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Alums impressive in return to Blodgett

Welcome to the Spring edition of "Poolside" (formerly known as Blodgett Notes). Both the men's and women's teams had good seasons that closed with wonderful team banquets. The alumni highlight of the year was the alumni meet held in November during the Harvard-Yale weekend. It was great fun and enjoyed by all! We hope to get even more alumni involved in the next meet! So read on and catch up with Harvard Swimming and Diving!

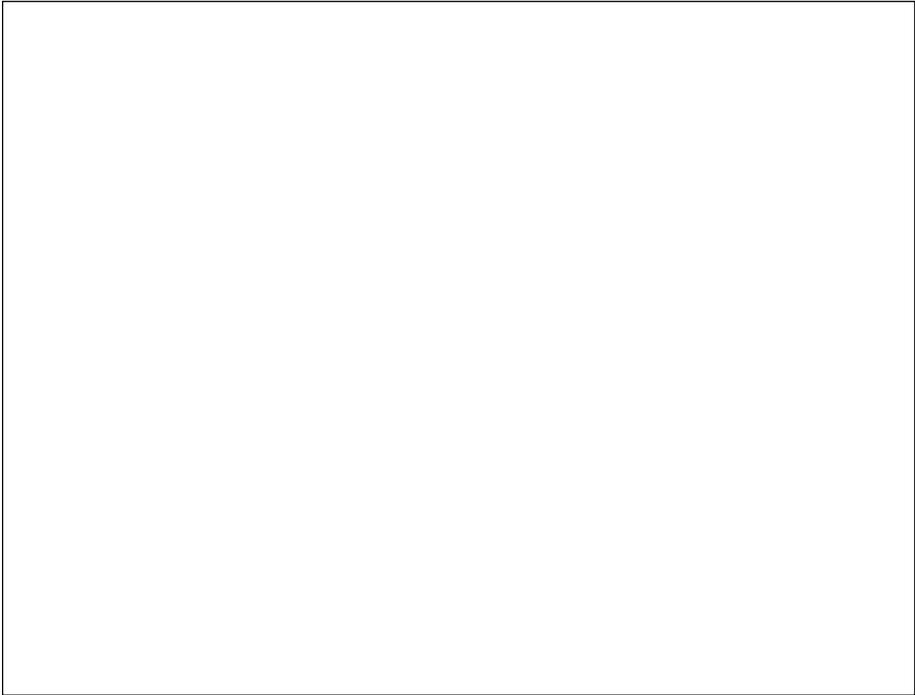
Alumni Meet

Early in the morning of the Harvard-Yale game, over 50 alumni dusted off their Speedos, caps and goggles and dived into the waters of Blodgett Pool. For some, it was the first time in many months (or even years) that they had hit the water! Then the alums took on the Varsity team in a fun yet grueling (for the alums at least) meet! After several recounts, the official score of the 2000 Harvard Swimming & Diving Alumni Meet was Alumni 162, Varsity Team 77.

Surprised by the score? Well, our alums are FAST! (The scoring system that included handicaps based on year graduated and male/female did not hurt either.) The meet consisted to 25s and 50s plus the 100 IM and relays. The class of '69 through the class of '00 were represented on the alumni team. While the male alums dominated the makeup of the team (for some reason, the women were a bit more reluctant to dust off those Speedos), a women's relay team made up of Sharon Beckman '80, Jeanne Floyd Downs '84, Martha Wood Ellis '84, and Val Gilson '94 did manage to win the 100 Freestyle Relay. David Berkoff '89 was a triple event winner followed by Bob Tyler '84 who won two events. Jim Kornish '87 was captain of the alumni team and certainly had enough team spirit for us all! The alum who traveled the furthest to attend the meet was Tim Ford '86 who flew in from Sydney, Australia!

We also had many alumni who were spectators for the meet! There was lots of cheering, laughing and catching up. Many alums brought their families. After the meet, alumni and current men's and women's team members convened up on Blodgett Beach for a delicious barbeque. While the grilling power was not quite up to the crowd we had, everyone did manage eventually to get something to eat! (Next time we know to double the grill space!) Our thanks to Ben Downs '84 for manning the grill. Many alums also relived their glory days watching the men and women compete in dual meets over the weekend.

