 1998-99). The point guard played in 499 games, averaging 4.5 points and 2.1 assists during his career.

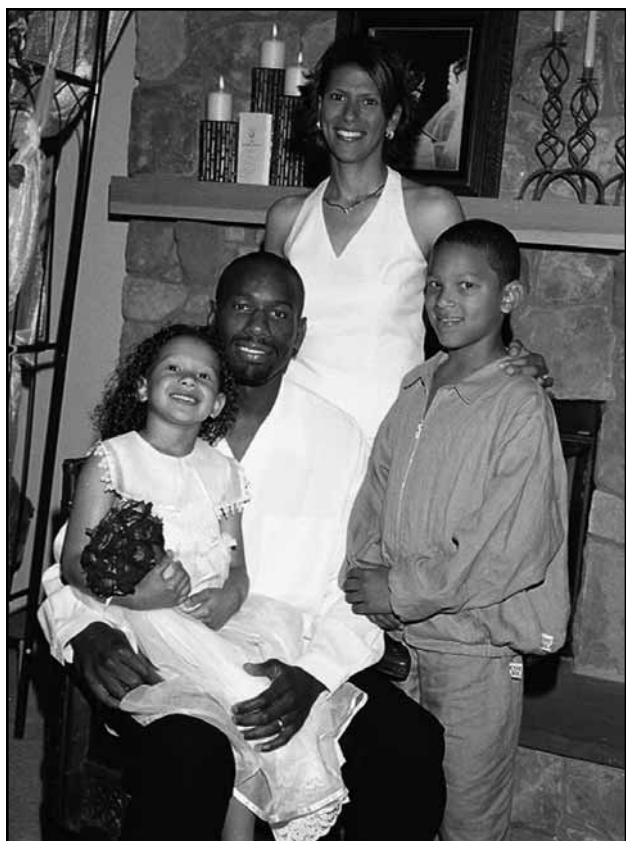
Overton was a standout at La Salle University, earning All-Big 5 and All-MAAC first team honors for three consecutive years from 1988 to 1991. The 6-3 guard helped the Explorers to three consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, while averaging a team-high 22.3 points per game during his senior season in 1991. He is the Explorers' all-time



leader in career assists (671) and steals (277) and ranks 11th on the school's career scoring list with 1,795 points.

A native of Philadelphia and graduate of Dobbins Tech, he was inducted into the Big 5 Hall of Fame in 1997. He is also a member of La Salle's Hall of Athletes.

Overton and his wife, Chanel, have an 11-year old son, Miles, and an eight-year old daughter, Maya.

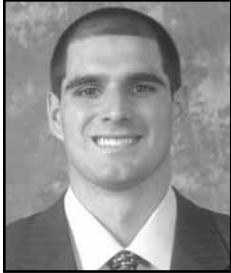


The Overton family - Doug and Chanel,  
Maya and Miles

"Doug loves to teach the game of basketball. His playing pedigree attracts the players and then he engulfs them with his care, his compassion and his knowledge."

- Phil Martelli

# SUPPORT STAFF



**Rob Sullivan**  
DIRECTOR OF  
BASKETBALL OPERATIONS

After a three-year playing career with the Hawks, **Rob Sullivan** is now on staff in 2006 as director of men's basketball operations. He oversees various administrative duties with the program, including travel, summer camp, activities and community

service projects, while acting as a liaison between the program and the Hawk Hoop Club.

Sullivan joined the Hawks his sophomore year, earning a spot on the team as a walk-on. Despite seeing limited game action, he was a valued member of the squad. Sullivan was part of the SJU teams which compiled a 73-28 record in those three years, while advancing to the NCAA Elite Eight in 2004 and finishing as the runner-up in the 2005 NIT.

The native of Philadelphia was honored by SJU with the Daniel J. Cummins, Jr. Memorial Award for spirit in 2005 and the William Bennett Memorial Award for dedication and loyalty in 2006.

Over the years, he has served as an instructor and counselor at the basketball camps for SJU, his alma mater La Salle College High School, and Future Stars Basketball Academy.

Sullivan, who graduated from Saint Joseph's in May, 2006, with a degree in food marketing, received mention on both the SJU Athletic Director's Honor Roll and the Atlantic 10 Commissioner's Honor Roll.



**Clare Ariano**  
MEN'S BASKETBALL SECRETARY

**Clare Ariano**, the men's basketball secretary at Saint Joseph's since 1984, works behind the scenes to help ensure the program's continued success.

Aside from her day-to-day duties with the basketball program, Ariano assists head coach Phil Martelli in scheduling his numerous speaking engagements and charitable efforts. She is also active with Coaches vs. Cancer and serves on the planning committee for the annual "Basket Ball", a black-tie gala event.

In 2005, Ariano was inducted into the Saint Joseph's Men's Basketball Hall of Fame, becoming the seventh non-player in school history to earn the honor.

Ariano and her husband, Nick, reside in Lansdowne, PA. They have two daughters, Alexis and Danielle.



