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Men's & Women's Swimming and Diving Teams Pick Up Where They Left Off In 2005

by Casey Hart

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A post-Christmas trip to the Caribbean sounds like a cushy way to return to action after the holiday break. But for the 25th-ranked Harvard men's swimming and diving team, which traveled to Puerto Rico for eight days, and the No. 23 Crimson women, which headed to Aruba, the holiday training trips were about much more than fun in the sun.

Both men's coach **Tim Murphy** and women's coach **Stephanie Wriede Morawski '92** worked their teams hard during their trips, so much so that they didn't know what to expect from their squads in their first action of 2006, when they co-hosted Rutgers January 6, just two days after the Harvard women returned to the country and three days after the men got back to the mainland.

"The training trip went well, and the guys were tired," Murphy said. "It was not going to be easy to swim fast with the quick turnaround and then Navy Saturday, but I was pleased with their effort and focus."

Both Harvard teams responded to the grueling trips like champions—not surprising considering that the women won last season's Ivy League championship by a 226-point margin and the men have claimed 10 of the last 13 Eastern Intercollegiate Swim League titles. The Crimson women, then ranked 25th nationally, edged the No. 24 Scarlet Knights, 150-149, and the Harvard men posted a convincing 202.5-97.5 win over Rutgers, the first of two victories in two days.

Junior **Noelle Bassi** (Franklin Lakes, NJ) captured individual wins in the 200-yard butterfly, 400 individual medley and the 500 freestyle to lead the Harvard women to their 18th straight dual-meet win. **Jaclyn Pangilinan** (Clifton, NJ) swept the 100 and 200 breaststrokes, and fellow sophomore **Samantha Papadakis** (Deerfield, IL) took both the one-meter and three-meter diving events for the third straight dual meet.

Most of the drama, however, came in the relays that started

and finished the meet. The Crimson squad of **Lindsay Hart** (Walnut Creek, CA), Pangilinan, **Bridget O'Connor** (Scarsdale, NY) and **Amanda Slaight** (Boca Raton, FL) edged the top Scarlet Knight team by 0.02 seconds in the 200 medley relay to start the day with 11 valuable points. Then, with Harvard needing a second-place finish in the 400 free relay to clinch the meet win, Rutgers split up its top relay team in hopes of creating two strong teams to take the first two spots, but Crimson junior **Emily Wilson** (Lake Oswego, OR) swam a strong anchor leg in 51.9 seconds to touch the wall in second.

The performances of Pangilinan and Papadakis earned them selection as the ECAC Swimmer and Diver of the Week, respectively, as Harvard moved to 8-0 on the season. The Crimson is 5-0 against Ivy opponents with the annual HYP meet against Yale and Princeton looming February 4-5.

"Coming off of an intense eight days of training, I am incredibly impressed by my team's tenacity," Morawski said after the meet. "They stayed confident and took one event at a time."

The men's win may not have been as heart-pounding, but was no less impressive. The Crimson won 14 of the 16 events, as seniors **David Cromwell** (Missoula, MT) and **Danil Rybalko**

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Junior Nicole Bassi

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Winter Teams Gear Up for Second Half Of Season

by Casey Hart

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY (10-6-2, 7-2-2 ECAC Hockey League)

Thanks in large part to a scoring spree by freshman **Jenny Brine** (Truro, NS), seventh-ranked Harvard has won three of its last four and seven of its last nine games and, with 16 points, sits in a tie with No. 3 St. Lawrence and No. 8 Princeton atop the ECAC Hockey League standings.

Brine tallied seven goals and two assists over a three-game span to lead the Crimson to wins at home against Dartmouth and at Colgate and Cornell. She netted a hat trick in a 4-1 win against the Big Green, then had back-to-back two-goal, one-assist efforts in a 5-1 win against the Big Red and a 6-3 victory over the Raiders. She was named ECACHL Player of the Week January 9 and now leads the team with 12 goals.

Senior **Jennifer Raimondi** (Langley, BC), who leads Harvard with 16 assists and 23 points, notched a goal and two assists at Colgate, while freshman **Brittany Martin** (Torrance, CA) made 39 saves. The Crimson dropped a 5-1 decision to top-ranked New Hampshire January 11, leaving the team with two losses since the end of November, both at the hands of the Wildcats.

Harvard makes its return trip to Hanover January 30, hosts Brown and Yale February 3-4, then welcomes Boston University in the opening round of the Beanpot February 7.

