

Women's Swimming & Diving

April, 2005

COACH'S CORNER

New happenings: Every other month, we will profile a former women's swimmer or diver. This month, **Kelly Taber**, Class of 1988, has revealed where she is and what HWSD meant to her...to find out more and see the family picture, please see below.

Recruiting: We are still finalizing our Class of 2009. When we do, we will e-mail you their names, hometowns and events. In the meantime, we have been busy recruiting the Class of 2010. On Saturday, April 23, we hosted our second annual Junior Day. Over twenty top junior swimmers and divers and their parents came to campus. If there is someone in your area who would make a great addition to our team, please forward her name, address, phone and e-mail. Many thanks to Vicki Cirillo-Hyland for bringing a top prospect to our attention.

Supporting Friends of Harvard Swimming and Diving: There are two months left to donate to this fiscal year. We greatly appreciate all support from parents, friends and alumni. In our HWSD class challenge, the **Class of 2003** leads the way with over 50% of their class contributing! Keep it up! Appeal letters will be mailed shortly or you can give on line at www.gocrimson.com (click on Make a Gift.)

HWSD Percentage of Class Giving

50 - 75% - 2003

25 - 49% - 2002, 2001, 2000, 1994, 1992,

5 - 24% - 1999, 1998, 1997, 1991, 1990, 1989, 1986, 1984, 1983, 1982, 1980 1974

0% - 2004, 1996, 1995, 1993, 1988, 1987, 1985, 1981, 1979, 1978, 1977, 1976, 1975

TEAM UPDATE

The Women's Swimming and Diving Banquet was held at the Inn at Harvard on April 22, 2005. Award recipients were as follows:

Alice McCabe Award—Honoring the most improved team member whose performances in all areas reminds us of the ideals set forth by Coach Alice McCabe.
Jessica Davidson, '07

Spirit Award—Honoring the team member whose contributions to the program in spirit, energy and enthusiasm most emulate that of Coach Maura Costin Scalise '80.
Laurin Weisenthal, '07 and Kara O'Reilly, '07

Nancy Sato Award—Honoring the senior whose action and attitude over the years reflect a strong commitment to the improvement of Harvard Swimming and Diving as demonstrated by Nancy Sato '75.

Emily Stapleton, '05

Dr. Mary Ellen Mangano Award—“Unsung Heroine”—Awarded to the person whose dedication, hard work and overall pursuit of excellence emulates those of the late Dr. Mangano '80.

Kelly Blondin, '07, Stacy Blondin, '07

Coach's Award—Honoring the member of the team whose all-around attitude and contributions stand out to the coaching staff.

Molly Ward, '05

Outstanding Freshman Award—Honoring the freshman whose outstanding talent and contribution to the team throughout the season perseveres, so that she may reach her goals and has helped the team surpass theirs.

Jackie Pangilinan, '08, Samantha Papadakis, '08

John Walker Award - Honoring the outstanding diver whose contributions to the Harvard program in attitude, dedication and performance are modeled after those of Coach John Walker.

Anne Osmun, '05

Sharon Beckman Award—Honoring the swimmer whose outstanding performance, dedication, qualities of leadership and promotion of Harvard Swimming emulates co-captain Sharon Beckman '80.

Noelle Bassi, '06

ALUMNI UPDATE

Profile: KELLY TABER, Class of 1988

Where are you now?

I live in Sacramento (where I grew up) in a beautiful old neighborhood just a mile or two from the State Capitol with my husband, Gary Jakobs, and sons Zane (5 1/2) and Nate (3 1/2).

Where has your career taken you?

At present my most important job is a stay at home mom, although I am also a lawyer and practice about 40 hours a month in the area of environmental compliance, primarily at home at night (which in some crazy way works thanks to modern technology and very understanding clients!).

I am fortunate to be a member of a wonderful small firm specializing in environmental law. Coincidentally (or not?!) my specialties emphasize water law, including laws regulating water quality and water rights, as well as land use. The legal issues I deal with are a fascinating blend of law, science and public policy.

Family?

My greatest joy are my two sweet boys, Zane and Nate. Zane is in kindergarten at my old alma mater and Nate is in his first year of preschool. They are a couple of crazy monkeys who keep me on my toes and in stitches at all times. So far neither of them seems to have inherited the swimming gene, so we are crossing our fingers about future basketball and baseball scholarships!

What do you remember most about HWSD?

Almost 17 years since we graduated, I am a full continent, several swimsuit sizes (!) and what feels like several lifetimes removed from my days at Harvard.

While my memories of the QRR and dining hall food have long since faded, my memories of the great times shared with my fellow Harvard swimmers at Blodgett and on the road are still vivid:

- * cosmo queens;
 - * muffins (always with the muffins!)
 - * Maura, crouched in one of the giant equipment baskets, being rolled by Carol into the men's locker room during practice;
 - * laughing at Witchy Poo (Maura's name for the Penn coach);
 - * humming the Hogan's Heroes theme song on the bus ride up to our training facility in Puerto Rico;
 - * suits on heads and naked tower jumps;
 - * dreaming of (and winning!) those Ivy League and Eastern Championship rings
- ...
- I could go on and on.

Most of all, however, I remember and cherish the friendship of my coaches and members of the team. Whether I was having a great race or the piano had just fallen on me on the second fifty of a 200 fly, I could count on the support and encouragement of my teammates. When the crummy winter weather or reading period or broccoli pasta were getting me down, I look forward to a warm welcome in the locker room and a good laugh with friends. Swimming for Harvard more than enriched my college experience, it defined it.

What did HWSD teach you?

I attribute a great measure of my professional and personal success since college to the lessons I learned while swimming at Harvard. In particular I think the emphasis on swimming for a team (as opposed to just one's individual performance) translates into instinctively valuing and encouraging friends, family, employees and colleagues, and taking the time to understand and supporting their goals as much as your own. I will always be grateful for the friendship and support of my HWSD coaches and teammates as well as that of the men's team and coaches.

Do you still swim?

After all those years in the pool I am a bit surprised that I do not swim much at all anymore, but I will imagine that will not change much until my boys are old enough

to swim well without my supervision. I just don't get any time to swim and am horrible about motivating myself. For now, Marco Polo and slip n'slide with my kids is about my speed! Thanks to my iPod, however, I have surprised myself and everyone who knows what a slug I have always been by becoming a fairly fast runner -- music is an amazing motivator!

How can you be reached?

I would love to hear from friends -- Please call (916-448-9841), write (1214 Perkins Way, Sacramento, CA 95818) or email (ktaber@lawssd.com) any time --

My best wishes to you all,

Kelley Taber

