



# Club News



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## From Your President

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In January of this year, I had the pleasure of attending a dinner honoring those women who played a varsity-level schedule before being recognized by the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. They were presented with the long-overdue varsity M and inducted into the M Club. I sensed a great deal of pride in every one of those athletes. It was a great way to start the New Year. I'm sure it was a night they will not forget, As the President of the M Club, I say again "Welcome" for an honor that was long over due.

**Jerry Bechtle**

## Notes and Events

ATTENTION ALL ALUMNI! If you have an email address and would like to receive the monthly electronic Newsletter and have your address on the web site for networking with former teammates, please send your email address to **Dave Diehl** at [ddiehl@umd.edu](mailto:ddiehl@umd.edu).

TRACK ALUMNI! If you have an email address and would like to be on the "Maryland Track Network," contact **Milt Matthews** ' 67 at: [miltmatthews@aol.com](mailto:miltmatthews@aol.com)  
It's free and you'll get the Terps' latest meet results along with information on track team reunions.

PRESIDENT'S CUP – The annual President's Cup/M Club Awards Brunch will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2005, at the Inn & Conference Center beginning at 10 am (finished by noon). In addition to the awards for individual and team academic achievement and community service, the annual M Club awards will also be presented. For the cost of the meal (only \$24.50 per person) you can attend and support the M Club and meet some of the outstanding athletes and coaches. RSVP to **Dotti Warren** at 301-314-7020 by April 18<sup>th</sup>. Your support is appreciated.

M CLUB/CRONIN GOLF – Don't forget to sign up for the annual M Club/Cronin Golf Tournament scheduled for Wednesday, June 8, 2005. As an active (dues paying) member the cost will only be \$59 (\$89 for all others). If you don't receive the brochure, you can send your check along with your age and handicap to: M Club Foundation, PO Box 295, College park, MD 20741. We hope all you golfers will join us for an fun afternoon of golf and a good evening meal with the award presentations.

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## Terp Topics and Tidbits by Van Sigworth



It's a fact. Thanks to the astute and dedicated leadership of our Executive Director **Dave Diehl** (swimming '63) and your camaraderie, concern and membership, the M Club is one of the finest, if not the best, athletic alumni organizations in America. So let's see why and roll up our sleeves and take a few more M Club glimpses at life after College Park.....Infielder **Tom Bichy** (baseball '65) helped the Terps capture their first ACC title. This was a small foretaste of an amazing future. In July Tom will retire as Montgomery County-Rockville CC athletic director, professor of physical education, health and athletics and soccer coach. Yes soccer. He's leaving as "one of the most decorated and successful coaches to ever grace the junior college ranks." During his nearly 40 years at MC-Rockville he compiled an astounding 471 victories, the most by any coach in National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) history! And all of this was within a sport he had never played, much less coached. He started as the assistant baseball coach and was the women's

