

# Women's Swimming & Diving

## July, 2005

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### COACH'S CORNER

Thank you to everyone—Alumni, Parents and Friends—who contributed to Harvard Swimming and Diving this past year. We exceeded our fundraising goal and truly appreciate your support.

Congratulations also to all our Harvard (and Radcliffe) Swimming and Diving Alumnae. We tied with Golf in the participation challenge and earned \$8358 in revenue as a result (see below) More importantly, **32.5%** or over 100 of our alumnae donated. Special congratulations to the classes in **bold** for having over 40% of their class participate.

While all our graduating seniors donated, I'd like to recognize the **Class of 2003** for their outstanding 83% participation rate and the **Classes of 1980 and 1986** for an outstanding job. The Class of 1980 enjoyed their 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion in June.

<b>2005</b>	<b>100%</b> ,	<b>2004</b>	<b>71%</b> ,	<b>2003</b>	<b>83%</b> ,	2002	38%	<b>2001</b>	<b>67%</b> ,	<b>2000</b>	<b>60%</b>
<b>1999</b>	<b>50%</b> ,	1998	33%	<b>1997</b>	<b>67%</b> ,	1996	38%	1995	27%	1994	16%
1993	27%	<b>1992</b>	<b>50%</b> ,	1991	15%	1990	22%	1989	20%	1988	9%
1987	0%	<b>1986</b>	<b>44%</b> ,	1985	13%	1984	13%	1983	5%	1982	6%
1981	6%	<b>1980</b>	<b>40%</b> ,	1979	7%	1978	0%	1977	0%		
<b>1974-1976</b>	<b>50% of those swimmers and divers on record contributed.</b>										

**As a thank you, all women swimmers and divers will receive a gift in the mail during September.** Please look at your class participation percentage, talk to your classmates and see if you can increase the numbers for this current fiscal year.

There is also an additional HRFWA incentive which offers a matching gift of \$1000 to each woman who donates \$1000 to her team during the month of July (up to 5 per team.) I am please to announce that we have already secured 5 gifts and are off to a strong start with \$10,000 in the account for FY 06.

#### **EMAIL FROM DEBBIE GOLDFINE '85:**

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The HRFWA Incentive Plan for FY05 has officially concluded and we have the final results. Congratulations to each Friends group who put forth strong efforts to benefit from these funds. The minimum donation was \$25. The calculation was based on the percentage of alumnae donations to a particular Friends group, taking into account the relative size of Friends groups. All groups listed should be recognized for their great efforts in increasing the percentage of alumnae donors and specifically, Golf and

Swimming should be commended for their significant increases in participation.

**The distribution of \$35,000 from the HRFWA Incentive Plan is as follows:**

Friends of Golf	\$8,358
Friends of Swimming	\$8,358
Friends of Water Polo	\$2,437
Friends of Softball	\$2,437
Friends of Hockey	\$2,437
Friends of Tennis	\$2,066
Friends of Basketball	\$2,066
Friends of Field Hockey	\$2,066
Friends of Crew	\$1,175
Friends of Volleyball	\$1,175
Friends of Skiing	\$1,175
Friends of Soccer	\$1,175

## **TEAM UPDATE**

US Nationals will be held in Irvine, CA from August 3-7. HWSD representation includes: Jackie Pangilinan, Noelle Bassi, Bridget O'Conner, Lindsay Hart, Emilie Jellie, Stacy Blondin and Kelly Blondin. Upon results from this weekend, there may be one or two additions to this list.

World Championships: Freshman Paola Duguet is currently competing for Colombia in the World Championships in Montreal. Having already swum the 200 and 400 meter freestyles, Paola has the 800 free on Friday.

Jenna Shoemaker is on the US Triathlon Team and just finished her first World Cup event in New Foundland. Jenna finished 12<sup>th</sup> and heads to Bellingham, Washington for the Continental Cup next. Her goal is to qualify for the World Championship team in Japan. To see the press release visit:

[http://www.usatriathlon.org/fs\\_newsPC.asp?File=15-07-2005\\_0.txt](http://www.usatriathlon.org/fs_newsPC.asp?File=15-07-2005_0.txt)

## **ALUMNI UPDATE**

We are please to profile RoAnn Costin, '74 . RoAnn has remained close to Harvard/Radcliffe over the years and is also on the board for Friends of Harvard Swimming and Diving.