MEN'S SQUASH (4-0, 3-0 Ivy League)

The biggest match of the men's college squash season is just a few days away on February 4. Trinity has won its last 130 matches and the last seven national championships. Harvard has not lost to a team besides Trinity since 2003. This year's clash of the titans takes place in Hartford, but the Crimson enters with momentum,

having dropped just one individual match all season. Senior **Will Broadbent** (Greenwich, CT) leads Harvard against its rival from his home state. He was one of two Harvard players to get an individual win when the teams met in the national championship match at the end of last season and has not yet dropped a game

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Freshman Jenny Brine

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this year. Broadbent also teamed up with junior **Garnett Booth** (Brooklyn, NY) to take down defending champions and No. 1 seeds Julian Illingworth and Trevor Rees of Yale, 3-0, in the intercollegiate doubles final of the Holiday Ketchum Cup in early January.

The Crimson's wins have come at Brown, Dartmouth and Williams and at home against Cornell. Williams was the only team to win an individual match against Harvard so far this season. Like his doubles partner, Booth has competed in all four of Harvard's matches and has not yet lost a game this season. Also notable is freshman **Verdi DiSesa** (Wynnewood, PA) who has also outscored his opponents in games, 12-0, playing mostly in the No. 3 slot.



Verdi DiSesa '09

WOMEN'S SQUASH (4-0, 3-0 Ivy League)

Like the men's team, the Harvard women enter their February 4 match with Trinity with only one individual loss in 36 individual matches. And like the men, this Crimson squad has recorded wins against Brown, Dartmouth, Cornell and Williams. The Crimson lineup features a strong corps of veterans, including 2005 national runner-up **Kyla Grigg** (Calgary, ALB), who has lost just one game all season and outscored her opponents, 54-6, over the last two matches. But what could make the difference in Harvard's bid to catch up with national champion Yale is the



Lily Lorentzen '09

arrival of freshman **Lily Lorentzen** (Greenwich, CT), who has gone 4-0 so far as the Crimson's No. 1 player and allows the rest of the team to move down a spot to create favorable matchups for Harvard. Both Crimson teams host Penn and Princeton February 11-12 before a February 22 showdown at Yale.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (4-10, 0-1 Ivy League)

No other Harvard team has been as busy as the women's basketball squad since the conclusion of fall classes. The Crimson played five games between December 21 and January 7, including consecutive wins against Binghamton and Colgate that halted an eight-game losing streak. Harvard then put together a 30-8 second-half run to pull within eight points late in its Ivy opener against league favorite Dartmouth, but the Big Green held on for a 91-76 win.

A group of newcomers has contributed greatly to the Crimson's two wins in its last three games. Forward **Katie Rollins** (Augusta, ME) was named Ivy League Rookie of the Week after posting 14 points and four rebounds against Dartmouth and 10 points and four rebounds in the win over Colgate. **Emily Tay** (Los Angeles, CA) has scored in double-digits in three straight games, including a 12-point, nine-rebound outing against Colgate. Sophomore **Lindsay Hallion** (Westwood, MA), who missed her freshman campaign with an injury, sparked the Binghamton win with career highs of 17 points and eight rebounds. It has not been all about the youth movement though: captain **Jessica Holsey** (Potomac, MD) registered 13 points against Dartmouth and still has a team-best average of 10.2 points per game, followed by fellow seniors **Laura Robinson** (Fremont, CA) and **Maureen McCaffery** (Hillsborough, CA) with 9.6 and 8.5 ppg, respectively.

MEN'S BASKETBALL (10-5, 2-0 Ivy League)

Ivy League play is underway, and the Crimson is at the top of the Ancient Eight standings, albeit tied with perennial powerhouse and 2006 favorite Penn, with Yale sitting half a game back. Harvard recorded both of its league wins against Dartmouth, but used different weapons to top the Big Green in each.

Junior guard **Jim Goffredo** (La Crescenta, CA) hit seven three-pointers and poured in a career-best 33 points to lead the Crimson to a 78-65 win at Lavietes Pavilion and earn Ivy League Player of the Week honors. Six days later, it was the Harvard big men showing the way as senior forward **Matt Stehle** (Newton, MA) and junior center **Brian Cusworth** (St. Louis, MO) notched double-doubles. Stehle registered 11 points and 15 rebounds and fell just two assists shy of a triple-double, while Cusworth recorded a game-high 12 points to go with 14 boards.

The Crimson can distance itself from Yale with a win in New Haven January 27, but must stay focused on the rest of the league before thinking about knocking off Penn February 11 in the final game of its first rotation through the league.