tennis coach for ten years. He was inducted into the Frederick County Sports Hall of Fame in 1997 and the NJCAA Region XX Hall of Fame in 2002. He has coached 47 All-American soccer players...Not bad for an ol' Terp infielder....Attention all you winter couch potatoes. You can thank **Dean Beman** (golf '56) who, as PGA commissioner, developed the Tournament Players Club network, the Players Championship and the Tour Championship.....Big **Sam Battaglia** (football '67) had a heart problem in early Jan. They put in a stent and he's recouping at home for three months. The ol' fullback's e Mail is sbattaglia48@yahoo.com.....**Milt Mathews** (track '68) is committed to "getting our track programs back to the way they were." Milt has made a personal financial commitment to the "Fear the Turtle" campaign and has made it a personal goal to connect our great new track coach **Andrew Valmon** with a powerful network of supporters. So far the "Fear the Turtle" campaign has generated 3.7 new men's scholarships. In addition, the Kehoe guys are pooling pledges for a scholarship to honor "the Ace." Milt retired as a Vice President after a 30-year career with the Hershey Foods Corporation. Before that, he served for five years in the United States Marine Corps, achieving the rank of Captain. Terp Basketball Coach **Gary Williams** (basketball '67) says, "Milt has a lot of pride in the school, and he wears it on his sleeve.".....He was another one of Jim Kehoe's smooth running half-milers. So what happened to **Al Buehler** (track '52)? On Oct. 26, 2004 Durham, N. C. Mayor Bill Bell issued a proclamation declaring that date to be "Albert George Buehler Day". Al retired as Duke University track coach in 2000 and was named track coach emeritus. He remains as head of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Dept. after being a 50-year member of the Duke community. He was elected president of the NCAA Track and Field Coaches Association in 1970 and served on the NCAA rules committee for many years including six as chairman. Al was also an official with five U. S. Olympic teams, including head track and field manager of the team that represented this country in the 1988 Seoul Olympics. And he looks just as sharp today as when he tore-up the track for the Terps with that graceful stride.....**Greg "Fly" Robertson** (track '80) looks great, plus a few pounds, since he tore up the track at Byrd. Fly has been with the Prince Georges County Dept. of Recreation for the past 23 years where he oversees the Sugar Ray Boxing Center and the Boys and Girls Clubs and Adult Programs.....Former Terp track and field athletes are doing quite well in the national Masters programs.....**Vince Struble** (track '72) holds the world record in the Men's Pole Vault, age 50 - 54 at 14' 2" and is rated # 1 in the world.....Former Kehoe javelin thrower **Russ White** (track '65) is ranked second in the U. S. and seventh in the world in the age 55 - 59 bracket with a toss of 167.5'.....And two former Kehoe speedsters, **Dennis Duffy** (track) and **Ramsay Thomas** (track) are members of the world record 4 x 800 meter relay team in the 50 - 59 bracket .....Legendary **Frank Costello** (track '68) has returned to Terp town as a volunteer assistant coach to help our high jumpers and hurdlers (remember he recruited and coached our world premier hurdler "Skeets" Nehemiah). Frank was a two-time national champion and NCAA Coach of the Year with the Terps (1975 - 80) and he was the head coach of the U. S. National Indoor Team. Frank also headed our strength and conditioning program and later served in the same capacity for the Washington Capitals Ice Hockey team.....Former Terp high jumper **Heather Houston** (track '04) will serve as an intern for Terp women.....Hey, **Nick Kovalakides** (track '61 and head coach '69 - '74) has written a 250-page book entitled, "Men's Track and Field at the University of Maryland - Its First 101 Years (1894 - 1994). Along with meet results, it names 790 Terp trackmen, many of whom provided Nick with funny and poignant off-the-track stories and "confessions" of after-hours antics and stunts pulled in Ritchie Coliseum and on bus trips. The book also describes how track scholarships fluctuated over the years, how the team survived not having a track for three years and how track was almost dropped as a varsity sport. Since he is having it printed and bound himself, Nick is taking orders at