**Dan Timby**  
HEAD MANAGER

**Dan Timby** enters his fourth year working with the SJU basketball team, and will serve as head manager this season. A senior sociology major, he hails from Media, PA, and is a graduate of St. Joseph's Prep.

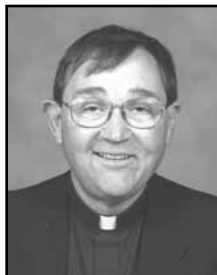


**Bill Lukasiewicz**  
ATHLETIC TRAINER  
MEN'S BASKETBALL

**Bill Lukasiewicz** is in his eighth year as assistant athletic trainer at Saint Joseph's, and works directly with the men's basketball team.

A certified athletic trainer, Lukasiewicz worked at Newtown Square Physical Therapy before coming to SJU. He also held positions at Providence College, the Boston Celtics, Cabrini College and ACT Physical Therapy.

A 1988 graduate of Springfield College, he earned his master's degree in kinesiology with a concentration in sports medicine from Temple University in 1992. The Barrington, RI, native and his wife Amy reside in Havertown, PA with their sons, Cole (age 6) and Reed (age 4).



**Rev. Bruce M. Bidinger, S.J.**  
TEAM CHAPLAIN

**Fr. Bruce Bidinger** returns to the Hawks' bench as chaplain after four years away from SJU while serving as President of St. Joseph's Preparatory School in Philadelphia. Fr. Bidinger now serves as Assistant to the Dean of the Erivan K. Haub School of Business at the University.

Fr. Bidinger was one of Hawk Hill's more popular figures during his tenure from 1996-2002. He first served as Director of Campus Ministry, overseeing that department's growth before moving to become SJU's first Vice President for Ministry and Mission, a position that he held for two years before taking over at The Prep. He was also the chaplain for the basketball team for several seasons.

During his tenure at St. Joseph's Prep, Fr. Bidinger launched several initiatives that benefited the school, including formalizing the planning process and revamping fundraising efforts. He also laid the groundwork for a capital campaign which will refurbish an historic building on the school's North Philadelphia campus and also enhance the endowment.

In addition to these positions, Fr. Bidinger also spent five years as principal of Scranton Prep, where he also taught chemistry. He also taught science at St. Joseph's Prep, Georgetown Prep and Loyola Blakefield in Baltimore.

Fr. Bidinger has also served on the boards of several institutions, including St. Joseph's University, St. Joseph's Prep and Loyola High School in Baltimore. A native of South Jersey, Fr. Bidinger holds a bachelor's degree from Loyola College in Baltimore, a Master's of divinity from the Weston School of Theology and a professional diploma in educational administration from the Fordham University School of Education).



**Eileen Brown**  
Athletic Dept.  
Secretary



**Helen Hennessy**  
Athletic Dept.  
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**Kathy MacDonald**  
Athletic Dept.  
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# IN MEMORIAM

## Jim Boyle 1942-2005



Jim Boyle, one of the most beloved figures in Saint Joseph's history, passed away on December 23, 2005, after a battle with lung cancer. Boyle, 63, served as the head coach of the Hawks from 1981 to 1989, compiling a 151-114 record in nine seasons. "Bo" led the Hawks to postseason play four times, with two trips to the NCAA Tournament and two to the NIT.

Boyle had the unique distinction of being a part of Hawk history as a player, an assistant coach, and a head coach. He had a connection with all of the SJU

coaches from the past four decades, including the present. Boyle played for Hall of Famer Jack Ramsay, and served as an assistant coach on the staffs of Jack McKinney, Harry Booth, and Jim Lynam. Boyle also worked with John Griffin when they were assistants to Lynam. During his tenure as head coach, Boyle hired current SJU head coach Phil Martelli as an assistant.

Boyle's 1985-86 team posted 26 wins, which at that time was a school record, and won the Atlantic 10 Conference regular season and tournament championships. The squad reached the NCAA Second Round while he was named the Coach of the Year in both the Atlantic 10 and the Big 5.

All told, Boyle led the Hawks to two conference tournament titles (1 East Coast Conference, 1 Atlantic 10), two regular-season conference titles, six in-season tournament championships, and two Big 5 first-place finishes.

As a player, the native of Philadelphia was known for his tough defensive play, but was also one of the top playmaking forwards in Hawk history, ranking 11th on the all-time list for assists. The team co-captain as a senior in 1963-64, he averaged 11.6 points per game during his career. He was the squad's top rebounder in his junior season and his total of 627 career rebounds ranks 23rd on the all-time list. He graduated from the University in 1964.

Boyle's coaching career also included an assistant coaching stint with the NBA's Denver Nuggets in the 1990's where he served on the staff with Paul Westhead, another former Hawk assistant.

To honor Boyle's memory, the Saint Joseph's team wore a black patch with the word "Bo" on their uniforms during the 2005-06 season.



## What Jim Boyle Meant to Me

By Phil Martelli

In 1985 Jim Boyle invited me to be a member of his staff at Saint Joseph's University. Having been presented with the opportunity to fulfill my career goal in the area where I grew up, for the school that I had rooted for as a kid, working the sidelines that had produced Jack Ramsay, Jack McKinney, Jim Lynam and to learn from Bo - - the decision was easy, but little did I know or sense that it would lead my family and I to where we are today.