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY (10-7-2, 7-6-1 ECAC Hockey League)

The Crimson celebrated the New Year with solid performances on its trip to No. 9 North Dakota December 29-30, taking a 1-0 decision from the Fighting Sioux in the first game before dropping a hard-fought 3-2 contest the following night. Sophomore **Mike Taylor** (Maple Grove, MN) scored the first game's lone goal early in the third period, and senior **John Daigneau** (Brookfield, WI) stopped 29 shots for his third shutout in front of a crowd of 10,748. Taylor added another goal in the second game, and freshman **Nick Coskren** (Walpole, MA) also found the back of the net in the loss.

The return to ECAC Hockey League play was not as kind to the Crimson, which extended its unbeaten streak against Union to nine games, but garnered only one point with a 1-1 tie January 6, then could not finish off a late rally in a 3-2 loss at Rensselaer the next night. Sophomore **Alex Meintel** (Yarmouth, ME) netted two of the team's three weekend goals, including the tying goal with less than four minutes remaining at Union. No. 15 Harvard will have its shot at redemption right away, when RPI and Union visit Bright Hockey Center January 27-28. The Crimson then travels to Brown February 3 before the Beanpot gets underway February 6, as Harvard takes on Boston University at TD Banknorth Garden.

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD (0-2, 0-0 Ivy League)

Harvard won eight of the meet's 17 events, but Northeastern pulled out a 74-71 win in the Crimson's second dual meet of the season. The Crimson thrived in the distance races as senior **James Kelly** (Oxshott, UK) led Harvard to the top four places in the mile (4:37.62), sophomore **Brian Holmquest** (Marshfield, MA) led a 1-2-3 finish in the 3,000-meter run (8:42.79), and sophomore **Andrew Lipkin** (Palo Alto, CA) led a 1-2 Crimson showing in the 1,000 (2:38.83). Harvard is at home two of the next three weekends, hosting Cornell and Brown January 28 and Yale and Princeton February 11, with a meet at Dartmouth in between.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD (1-1, 0-0 Ivy League)

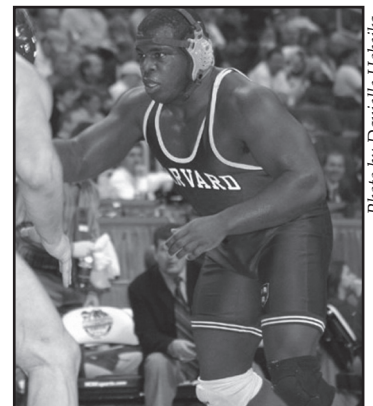
Harvard suffered its first dual-meet loss of the season as Northeastern took a 68-59 win against the Crimson January 7 at Gordon Track. Senior captain **Laura Maludzinski** (Barrie, ONT) was Harvard's only multiple-event winner as she took first place in the mile run (5:16.89) and the 800-meter run (2:18.54). The women's schedule mirrors that of the men, as the Crimson has one meet at home and one at Dartmouth before hosting the HYP meet.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL (0-2, 0-0 EIVA)

Harvard's attempt at a dramatic season-opening win fell short January 6 as the Crimson dropped the first two games of its match against Quincy on the first night of the Crimson Classic, rallied for two straight wins, then fell, 15-12, in the deciding game. Lewis defeated Harvard in three games the next day. Senior **Seamus McKiernan** (Santa Barbara, CA) recorded a double-double in each match, posting 17 kills and 10 digs in the opener and 14 kills and 11 digs against Lewis. Junior **Dave Fitz** (Pittsburgh, PA) provided 44 assists and 20 digs against Quincy. The Crimson hosts Puerto Rico-Mayaguez January 30 and Springfield February 1 before playing 12 of its next 14 matches away from Cambridge.

WRESTLING (1-3, 0-0 EIWA)

At the Lone Star Duals January 7 in Grand Prairie, Texas, juniors **Max Meltzer** (Bethesda, MD) and **Bode Ogunwole** (Millersville, MD) and freshman **Louis Caputo** (Blue Springs, MO) all posted 3-0 days as the Crimson picked up its first win of the season. The team could not overcome injuries, however, and finished 1-2 in the tournament. Harvard opened the day with a decisive 40-9 win against Utah Valley State, suffered a 27-15 loss to Chattanooga and lost by a narrow 21-16 score to Stanford after having to forfeit two weight classes and 12 points to the Cardinals because of injuries. Meltzer, competing for the first time since the 2004 NCAA Championships and ranked 13th nationally, recorded two pins and a 12-11 comeback decision at 141 pounds. He pinned Chattanooga's Michael Keefe, who placed fifth at the 2005 NCAA meet, in just one minute. Ogunwole is the No. 8 heavyweight in the nation, and classmate **Robbie Preston** (Clinton, NJ) is ranked ninth at 133. The Crimson begins EIWA competition and its home season when it hosts 12th-ranked Lehigh and Army January 28.



