



Club News



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From Your President

I hope everyone who reads this newsletter appreciates the work being done by our Executive Director, **Dave Diehl**. He has the assistance of **Dotte Warren**, and about 20 volunteers, (M Club Board) who have made the M Club on of the most recognized letter winner organizations in college sports. What do we have? How about our professional web site, which includes BNO (Business Networking Opportunities). If you have a business, let us know. Don't let all of **Dan DeArmas** and **Ralph Lary's** hard work go by the wayside. How about all of the work that **Van Sigworth** puts into Terp Topics and Tidbits (keep the cards and letters coming) and **Russ Edwards'** hard work as the editor of the M Club News. We continue to be advised on all legal matters by our Legal Counsel **Jack Heise** and have a sound financial base due to the hard work of **Marshall Fesche** and **Bob Weiss**. The nice thing about being involved with the M Club is working with great people. All trying to do the same thing---to continue making the M Club the best, and trying to stay in touch with as many letterwinners as we can. Membership grows every week, and we continue to ask for your help in reaching out to your fellow teammates who are not active members.

Jerry Bechtle

Business Networking Opportunities

Business Networking Opportunities (BNO), is a mechanism designed to promote increased business awareness of, interest in, and opportunities for former athletes and supporters of the University of Maryland.

Through the M Club's web site, www.theMclub.org, former athletes and supporters of University of Maryland athletics can look up former teammates, friends and fellow varsity letter winners for business opportunities. We encourage you to utilize fellow former varsity athletes for services and goods needed. Former athletes (who are currently active - dues paying members) are encouraged to list their businesses to promote the goods and services they can provide to fellow members. The \$30 per year M Club membership dues is a small price to pay for this networking opportunity.

Student Athletic Advisory Committee

SAAC, which stands for Student Athletic Advisory Committee, is made up of at least 2 representatives from each team on campus. Meetings are held monthly and many issues are discussed throughout the year for the good of the athletic population here at Maryland. SAAC also runs many programs for the athletes and helps out with several community service projects as well. Some of the programs throughout the year include the annual kickoff picnic to start the year, and speakers to talk with the athletes about issues such as gambling, hazing, sexual assault, and other major topics. The athletes will also begin a new mentoring program where upper classmen will be mentoring the

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SAAC

first year athletes from teams other than their own team. This will help the athletes to get better acclimated to college life and also make new friends within the athletic community. Community service projects include the Midnight Madness Canned Food Drive, TERP reading program, and a new event this year where athletic teams will be working with a children's hospital to talk with the kids and help them out throughout the year. The TERP reading program is one of SAAC's favorites because the athletes really enjoy going out to the area elementary schools to read and spend time with second graders. Also, this year, athletes are trying to support each other throughout the community through spirit games. Each team chooses one game that is a major competition for them and the goal is to have as many athletes from the other teams come out to support the competing team when they need it most. Finally, among many other things that SAAC does, there is also a career night where current athletes get the opportunity to meet possible future employers and look for jobs upon graduation. These are just some of the great things that SAAC and the rest of the athletes are doing throughout the year. All former athletes are invited to events like the spirit games and the canned food drive to show your support for the current athletes. Nobody says it better than the M Club, "Athletes Helping Athletes".

Submitted by Mike Fried

Terp Topics and Tidbits by Van Sigworth



Man, you talk about being close to the coach's heart...The last column mentioned that **Al Bleich** (basketball '57) "is busy with his cardiology practice in Atlanta, Ga,"....but what we didn't mention is that **Coach and Mrs. Bud Milliken** are among his many patients and that Bud and Maxine recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.Following the funeral of President Ronald Reagan, **Dan DeArmas** (football '91) "thought this might be a good time to share this with you." Dan writes, "I doubt anyone questions the greatness of Ronald Reagan, the President. I think the following is proof of the greatness of Ronald Reagan, the man. His acknowledgement forever changed my life." After a photo of Dan kicking a game-winning field goal in 1990 appeared in the WASHINGTON POST, President Reagan sent Dan the following. "This is just a note to congratulate you on your game-winning field goal Saturday. I could tell from the picture...what a special moment it was for you, which brought back many fond memories of my college football days...I was a guard on the Eureka College team - a right guard - and believe it or not, I kicked field goals too. In my day, we played both offense and defense. I had a wonderful coach who taught me many important lessons about life on and off the gridiron. Even though I majored in economics at Eureka, my