This alumni weekend was great but would not have been able to happen without the help of Rick Osterberg '96 who sent out emails to alums, set up and ran the timing system, was announcer for the meet, scored the meet, and summarized the results. Rick is someone who does so much for Harvard



Alumni taking part in the post-meet festivities on Blodgett Beach.



Jeff Peltier '88 and David Berkoff '89.

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From the Women's Coaches...

Dear Alumni and Friends of Harvard Swimming and Diving,

Harvard Women's Swimming and Diving had a strong finish to a season plagued by injury and illness. Our squad of 26 swimmers and 5 divers not only completed the season with many lifetime best swimming and diving performances, but they also learned the importance of teamwork in overcoming obstacles. The leadership came from a strong senior class of seven women who all competed at the Ivy League Championships: Danielle Backes, Kirra Brandon, Lillian Brown, Pia Chock, Camila McLean, Angie Peluse and Ali Shipley. Both divers finaled on one board and the five swimmers each swam at least one, if not all, personal best times. We will miss their leadership, determination and athletic ability next year. However, with the addition of a strong freshman class, we look forward to 2001-2002 as a season of fast swimming and great diving.

Special congratulations to Pia Chock for setting two new school records (100 fly 55.57, 200 fly 2:01.98) and Brittany Garza for setting the 3 meter diving record (519.20). Pia and Kate Nadeau swam to NCAA B consideration times and just missed qualifying for the meet. Pia also received Academic All-Ivy Honors. The HWSD captains for the 2001-2002 season will be Janna McDougall and Catie Lee.

Our annual banquet was held on Friday, April 6 at the Harvard Club of Boston. As usual, it was an emotional night for all as it ended with a slide show and a tribute to our seniors. Award winners were as follows:

Alice McCabe Award (most improved) -	Jessi Walter '03
Maura Costin Scalise Spirit Award -	Rebekah Lorenz '02
Nancy Sato Award (senior commitment) -	Angie Peluse '01
Dr. Mary Ellen Mangano Award (unsung heroine) -	Katie Wilbur '04
Coach's Award -	Janna McDougall '02
	Anna Fraser '03
Outstanding Freshman Award -	Kate Nadeau '04
John Walker Award (outstanding diver) -	Camila McLean '01
Sharon Beckman Award (outstanding swimmer) -	Pia Chock '01

Thank you to all our alumni and friends who showed their tremendous support this past season and we hope to see you in the stands again next year.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Wriede Morawski '92, Women's Swim Coach
Katherine Veazey '95, Women's Assistant Swim Coach

From the Diving Coach...

Dear Alumni and Friends,

The 2000-2001 Season was a good one for the divers at Harvard. This year we had 10 divers on the roster (five men and five women), with three seniors leading the way. We'll be very sad to lose Greg Walker, Camila McLean and Ali Shipley, who all were finalists (again) at the EISL and Ivy Championships in February and March. Camila won the John Walker award for the second time in four years.

Stepping up in the fall will be our only senior, Erik Frost, and lots of underclassmen. He'll be joined by Erik Patton '03, Tom Crahan and Enrique Roy (both '04) on the men's side. The women's team will consist of three sophomores (Laura Cowen, Brittany Garza and Renée Paradise) and three incoming freshmen, two of whom have competed nationally.

Keith Miller, Diving Coach

Alumni update, *Continued from front*

Swimming and Diving...thank you, thank you, thank you Rick!

Finally, we received a great letter we want to share with you that sums up the spirit of the day:

Dear Harvard Swimmers and Families and Friends:

Thank you for one of the best weekends I can remember. The alumni meet at Blodgett, The Game, the festivities and the meets were so much fun.

Was great seeing you and meeting many of the varsity swimmers and their parents. What a great group of people!

Highlights of the trip for me were:

- * Catching up with so many good friends.
- * Winning the 100 IM, of course. Fins are my friend.
- * Seeing Berkoff win the 25 back underwater. Some things never change, nor should they.
- * Visiting with Tim Ford and wife Suzi all the way from

Sydney.