Bode Ogunwole '07

Photo by Danielle Hobeika

Senior Sloan Devlin: A True Student-Athlete

by Casey Hart

For a college athlete, there is no greater thrill than representing your university at a national championship event. And for, well, just about anybody, there's no better way to spend a weekend in November than traveling to Hawaii.

Senior Sloan Devlin was one of three members of the Harvard sailing team presented with the chance to do both of these things in one weekend, to compete in the national singlehanded championships in Honolulu. For Devlin, however, there was a catch. During the weekend she was supposed to travel to Hawaii



Sloan Devlin '06 at the ICSA North American Singlehanded Championships in 2004.

for the national championships, she was also scheduled to remain in Boston for a different kind of competition: her final round of interviews as a finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship.

"When I learned that I could not reschedule my Rhodes interview, I was initially quite frustrated," said Devlin, who earned the trip to nationals by winning her second straight New England singlehanded championship. The Mystic, CT, native placed third at nationals in 2003 and improved to second last season, so the temptation to go and try to improve one more spot was great.

But Devlin is the type of person whose picture might show up if you looked up the term "student-athlete" in the dictionary. Her ability in the classroom is evident in the fact that she was a finalist for one of just 32 Rhodes scholarships awarded in the United States, and she is also very accomplished in the water. In her first three seasons as a member of the Harvard sailing team, Devlin won a national championship, earned All-America honors twice and finished second in the running for the Quantum Women's Sailor of the Year award.

"As much as I wanted to represent Harvard and my teammates in Hawaii at nationals, I also knew that I would be representing them as a Rhodes scholar. I chose to take the interview because I would really love the chance to study at Oxford for a year before coming back to graduate school in chemistry in the U.S."

Devlin remained in Boston that weekend and took part in the interviews, but was not one of the two Rhodes scholars selected from among the 12 finalists in District I, which includes the states of Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island.

While Devlin stayed in town competing for the scholarship, many Crimson fans, as well as her fellow students, were gathered in New Haven, CT, for a classic edition of The Game between the Harvard and Yale football teams. Football is the most prominent Harvard sport on land, but it is another sport that causes confusion when Devlin tries to explain how she spends so many of the hours when she's not studying.

"We're trying to work on the stereotype of, 'Oh, you have a regatta this weekend? What seat are you in your boat?' like you're rowing crew," she said.

It's not that she craves the attention received by athletes in higher profile sports. She just likes to enlighten people as to what her sport is all about.

"I wouldn't want to be a football player at a place like Michigan because I like being able to go into class and just be a student," Devlin explained, referring to her parents' alma mater. "But then people start talking to you and you reveal your interests and they learn more about you, that you have this other cool thing about you."

Last year Devlin helped lead the women's squad to its first national title since 1972 and helped the program capture its fifth straight Fowle Trophy as the top overall program in collegiate sailing. In the process, she earned all-America recognition, along with teammates Genny Tulloch '05, Clay Johnson '07, Christina Dahlman '07 and Emily Simon '07.

For Devlin, winning last year was the culmination of three years of hard work by a tight-knit team. Now a senior captain and with Tulloch lost to graduation, Devlin has made it her goal to not only maintain the high level of performance this season, but to help show the freshmen what it takes to compete at the collegiate level.

"She is an excellent leader both on the water and off," said head coach Mike O'Connor. "Her work ethic on the water, in the gym and in the classroom makes her the perfect example of what a student-athlete should be. When Sloan does something, she does it right."

And sailing isn't the only thing Devlin does right. She lists her hobbies as modern dance and organic chemistry.

"I'm a chemistry concentrator, so that's the academic side of things," she said. "Dance is something I've done since I was little. I still enjoy doing it, although not as seriously as I did before."

O'Connor refers to her as the athlete who "spends more time in the gym weight training than any sailor in the history of our program." She played a big part in the design and implementation of a team weight-training program last year. That commitment is crucial in a sport where strength and athleticism are as important as skill. Unlike in recreational sailing, O'Connor says you cannot be a competitive sailor in college without being a good athlete.

"As a team we stress both handling," he said. "The ability to handle a boat better than the competition makes the tactical and strategic part of the game much easier. Sloan has great strength and athletic ability, which enables her to be one of the best both handlers in the nation."

That is not to say sailing is all about physical fitness. In the doublehanded boats that are used for most collegiate competition, the person in the crew position handles most of the sail controls. The other sailor, called the skipper, steers the boat, trims the mainsail and is responsible for most of the tactical decisions.