first love was football. I have no regrets about that, but I've often wondered how far I could have gone had I put my studies first!...If you ever get to Los Angeles, do drop by for a visit." (The president gave Dan a private name and phone number to make arrangements). The president concluded, "In the meantime, continued good luck and win one for the Gipper!" President Reagan also sent a framed photo from his football kicking days with the inscription, "To Dan DeArmas - Does this look right?"..... Dan took President Reagan's advice to heart. He was recently promoted to Director of Marketing for the nationwide Comsys Corp. and is the M Club's Web Master. He and **Ralph Larry** (football '80) are the co-Chairs of our combined Technology/Career Development Committee, which, earlier this year, turned on the switch to make our new BNO (Business Networking Opportunities) live and on-line. You can log onto www.theMclub.org and follow the directions under the Career Development Section, which will allow you to share your business information and promote some business opportunities with former teammates and other M Clubbers. Our website currently receives almost 4000 visits per month....We all know Ralph Larry was a tough football player, as is his son. But those tough genes came from the real athlete in the Larry family, his 70 yr. old mom, Audry, of Frederick, Md. who recently leaped 26-6.50 to set a world triple jump record for her age bracket at the USA Masters Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Decatur, Ill. Mrs. Larry was also number one in the 100m dash. A super M Club congrats to an outstanding lady..... Seventy-four yr. old **Pete Augsburger** (football, track '52), has won 15 Ohio Senior Olympic titles in his age bracket in the outdoor shot put and is ranked fourth nationally. He has qualified for the Pittsburgh's Summer National Senior Games (NSG) in June 2005. His wife of nine years, Nancy - whom he met at a Senior Olympics, is his coach and biggest supporter. What does Pete do with all those gold medals? He gives them to his 17 grandchildren. Pete is a lifetime M Club member "and proud to be a Terp"....When he is on dry land down in Santa Fe, New Mexico **Dave Dodge** (swimming '69) makes French & French Fine Properties look good. But back in the pool he was a gold medalist in the 200 meter backstroke at the 2003 National Senior Olympics, and qualified at the New Mexico Senior Olympics in Las Cruces in August for the 55-59 age group for eight different events at the NSG's in Pittsburgh next June.....**Lindsay Basalyga** (wsoc '99) is the Assistant Women's Soccer Coach at the Univ. of Toledo.....His ribs have healed. He's the number one accurate driver on the PGA Tour, has earned \$1.4 million this year and was a Ryder Cup Team member. But get this. Have you ever noticed that **Fred Funk** (golf '80, coach '82 - '88) is a U. S. Army General **Tommy Franks** look alike? OK, we know Fred is only 5'8".....Congrats to our M

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Terp Topics and Tidbits by Van Sigworth