Jim Boyle taught me what it meant to be a Hawk. He had the unique ability to make you think and question why. This process certainly involved basketball but more importantly, life. Bo's willingness to involve his family, especially his wife Tess, was a daily lesson for me. Bo

was able to love his family while loving his school and his job. Bo's preparation was unique. He watched every tape, every game on TV in the hope that our team would have an edge. To this day I can't get enough information about our opponents.

The lesson that a college team is built by players resonates in my ears every day. Even after Jim Boyle left Saint Joseph's University we talked at least every other day and, often every day, and the discussion would always gravitate to recruiting and players. He "saw" the game and "saw" players' abilities and liabilities.

Bo was described by Herb Magee, the legendary Philadelphia University coach and high school teammate, as a great teammate. This characteristic continued until the day he died. He always had a word of advice and an encouraging thought for the present Hawks. He truly wanted each of them to reach their potential and to embrace being a Hawk.

Jim Boyle will never be replaced in my heart. Jim Boyle will never be forgotten in my mind.

Jim Boyle was and always will be a HAWK.



# THE HAWK

The Saint Joseph's Hawk mascot has been flapping its wings for over half a century, having celebrated its golden anniversary in 2005-06.

One of the most famous mascots in college sports, the Hawk is best known for staying in constant motion by flapping its wings throughout every basketball game and representing the Saint Joseph's motto, "The Hawk Will Never Die".

The idea for the Hawk as a mascot was originated by Jim Brennan during the 1954-55 season. Brennan, an ex-Marine and SJU cheerleader, at first wanted to secure an actual hawk, but later switched to the costume idea. The student government raised the 120 dollars needed to buy the initial costume, which Brennan donned for three years. He made his debut as the Hawk on January 4, 1956, a 69-56 win over La Salle at the Palestra. Since then, and including this season, a total of 29 SJU students, have donned the costume. Sara Brennan in 2000-01 has been the only woman thus far to serve as the mascot. The Hawk has not missed a men's basketball game since that first season.

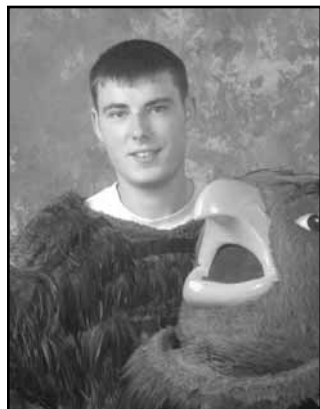
In addition to the constant flapping, the Hawk is also recognized by its "flying" in figure eights around the court during timeouts. The constant motion, coupled with the scrappy play of the University's athletic teams, helped to spawn the school's familiar slogan "The Hawk Will Never Die!" A few years ago, ESPN used a "flap-o-meter" on the national telecast of a Saint Joseph's game to estimate that the Hawk flaps its wings 3,500 times during a regulation game.

The Hawk is unique because it is one of the few mascots in the nation that travels to every game, and the student who holds the position gains a full scholarship. The student, who is selected through an interview process during the previous spring semester, also serves as a team manager for the men's basketball team and travels with the squad.

The most decorated mascot in the country, The Hawk has garnered numerous accolades in its 50-year history. It has been selected as the nation's top mascot by *The Sporting News*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Sports Illustrated for Kids*, *Street & Smith's Basketball Yearbook* and *ESPN College Basketball* magazine. *Eastern Basketball* tabbed The Hawk as the

Atlantic 10 Conference's best mascot, while The Hawk won a "Best of Philly" award from *Philadelphia Magazine* in 2003-04.

Saint Joseph's athletic teams have been recognized with the nickname "Hawks" since 1929. At that time, the school's yearbook editor, Charlie Dunn, initiated a contest among the student body for a symbol. More than 100 submissions were narrowed to two, with "Hawks" winning out over "Grenadiers" (World War I soldiers who specialized in tossing grenades) by a slim margin in the final vote. The winning suggestion was submitted by John Gallagher, Class of '31, who was a catcher on the Saint Joseph's baseball team. He won a sweater with a special Saint Joseph's monogram for selecting the winning name. According to the student annual, the name was appropriate because it typified "the fighting spirit of our crimson and gray athletes and it is suggestive of the aerial attack which has made our football team famous." Ironically, football was discontinued at Saint Joseph's following the 1939 season.



**Jim Miller**

THE HAWK

Junior **Jim Miller** will serve as The Hawk mascot for the 2006-07 season, becoming the 30th Saint Joseph's student to serve in the role.

Miller has worked with the SJU basketball program for the past two years as a team manager. He will continue those duties on non-game days and also travel with the team. He will also make public

appearances as the mascot at numerous functions, many of them for charitable organizations.

Miller is very active in youth sports and has been a basketball official for both the PIAA and CYO for several years, while also working summer camps at his alma mater, Malvern Prep.

A native of Broomall, PA, Miller is majoring in public administration at Saint Joseph's.



**Andy Moral**  
2005-06