While several Harvard sailors in the crew position have gone from walk-on to All-America over the course of their careers, it is nearly impossible to become a top-level collegiate skipper if you start as a novice.

Luckily for the Crimson, Devlin was anything but a novice skipper when she arrived in Cambridge. She started sailing at age 6 and began competing shortly after that. She started in small, singlehanded boats and, at age 14, made the U.S. team and qualified for the European championships. She aged out of that division a year later and continued to compete in the U.S. Junior Olympics and international events.

Devlin also sailed for her high school team at The Williams School. Sailing in college and at Harvard was something she had in mind as she progressed through the youth ranks.

"Just by talking to people at my yacht club and others, I found out that college sailing is fun and you get to meet a lot of people from other places," Devlin recalled. "Harvard has the history behind it, especially recent history because, in the past five years, the coeds have won both the coed dinghy championship and a team racing championship."

The nature of the sport has driven Devlin to continue improving.

"It's a very humbling sport," she explained. "Environment plays such a large factor. Is it breezy? Is it light? Is it wavy? You can get unlucky with the shifts a lot of times. In that sense, it's a constant learning process and you're never the best. You just have to realize that and take your lumps and pay your dues."

Another unique aspect of sailing is its coed competitions and practices, something Devlin says makes her better. The skipper/crew pairing on a boat needs to weigh between 250 and 280 pounds, so male skippers often sail with female crews.

The coed team had a strong fall season, finishing third at the Atlantic Coast Championships and ending the fall ranked second in the nation. Johnson and Vincent Porter '06 placed second and fourth, respectively, at the men's singlehanded nationals. The Crimson women were ranked ninth in the final fall poll.

Whether it's directly from her sailing or a result of the groundwork she's laid leading the team in the boat, weight room and classroom, Harvard's next national title will bear Sloan Devlin's fingerprints.

CRIMSON COMMENTARY

by Michele McLaughlin
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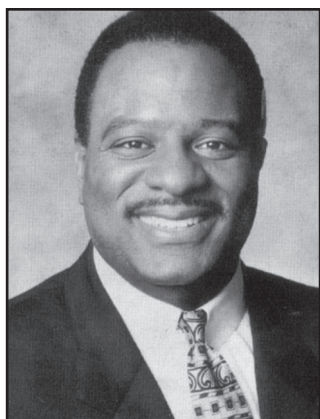
As you may have heard six Harvard women's hockey players were chosen to compete in the Olympics in Torino, Italy in February. The U.S. team has four Crimson skaters on its roster, while the Canadian team will showcase two letterwinners. **Angela Ruggiero '03/04** and **Jamie Hagerman '03** as well as **Julie Chu '06/07** and **Caitlin Cahow '07/08** (who both took a leave of absence from their undergraduate studies this fall to participate on the national team) will represent the United States. **Sarah Vallaincourt '08/09**, who also took a leave of absence, and **Jennifer Botterill '02** will represent Canada.

Good luck to both teams. You can catch the U.S. and Canadian teams at the following dates/times:

Date	Game	Time	Network
Feb. 11	US vs. SUI	2:30 p.m.	USA
	CAN vs. ITL	2:30 p.m.	CNBC
Feb. 12	CAN vs. RUS	10:30 a.m.	CNBC
	US vs. GER	1 p.m.	USA
Feb. 14	CAN vs. SWE	9:30 a.m.	MSNBC
	US vs. FIN	2:30 p.m.	NBC
Feb. 17	Semifinal	7 a.m.	NBC
Feb. 20	Bronze-Medal	10:30 a.m.	MSNBC
	Gold-Medal	2:30 p.m.	NBC

Harvard football highlight films of most seasons are now available on DVD with the exception of the years '56, '58, '92, '93, '94, and '95 when the film was not produced. If you would like to order a DVD please contact Brian Burke at 617-269-5379 or burke79@comcast.net.

One of Harvard's own will be honored during the upcoming Super Bowl weekend. Varsity Club Hall of Famer **James Brown '73** will be presented with the first annual Pat Summerall Award in Detroit on February 3rd as part of the Legends for Charity Luncheon. Summerall and his wife, Cherie, chose



James Brown '73

Brown to receive this award not only to honor his outstanding career as one of the premier sports broadcasters, but for his significant role in reaching out to help make a difference for so many others through his extensive and ongoing commitments to a variety of community and national causes.

In addition to his sports and entertainment achievements, "JB" is particularly proud of his activities in support of: Darrell Green's Youth Life Foundation, Ronnie Lott's All Stars Helping Kids, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Neimann

Pick Disease Foundation and HollyRod Foundation. He is also a National Celebrity Volunteer for the March of Dimes.