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\$40 per book, which includes postage/handling. For details, contact Nick at nkovalakides@aol.com or order your book by mailing a check (payable to Nick Kovalakides) to him at 8804 Stonehaven Court, Potomac, MD 20854-3632. Deadline: Orders must be postmarked no later than May 18, 2005. In case he has to contact you, include your email address. Questions? Call Nick at 301-299-5422. ....Question...Is there a Terp trackman older than **Warren Evans**, age 92, class of '36 (track, soccer, basketball '36)? I say no.....If you're trying to find **Meghan White** (track/xc '01) her last name is now Hughes. Meghan married an Army Chinook helicopter pilot and is a bank teller in Giebelstadt, Germany. She plans to go for her masters in exercise physiology and completed a half marathon in Salzburg, Austria and was planning on running in the Frankfurt Marathon.....You can find **Eve (Lerner) Sheridan (track/xc '01)** in Broomfield, Colorado where she works as a senior account executive for Young & Associates public relations firm and competes in local running and triathlon events.....M Clubber **Dawn (Peterson) Coster** (track '83) has been in sales for 18 years up in western Md. with her husband and two kids. She is also the National Account Manager to the Military selling DNA instrumentation that detects biological agents.....**Walter Rock** (football '62) married Alice Kennedy-Studer last July in Omaha, Neb. Walt played NFL football with the San Francisco 49ers and the Washington Redskins and is the owner of Door System, Inc. in Woodbridge, VA.....Terp punter **Brooks Barnard** (football '03) signed a two-year contract with the NFL Green Bay Packers.....What happens to once-in-a-lifetime record setting football players? Quarterback **Frank Reich** (football '84) took the Terps to the biggest comeback in major college football from a 31 - 0 deficit to a 42 - 40 win over Miami in the Orange Bowl and later led the greatest comeback in NFL history when he dug the Buffalo Bills out of a 35 - 3 hole to a 41 - 38 wildcard playoff victory over Houston. Today Mr. Reich is the President of the Reform Theological Seminary in Charlotte, N,C,.....Attention all you football players who played for **Tom Nugent** (1959 - 66) and **Lou Saban** (1966). There's going to be a 40-year reunion. **George Stem** (football '65) and **Matt Arbutina** (football '65) are co-chairing the Planning Committee. **John Kenny** (football '65) and **Tony Santy** (football '67) are the Co-Chairs for Outreach and Publicity. All activities are being coordinated with the M Club office and the Md. Gridiron Network, working with **Coach Ralph Freidgen**.....We are saddened to have to report the death of Thomas **Price Broumel** (football '59) who died at age 65 from a sudden heart attack after the Md./Wake Forest football game. He was a former Bel Air, Md. police chief, town commissioner and deputy commander of the Harford County Sheriff's Office.....**John Samuel Peurach** (football '36) recently passed away in Southfield, Michigan. He earned the bronze star and combat infantry badge in World War II as a lieutenant in the European Theater. He retired from the Chrysler Corp. as a Plant Manager in 1984.....**Jefferson D. Keith** (football '53) died on Jan. 24 of a massive stroke and heart attack in Scottsdale, Arizona. He was an executive vice-president of the American Metal Stamping Association and later the executive vice president of the American Tire Association. He was also Chairman of the Board of the American Society of Association Executives.....And finally we are saddened to report the death of a gentleman some of you remember with a bit of nostalgia. **Richard F. Hanson**, a well known small bore and high power rifle competitor from Iowa passed away at the age of 88 in Punta Gordo, FL, Hanson was varsity coach of the Maryland Rifle Team in the early 1950's when the team was a national champion and perennial powerhouse with such members as Md. Hall of Fame member and Olympic gold medalist **Arthur Cook**.....

Van Sigworth

## SPORTS REPRESENTATIVES

Mary Barnes—WBBALL

Gerald Bechtle—MBBALL

Maureen Musselman—SPIRT

Emily Pieplow—COMP. CHEER

Chuck Wight—MSWIM

Marjorie Bollinger—  
WTRAC/WCC

Tom Fields—MCC

Carla Tagliente—WFH

Ed Gregory—MLAX

Steve Hayleck—WRES

Willette Dority—VOLLEY

Danny Cantwell—MTEN

Liz Henkin—WTEN

Logan Schutz—MTRAC

Maureen Dupcak—WLAX

TBD—MSOC

Katy Headman—WSWIM

Dan McGuire—BASE

Jamie Wu—FOOT

Bryan Borda—MGOLF

Sarah Bedford—WGOLF

TBD—GYMN

TBD—SOFT

## AT-LARGE

Bob Stumpff—WRES

Tony Santy—FOOT

Connie Carpenter— MBBALL

Ralph Lary—FOOT

Bob Weiss—BASE

Jim Sandwisch—FOOT

Russ Edwards—FOOT



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## M Club Membership Form

Please renew your membership for the calendar year 2005

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*(Please complete all of the requested information so that the M Club files can be brought up-to-date)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_; Sport(s) Participation Year(s) : \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address/City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_; Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_; Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your annual dues to the M Club help fund our scholarships and special athletic department activities for the student athletes.**

My dues payment of: \$\_\_\_\_ is enclosed: \$30 (current membership);  
\$30 sustaining fee appreciated (original life members only)

Membership Type:  Letterwinner;  Associate;  Honorary;  Life (sustaining fee)

I desire to pay by \_\_\_\_\_ check (enclosed); or charge the amount to my credit card  VISA  Mastercard

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