- * Watching H swamp Columbia and USMA just like we used to. 9:04 for the 1K?
 - * Enjoying the new record board compliments of the Friends of H Swimming.
 - * Dining and beverages on Blodgett Beach.
 - * The Game, at least for 53 minutes.
 - * Hilltop Steak House. Nice plastic cows and lobster pie. And so much more...
- Again thanks for a wonderful weekend.
-Jim "Buffalohead" Kornish '87
Chapel Hill, NC

Thanks again to everyone for making our first alumni meet in many years such a success! And for those of you unable to attend, we hope to see you next time!

From the Men's Coaches...

Alumni and Friends of Friends of Harvard Swimming and Diving,

We have just completed our 2000-2001 team banquet with a wonderful evening at the Downtown Harvard Club. We had a great deal to be thankful for as we celebrated a very successful season. It was time to say goodbye to our nine graduating seniors:

Dan Barnes, Matt Fritsch, Adam Shaw, Jamie Waters, Chris Park, Mike Im, Michael Groves, Will Oren, and Greg Walker.

Their departing speeches were the highlight of the evening providing parents and swimmers alike with words of inspiration and thanks. During their four years at Harvard, they each made a vital contribution to the success of the program. We are proud of their accomplishments and wish them all the best in their future endeavors and alumni meets. Speaking of which, this year's alumni get-together and meet were a huge success. Thanks to Jeff Peltier, Jeanne Floyd Downs and all who helped make the meet and barbecue a good time. We will have our next alumni meet in 2002 during the Yale/Harvard home football game. We would love to see more of you there.

The 2000-2001 season was both exciting and challenging. Some of the highlights include:

- * Record of 8-1
- * Eastern and Ivy League Champions
- * NCAAs 22nd
- * US Nationals 11th
- * 12 First Team All Ivy
- * 6 Second Team All Ivy
- * 1 All-American
- * 5 Honorable Mention All-Americans
- * 9 New Team Records
- * 21 additions to the Ten Best Performers in Harvard History
- * A great Alumni Meet
- * 9 graduating seniors
- * Tremendous support from the parents and Friends of Harvard Swimming!

The team started to take shape opening up with Army and Columbia at home. The guys posted some solid times and set the pace for the year. We traveled to the Texas Invitational to bang heads with some of the top teams and swimmers in the country, including Texas, Arizona, Arizona State, California, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Highlights included Mike Im posting the fastest 200 back time in the country, John Cole placing second in the mile, and Kyle Egan setting a new record in the 100 fly. This meet was really important for us to travel and see where we stood with the best teams in the nation. It is important for the team and recruiting for us to continue to get that kind of exposure and competition. Christmas training found us in cold, cold conditions in Sarasota, Florida. Despite the unfriendly conditions, the team got in some good work along with a few laughs at the freshmen's expense.

Brown provided a testy wake up call from the exam period and prepared us for HYP. The HYP meet this year was a tremendous meet with exceptionally fast swimming. Princeton had numerous exceptional swims along with a solid team performance from top to bottom to hand us our first defeat in three years. The Crimson fought hard to the last race and posted some exceptional times by John Cole in the distance events. We did establish the right mind-set throughout the meet, which proved to be vital to our success when we met the Tigers at Easterns. The next weekend we traveled to Cornell/Dartmouth without the seniors to get a head start on next year's team. Swimming off events we had the opportunity to race in some different events. We finished the season visiting Penn and the seniors ending their dual meet competition.

Easterns at West Point seemed to be upon us too fast. Jamie Waters was just coming out of a cast from breaking his hand at Brown. Captain Mike Groves' injured back was not getting better and unfortunately he was unable to compete at Easterns. On paper the meet was going to be a very challenging couple of days. I was very pleased with the intensity we established on the

first day. We jumped out to an early lead and had a very good meet winning our sixth consecutive EISL championship. It was really a combined team effort.

We moved on to NCAAs in College Station, finishing 22nd. Honorable Mention All-Americans included Brad Burns (200Med relay), Kyle Egan (200/400Med relay), Rasan Grant (200/400Med relay), Michael Im (200 back, 200/400Med relay), and Dan Shevchik (400 IM). John Cole earned Honorable Mention honors in the 500 free, and he set a new team record in the 1650 and was an All-American in that event. A small but strong squad of men traveled to US Nationals in Austin the next week, finishing 11th in the men's team competition. Dan Shevchik finished ninth with a lifetime best in the 400 IM. Will Oren also finished ninth with a lifetime best in the 200 fly. John Cole again made his mark finishing ninth in the 400 free, and in the top eight in the 800 and 1500. John's finish in the 1500 earned him a spot on the World University Games team to compete in Beijing, China in August. I was also selected to be an assistant for the Men's team. We will be the first team of US swimmers to go and compete in China.