Brown received his degree in American Government from Harvard, where he was an All-Ivy basketball player for three years and captain of the team during his senior year.

Some behind the scenes accolades to acknowledge as well. Harvard Director of Athletic Communications **Chuck Sullivan**, whose work you've seen right here on the pages of *News & Views*, took third place in the 2004-05 Fred S. Stabley Sr. Writing Contest sponsored by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Sullivan was awarded third place in event coverage in District I with his story "Divine Providence," detailing Harvard's 21-point second-half comeback to defeat Brown on the road in 2004. The story can be read at www.gocrimson.com. CoSIDA, the professional association of the nation's college sports publicists, has more than 1,800

members and the Stabley Writing Contest is conducted and judged through the organization's writing committee.

The Seattle Seahawks and Harvard's **Isaiah Kacyvenski '00** are headed to the Super Bowl. Seattle defeated the Carolina Panthers in the NFC Championship Game on January 22. The Seahawks will now take on the Steelers, with Brown's Sean Morey, Sunday, February 5th for the title. This marks the first Ivy vs. Ivy Super Bowl since 1984.

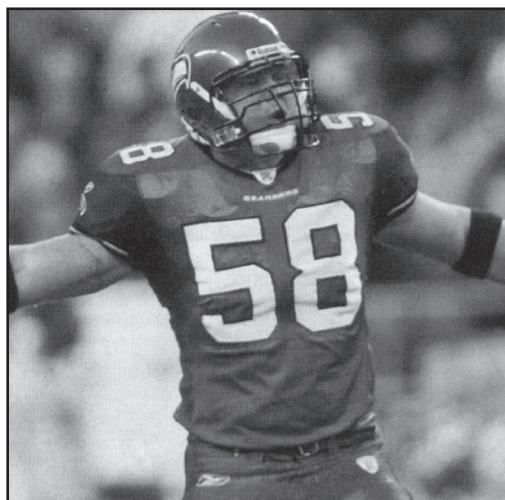
Kacyvenski, whose life story was featured on ESPN on January 16 in a segment by NFL Films, becomes just the third Harvard alum to play in the Super Bowl.

The first was **John Dockery '66**, who

played on the famous Joe Namath-led New York Jets team which won the 1969 classic over Baltimore (a game Namath guaranteed the Jets would win). The last Harvard player in the Super Bowl was **Pat McNally '75**, who played on Super Sunday in 1981 with the Cincinnati Bengals but was on the short end of a loss to the San Francisco 49ers.

Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins defenseman and former Crimson hockey star **Noah Welch '05** has been voted a starter for the PlanetUSA All-Star Team at the 2006 Rbk Hockey American Hockey League All-Star Classic, to be held Feb. 1 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Welch has appeared in all 36 games for the Penguins this season, recording 11 points (four goals, seven assists), 25 penalty minutes and a plus-16 rating. His plus/minus rating is tied for fifth overall in the league, and is tied for second among AHL rookies.

A native of Brighton, MA, Welch played four seasons for the Crimson and was named a first team All-American and first team All-ECACHL last season as team captain. The 6-4, 212-pound defenseman recorded 23 goals and 52 assists for 75 career points. Welch was the Pittsburgh Penguins' second-round choice and the 54th overall pick in the 2001 entry draft.



Isaiah Kacyvenski '00

Photo courtesy of Seattle Seahawks

SAVE THE DATE!

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2006 Varsity Club Hall of Fame Dinner
Harvard Club of Boston, Commonwealth Ave.

Upcoming Friends and Varsity Club Events

February

- 4 HRFWA Friends & Family Day, Bright Hockey Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 4 Women's Basketball Alumnae Luncheon, Game & Dinner, Lavietes Pavilion/Lounge, 1/2:30/8 p.m.
- 4 Wrestling Homecoming Dinner, Dillon Lounge, 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Friends of Rowing Board Luncheon, Harvard Club of Boston, Downtown, 12 p.m.
- 11 Men's Basketball Alumni Game, Lavietes Pavilion, 2:30 p.m.
- 12 Squash Coaches' Court Dedication and Friends/Parents Brunch, Murr Center Hall of History, 9:30 a.m.
- 16 Friends of Lacrosse Boston Reception, Harvard Club of Boston, Downtown, 6-8 p.m.
- 18 Friends of Skiing Day, Williams Winter Carnival

For questions on any event call the Varsity Club at 617-495-3535 or email hvc@fas.harvard.edu

FRANK HAGGERTY '68 TO RETIRE:

Harvard fixture will say goodbye after 31 years

Frank Haggerty, who has served as Harvard's director of men's and women's cross country and track and field since 1982, has announced his retirement from his position, effective June 30.