Club President **Jerry Bechtle** (basketball '60) for his induction into the Elizabeth, N. J. Sports Hall of Fame. This is a very prominent Hall of Fame loaded with nationally recognized greats.... "So finally, the nest is empty" laments **Johnny Holliday** (our terrific Voice of the Terps). Johnny and "the beautiful Mary Clare" bid adieu to youngest daughter Moira as she married Robert McCarthy at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in D. C. July 10th. Robert is in sales for Bonneville Radio which owns WTOP, WGMS and Z-104; while Moira is with Discovery International Television. So the family is connected. Oh yes, congrats to dad for his selection into the Radio Television Broadcasters Hall of Fame, and closer to home, for his selection to narrate the video commemoration the Jim Henson project unveiling the Henson statue at Maryland....Also, congrats to poppa **Mike Settles** (football '95) and wife Teresa who produced baby girl Gabrielle Victoria last June 17.....**Jasmina Perazic** (wbasketball '83 All-America) is the new girls basketball coach at Bullis School, Silver Spring, Md. Jasmina played in the '80 and '84 Olympics for her native Yugoslavia and has worked as a sports agent for more than 30 foreign-born athletes.....**Alan Pastrana** (football, lacrosse All-Amer. '69) is a Certified Master Therapist and an Associate Professor in Health/Physical Educ. at Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold, Md., while wife Dianne is a teacher at St. Martins Lutheran Middle School. Daughter Shannon teaches with mom. It's all in the family...Tammy Guevara Fesche, the beautiful wife of our M Club Treasurer, **Dr. Marshall Fesche** (lacrosse '67) was selected as one of Maryland's Top 100 Women. She is the founder and Exec. Dir. of Ecuadent Inc., which features a group of volunteers (including Marshall) to help poor and orphaned children with surgical and dental care in her native Ecuador. Tammy's team sees at least 100 children for surgery (from facial deformity to burns) each trip and treats about 1,000 each year. Meanwhile, Marshall maintains a dental practice in Lutherville, Md.....Where are they now? **Don Van Reenan**, (football, track '63) hasn't changed a bit. He says he's "semi-retired" (builds bases for super-big towers out of Hagerstown, Md.). He and Carol have three boys "who are very good athletes" and three "grand babies".....**Dave Crossan** (football '62) and wife Nancy live in Stevensville, Md. Their three kids produced five grandchildren. Dave played for the Redskins 1965-69.....**Joe Mona** (football '63) is a custom homebuilder residing in Accokeek, Md. The Mona' marriage has produced four children and ten grandchildren.....**Dan Piper** (football '62) has been married to Catherine for 37 years resulting in three children and three grandchildren. Dan retired as a Special Agent/Senior Analyst-IRS Criminal Investigation Contractor with U.S. Dept. of State....**Bill Kirchiro** (football '61) is a Real Estate Broker in Takoma Pk., Md., has three children, played for the Baltimore Colts and plays a lotta golf.....**Ed Vereb** (football '55), after life with the Washington Redskins, has retired from his dental practice in Bowie, Md. His grandson will be playing Terp soccer on a full athletic scholarship....We began this column with the Gipper. Now, let's take a look at the Glipper. He is **Donald M. Goldstein, Ph.D.** (track '54) who is currently a Professor of Public and International Affairs at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh. Back in Terp town we called him Glip when he was one good and gutsy miler and a beloved campus character. Since then Glip has authored or co-authored over 50 articles and 21 books. His most famous is At Dawn We Slept: The Untold Story of Pearl Harbor, which is in its 20th printing. He is still an unusual character. Check out his web page www.Pitt.Edu/-Goldy/ and you'll see what I mean. He and wife Mariann have four children and reside in Upper St. Clair, Pa....Unfortunately we must report the following.....**Matt Meyer** (wrestling '90) passed away on August 30th. He had been battling brain cancer for the last few years. He is survived by his wife, Doris, and two sons, Matt Jr. (5) and John (3). They reside at 35 Constitution Dr., Shrewsbury, N. J.....**Tommy Lee (T.L.) Miller** (football '72) lost his battle with cancer on Aug. 24. He was a football coach at Reading High School (Pa.) and was recently inducted into the Berks County Football Coaches Hall of Fame, along with Lenny Moore. He is survived by his wife, Jane, and three sons; Michael Hobart, James Lee and T. L. Jr. Thank you Gloria Friedgen for passing this on to us....**Jim Halleck** (basketball '60) will be posthumously inducted into the Elizabeth, New Jersey Sports Hall of Fame. Jim passed away on April 1, 2003 from lung cancer....Next column... The amazing **Milt Mathews**, miltmathews@umd.edu or 609-898-4430, and his outstanding quest to return Md. to track prominence... Contact him, now!...The **Charlie Wysocki** story...**Ed Bailor**...And maybe you.....

Van Sigworth

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Willette Dority—VOLLEY

TDB—MTEN

Liz Henkin—WTEN

Logan Schutz—MTRAC

Maureen Dupcak—WLAX

Scott Buete—MSOC

Amy Wenhold—WSWIM

TBD—BASE

Russ Edwards—FOOT

Bryan Borda—MGOLF

Sarah Bedford—WGOLF

Nicole L. Campbell—GYMN

TBD—SOFT

AT-LARGE

Bob Stumpff—WRES

Tony Santy—FOOT

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Ralph Lary—FOOT

Bob Weiss—BASE

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