The season produced nine new team records:

- * John Cole 1000-8:54.92 / 1650-14:49.48
- * Rasan Grant 100 Breast 54.52 / 200 Breast 1:59.63
- * Kyle Egan 100 Fly-48.23
- * Will Oren 200 Fly-1:46.20
- * Dan Shevchik 400IM-3:46.69
- * 200 Medley 1:28.18 Im, Grant, Egan, Fritsch
- * 400 Medley 3:15.20

The records along with the men below broke into the top 10 in Harvard

History:

- * Michael Im 100 Back 48.09, 200 Back 1:44.43
- * Dan Shevchik 200 Back 1:44.48, 200 IM 1:48.23
- * Will Oren 500 Free 423.47, 400IM 3:51.57
- * Mike Gentilucci 100Breast 56.02, 200Breast 2:02.37
- * Kyle Egan 200 Fly 1:47.36
- * Adam Shaw 100 Fly 49.34
- * Leif Drake 100 Fly 49.59
- * Dan Barnes 100 Free 44.74
- * John Cole 500 Free 4:19.56

Dan Shevchik and John Cole shared the Phil Moriarty HIGH POINT award at EISL Championship each winning three individual events.

Team award winners were:

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| The Reid Jorgensen Trophy | Michael Sabala |
| (Junior who has most improved during his career) | |
| The William J. Brooks Trophy | Greg Walker, John Cole, Mike Im |
| (Swimmer and Diver who contribute the most to the success of the team) | |
| The Stowell Trophy | Will Oren, Mike Im |
| (Senior who has most improved during his collegiate career) | |
| The Eugene B. Wyman Trophy | Dan Shevchik |
| (Team member who scores the most points in dual meets) | |
| The Harold S. Ulen Trophy | Dan Barnes |
| (Senior who best demonstrates those qualities of leadership, sportsmanship, and team cooperation) | |

I want to thank all the alumni and friends who supported the team this year at the meets and through your donations to the Friends of Harvard Swimming and Diving. The team really enjoyed their interaction with the alumni, especially at our reunion in November. The history and tradition of Men's Swimming at Harvard will be going into its 72nd year. I look forward to the relationship between the alumni and the team to continue to grow and sustain our place as a special and unique program at Harvard and in Collegiate Swimming.

Thanks again,



Timothy D. Murphy, Men's Head Swim Coach
Sean Schimmel, Men's Assistant Swim Coach

From the Friends...

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View of The Game from the alumni seats...proof that some of us actually went!

Sally Milliken and her husband Jim Dooling '87

David Berkoff '89, Jim Kornish '87, Christopher K. Barry-Smith "Smitty" '88.

2000-01 Results

MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING (8-1)

November

17 COLUMBIA W 232-68
ARMY W 244.5-55.5

December

1-3 at University of Texas Invite. 5th/12
2 HARVARD DIVING INVITE.

January

6 NAVY W 211-89
27 at Brown W 181-119

February

3- at Princeton L 197-156
4 w/Yale W 243-110
10 at Cornell W 207-85.5
w/Dartmouth W 238-58
17 at Pennsylvania W 195-86

March

1- at Eastern Champ. 1st/10
3 (at Army)
24 at NCAA Champ. 22nd
(at Texas A & M)

WOMEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING (3-4, 3-4 Ivy League)

November

3 NORTHEASTERN --
(scrimmage)
11 at Cornell W 176-123
w/Dartmouth W 225-72
17 at Brown L 106-189
19 COLUMBIA W 203-97
30- Notre Dame Invite. W 203-97

December

2 (at South Bend, Ind.)
2 HARVARD DIVING INVITE.
10 at Pennsylvania L 133-167

January

6 Crimson vs. White Intrasquad

February

2- at Princeton L 112-205
3 w/Yale L 150.5-168.5
22- Ivy League Championships
24 (at Princeton) 4th/8