Haggerty, a 1968 Harvard graduate, is just the ninth person to serve as head coach of the track and field program since the Crimson began formal competition in 1874. He is the first person to oversee both the men's and women's programs at Harvard.

"I thank Frank Haggerty for his years of dedicated service to Harvard, and more importantly, his commitment to the education of generations of Harvard students," said Nichols Family Director of Athletics Bob Scalise. "We wish him nothing but the best in his retirement."

"For 31 years, I have had the privilege of teaching Harvard students," said Haggerty. "I am as proud of our four Rhodes Scholars as I am of those who won championships. The substance and character of those I have tried to serve is what will remain with me as I retire from Harvard."

Harvard's programs have won a combined 10 Ivy League/Heptagonal championships under Haggerty's watch, while the Crimson has also achieved prominence both individually and collectively at the national levels. He has led the Crimson to four Heptagonal titles in women's cross country, two each in women's indoor track and men's indoor track, and one each in women's outdoor track and men's outdoor track.

Haggerty also led Harvard's women's outdoor track program to a pair of top-12 finishes at the NCAA championships,

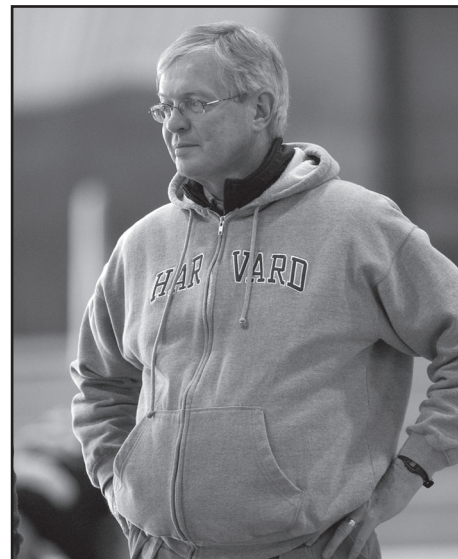
including a ninth-place finish in 1989 that stands as the best performance by an Ivy League school in the championship's history. He led Harvard's women's cross country team to a fourth-place finish at the 1983 NCAA championships and a 13th-place showing in 1984.

Haggerty has seen four of his athletes win a combined six NCAA women's individual championships, including two-time national champions Meredith Rainey '90 (800-meter run) and Dora Gyorffy '01 (high jump) -- a feat even more impressive considering that no other Ivy League school has produced an NCAA women's champion in track and field.

In addition, Haggerty has seen a number of his former athletes compete in the Olympic Games, including Chris Lambert '03 (200-meter dash in 2004), Nick Sweeney '92 (discus in 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2004), Brenda Taylor (400-meter hurdles in 2004), Rainey (800-meter run in 1992 and 1996), and Gyorffy (high jump in 2002 and 2004). Harvard students have achieved All-America status 45 times during Haggerty's tenure.

Most recently, Haggerty has seen two of his athletes from the 2004-05 season achieve success at the national level as Lindsey Scherf '08 set an American junior record in the 10,000-meter run last spring, while Samyr Laine '06 achieved All-America status and set an Ivy League record in the triple jump at the 2005 NCAA men's outdoor championships.

Before taking over as Harvard's head coach, Haggerty had served two stints as an assistant at his alma mater. In addition,



Tim Morse Photo

Coach Frank Haggerty '68

he was a record-setting athlete with the Crimson during his three years of varsity competition. He was a three-time NCAA qualifier in the 440-yard hurdles and a member of Harvard's record-setting mile relay squads in both the indoor and outdoor seasons.

Haggerty was also named an honorary member of the Harvard Varsity Club in 2004. He has been a long-time supporter of the Varsity Club and will remain a member forever!

** Note: There will be a retirement dinner held in Coach Haggerty's honor on **April 22 at 6 p.m.** in the Gordon Track. For more details contact the Varsity Club at (617) 495-3535 or hvc@fas.harvard.edu.

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(Skokie, IL) and sophomore **Geoff Rathgeber** (Kensington, CT) took two individual events each. Cromwell won the 200 free and 100 fly. He and Rathgeber, who won the 100 backstroke and 200 breaststroke, also swam on the winning 200 medley and 200 free relays teams.