### **Where are you now?**

Thirty-one years after graduating from Harvard and hanging up the swimsuit, finds me neither far from the University, nor far from its swim pools. I live in Cambridge with husband, Jim Bailey, and my four sons. As Jim played basketball, soccer and ran cross-country, I never assumed my children would choose to swim competitively. However, all four of our boys are competitive swimmers, swimming with the Harvard coach's age-

group team since they were about 7 years old. All have had top 16 reportable times in at least one event. James, my oldest, now swims for Harvard, soon to be joined by his brother, Thomas. I have made many early morning trips to Blodgett and the MAC (known as the IAB in my day) to drop off my boys for 5:00 am practice. Recently, I spent a long, very long weekend, at the New England Swimming Championships with my sister, Maura, (as in Costin-Scalise whom many of you may recall) whose sons also swim. Near the end of the meet, she turned to me and asked, "How did we ever let our boys get involved in a sport where you wait around all day to see a few minutes worth of competition?" We both have developed a better appreciation of our parents.

### **Where has your career taken you?**

After graduation, I worked in government on both a local and national level and spent a year at the Kennedy School of Government, before earning an MBA at Stanford University Graduate School of Business. I have worked in the investment management field since 1981 as an analyst and portfolio manager with State Street Research and Management and The Putnam Companies until I started my own investment company over 12 years ago. I have sat on the corporate boards of directors of Toys R Us and Gear Six Technologies, as well as, on the boards of such non-profit institutions as The Paul Taylor Dance Company, The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, The Boston Conservatory, and most importantly, Friends of Harvard Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving.

### **What is your favorite memory of Radcliffe swimming?**

I will always remember taking the required Harvard swim test at the Radcliffe pool, confident that this was one test I could ace. With Mrs. McCabe, the women's swim coach, standing on the side of the pool watching, I dove in and swam freestyle. Before I knew it, I hit my head on the end of the pool. Somewhat embarrassed, I did an open turn and swam another length, only to bump my head again. I turned over on my back and finished the 100 yard swim test backstroke. Upon emerging from the pool, ego somewhat bruised, Mrs. McCabe said, "Had a little difficulty there, RoAnn. The pool is only 18 and two thirds yards long and the lines on the bottom of the pool don't stop at the bottom, but continue up the end wall of the pool!" A true home court advantage.

I also remember the Nationals my freshman year in Arizona. It was the year that the movie "Love Story" had been released and there was quite a bit of snickering when the name "Radcliffe" was announced over the loudspeaker. However, our fourth place finish in the relays and 11<sup>th</sup> place finish over all with only six swimmers seemed to silence the cynics.

### **What did swimming at Radcliffe teach you?**

Swimming in college taught me the importance of the balance of academics/work and athletics in one's daily routine to ensure a rich experience at college and in life, in general. I initially came to college thinking that I would not swim; however, by December of my freshman year, I missed the camaraderie, the challenge, the competition, and the charge that swimming had provided me prior to college.

**Do you still swim?**

I do still swim, not regularly, nor competitively. While I did a few distant ocean swims B.C. (before children), including a win in the 12 mile Boston Harbor swim, I took up long distant running as finding open road became easier than a pool while traveling for work. Trying to avoid knee injury, or I should say bodily harm, in general, I now vary my workouts with a little swimming, a little running and some weight training.

**How can you be reached?**

The best way to get in touch with me is through email [racbos@msn.com](mailto:racbos@msn.com) or at the office (617) 457-7575. However, I hope that I see you at the Blodgett Pool cheering on the Harvard Swim Teams!

**Anything else?**

Recently, I went on the Friends of Harvard Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving Committee and I wanted to thank all of you alumnae who worked hard and donated to last fiscal year's fund raising efforts. As you may recall, in an attempt to increase fund raising participation by women alumnae athletes, the Harvard-Radcliffe Foundation for Women's Athletics (HRFWA) offered an award of \$15,000 to the women's Friends' team that had the highest percentage participation in fund raising. Recently, it was announced that the Friends of Women's Swimming tied for first place with 32.5 %. With 100% participation from this year's class of '05, diligent work by class agents, research to update alumnae information by Connie Cervilla '74 and emails and calls from coaches Maura Costin-Scalise '80 and Steph Morawski '92, over 100 swim team alumnae gave to the Friends' organization.

We know we are not reaching a lot of you due to incorrect email addresses and phone numbers. We would love to get you all reconnected with old friends and teammates and have you come and support a dynamic group of women carrying on a tradition of Ivy League swimming champions.

Email these notes to your teammates and email us their addresses so we can send swim meet dates and information on Swim Team Alumnae gatherings.