Harvard picked up where it left off the next day, winning 11 events, including six

of the last seven, to top league foe Navy, 170-130. It was the first loss for the Midshipmen in 10 dual meets this season. Rathgeber again took two events, the 100-meter breaststroke and 200-meter backstroke to finish up a weekend that garnered him ECAC Swimmer of the Week honors. He was joined as a two-race winner

by senior **Bill Cocks** (Peterborough, ONT) and freshman **Eric Lynch** (San Jose, CA), as Cocks won the 200 fly and 200 breast and Lynch was victorious in the 1,500- and 400-meter freestyles.

Rybalko, facing off with 2005 EISL one- and three-meter diving champ Kevin Teague, placed second to Teague in the three-meter, but only after notching a one-meter win with 327.75 points to Teague's

285.45. With his three weekend wins and one second-place finish, Rybalko was named ECAC Diver of the Week to give Harvard a sweep of all four of the conference's weekly honors.

The Crimson, which has picked up its performance a notch since an upset loss at Columbia ended its winning streak at 12 dual meets, is now 4-1 and 3-1 in league play. Harvard welcomes Brown to Blodgett Pool in its first meet after finals January 27, then hosts HYP February 3-4.

All the success has earned the teams their share of national recognition. In addition to their national rankings by the College Swimming Coaches Association of America, both Harvard teams are ranked No. 1 in CollegeSwimming.com's "mid-major" power rankings. The poll is designed to support and promote institutions that do not benefit from large football and basketball television agreements and includes teams from around the country that provide seven or fewer scholarships.

The Crimson squads will try to make more of a national splash at the NCAA Championships in March, and several athletes are already making arrangements to be in attendance. To make the NCAA meet a swimmer must either make the "A" cut qualifying time to automatically punch a ticket or qualify provisionally with a "B" cut mark, the fastest of which will make up the rest of the NCAA field.

On the men's side, Cromwell, who was an honorable mention All-American in both backstrokes last year, has posted the nation's eighth-best times in those events and also has made the NCAA "B" cut with a time of 48.64 the 100 fly. He and Rathge-

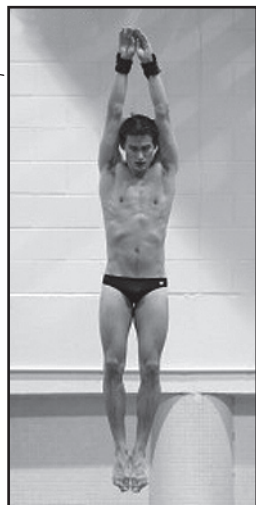
ber lost half of their All-American 800 free and 400 medley relay squads to graduation, but with help from freshman butterfly **Bill Jones** (Fremont, MI) and senior freestyler **Mark Knepley** (Wayne, PA), they have already posted a provisional qualifying mark of 3:17.97 in the 400 medley relay. Rathgeber has also hit the "B" cut with a time of 1:48.75 in the 200 IM.

Bassi, who along with Pangilinan will be trying to repeat as an honorable mention All-American, has made three "B" cuts. She has Division I's No. 9 time of 1:59.01, a school record, in the 200 fly. She also has qualifying times of 4:53.14 in the 500 free and 4:23.24 in the 400 IM. Pangilinan recorded a "B" cut in the 200 breast against Rutgers, and classmate Hart notched a qualifying mark of 2:01.55 in the 200 back. Freshman **Emiley Jellie** (Waterloo, ONT) swam a 16:47.70 to qualify provisionally in 1,650 free.

While the Crimson squads would no doubt love to notch more qualifying times and improve on the marks they have set already, those times will come if they are successful in defending their titles.

"The HYP meet is going to be very interesting with some great head-to-head and team matchups," said Murphy. "Our focus is to go in there and see where we're at and rise to the occasion."

The same could be said of the women's HYP meet, where the teams have combined to take the last five Ivy titles. The men's EISL Championships have been around longer, since 1962, and all but one of those 33 championship teams has been either Harvard, Yale or Princeton.



Danil Rybalko '06

HARVARD IN THE OLYMPICS



On January 21, the Harvard Alumni Association and the Harvard Varsity Club co-hosted an event highlighting Harvard's involvement in the Olympics over the years. Over 100 guests were on hand to listen to various alumni panelists discuss the many aspects involved in running and participating in the Olympics.

*Left: Panelists Bill Cleary '56, Lane MacDonald '88/89, Betsy McCagg '89, A.J. Mleczo '97, John Powers '70 and Paul Wylie '90.
Right: Varsity Club Board Member Theresa Moore '86 and Bonnie St. John '86.*



*Left: Track letterwinner and panelist Brenda Taylor '00, Ed Bursk '54 and panelist Stephen Greyser '56.
Right: Varsity Club Executive Director Bob Glatz '88, Judy Anderson and Varsity Club President Bob Anderson '61.*

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