



# Club News



## Summer 2005

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## From Your President

I would like to think that all of us in the M Club are very proud of our organization. We have a long and honored tradition. I continue to stress that we need to reach out to our former teammates and have those who are not active members become active. I ask each of you reading this edition, to reach out to an old teammate, ask them if they are an active member. If they are not encourage them to become active. We are truly blessed with the excellent leadership of Dave Diehl who continues to keep us on the right track and works his butt off keeping this great organization alive and well. Van Sigworth has brought back the old "Voice of the Turtle" back to life. It is now known as "Terp Topics and Tidbits". Please keep those cards and letter coming. Isn't that what it is all about? STAYING IN TOUCH.

**Jerry Bechtle**

## Notes and Events

### RODMAN "MEMORIAL" GOLF TOURNAMENT

Please be on the lookout for information regarding the 32nd Annual M Club/Rodman's Memorial Golf Tournament to be held at the University of Maryland Golf Course on Tuesday, September 13, 2005. Please come and help us honor the memory of Leonard Rodman and provide support for our outstanding student athletes while enjoying a great day of golf. Morning and afternoon sessions are available. This is the largest of the M Club fund raising events to help provide scholarship money and support to deserving student athletes. Terrapin Club members are welcome to join the M Club for this great event. Please Call Dotti Warren at 301-314-7020 or David Diehl at 301-314-5372 for entry information or check out our web site [www.themclub.org](http://www.themclub.org) (the informational brochure should be on the M Club web site by early July) if you have not received an invitation.

### FOOTBALL REUNION, 1955 UNDEFEATED TEAM

**(September 9-10, 2005)** The M Club plans to honor the members of the 1955 team which went undefeated during the regular season before losing to Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl. The team was ACC co-champions and ranked number 3 in the nation. The team members can play golf on Friday afternoon followed by a dinner Friday evening in the stadium press box (Tyser Tower). We will recognize and honor the team on the field of the Maryland vs. Clemson game on Saturday. Please contact the M Club (Dotti Warren) if you have not received the information.

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## Notes and Events

### MARYLAND GAME PLAN

The 2005 edition of the Maryland Game Plan (Resume Book) is now available in hard copy or on the M Club web site ([www.themclub.org](http://www.themclub.org)) under the Career Development section. Please check it out and help a former Maryland student athlete with employment opportunities if you are in a position to do so.

### HALL OF FAME DINNER

This year's Hall of Fame Induction Dinner will be held on Friday, September 30, 2005. Being inducted are **Joe Blair** (deceased), **Paul McNeil**, **Deanna Tate**, **Jessica Wilk**, **Tom Cosgrove**, and **Walt Williams**. Further information and the invitations will be sent later this Summer. Please mark your calendar.

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## Terp Topics and Tidbits by Van Sigworth



A little Terp magic always pops up in this column. You see a name and the memories click in. For instance I received a nostalgic note from **Tony Miller** (track '54). "You might not remember me, it's been so long since we ran together as freshmen. I thoroughly enjoy your Topics and Tidbits. We've been living in California since 1977 but when I read your articles it seems like yesterday.".....Yep Tony those yesterdays were the beginning of a beautiful bond and the M Club is the glue that keeps us together. So let's reach out and touch someone.....For instance **Dick Bittner** (football '55) wrote that he received a "surprise call at home in Ft. Myers, FL. from **Jack Davis** (football '55). He drove down from his home in Palm Harbor and we had a wonderful time at Legends Golf & Country Club. I hadn't seen him in forty-eight years and now we keep in touch regularly. In Feb. I got another surprise call from **Paul Nestor**, DDS. in Tampa. He invited me to join his '52 team mates and other Tatum-era boys at his home...Our Florida

connection to the Terrapins is really growing." Dick will be joining such team mates as **Don Healy**, **Al Wharton**, and **Ed Heuring** for a College Park 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion this fall, at College Park, for that great 10 - 0 Terp team. Forget the Orange Bowl. But it did help pay for the golf course. Incidentally, Mr. Bittner adds, "I've paid M Club dues for 36 consecutive years."..... USMC Brigadier General **Chris Cowdrey** (football, lacrosse '72) writes from Thailand, "Go Terps...I am currently the Commanding General for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division located in Okinawa, Japan. We deploy throughout the Pacific...Did my last tour in the Middle East in 2003. Moved over here in June 2004. Donna is here with me and she loves the Far East. Gen. Cowdrey adds, "I try to follow the Terps over here but it is difficult" and adds, "Thanks for keeping our men and women in uniform in your thoughts and prayers. Semper Fi." Chris also included his M Club dues with his above excerpted correspondence to our own Dotti Warren at the M Club office.....I've just returned from Arlington Cemetery where I said goodbye to an old friend. He was the only player in college history to earn first team All-America honors as both an offensive and defensive player. **Bob Ward** (football, track '51) died on May 1 at the home of his son Robert in Laytonsville, Md. from complications related to Alzheimer's disease. Bob was 77 years old. You read about his son Kelly in a previous column where we proudly announced that he too was an All American (wrestler) at Iowa State. It must have been in the genes. When Tatum first saw this 185 guard he screamed, "You're too small". The ex-army paratrooper firmly responded, "I'll show you". And he did. He showed the world that he was very, very aggressive. He was chosen for 20 separate All American teams. Bob is also survived by another son, James, and daughter Kathleen who returned from Thailand for the funeral.....**Mary Gray Colby**, the wife of that grand ol' Terp Athletic Director **Bill Colby** of yesteryear died recently. Funeral services were held at our university chapel. It should be noted that Mrs. Colby donated her home to the University of Maryland. The Colby's had seven children.....Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Hotsy, Miriam, Benny** and wife **Therese Alperstein** regarding the sudden death of Hotsy and Miriam's son **Mark** on May 8. Benny was Mark's Godfather. You read about these amazing Distinguished Citizens Hotsy and Benny in our last column.....The son of Italian immigrants **Salvatore Aquia** (wrestling '03) was killed while riding as a

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passenger on Md. I-795 in the early hours of March 25. Many remember him as the "Superman" Terp wrestler.....**Sabrina Curow Salam** (field hockey '93) was involved in a fatal car accident on April 14. Her husband Kevin Michael Curow and 10-month-old son Sean Alexander survive her. She graduated summa cum laude and earned her Ph.D. in Organizational Behavior at the R.H. Smith School of Business in College Park. She was employed by Monitor's in Frankfort, Germany and later in Cambridge, Mass.....We've also have been informed that **Melvin Leonberger** (track '41) passed away last December.....But our lives continue. For instance, **Saul M. Honigsberg** (Rifle Team '58) is the retired Associate of Facilities and Finance for the Montgomery County Dept. of Recreation and has written his memoirs entitled Reflections of a Lifetime. A portion of his book deals with his experience shooting on Maryland's Rifle Team against the Naval Academy, Coast Guard Academy and the U. S. Military Academy. It may be ordered on line at Amazon.com. We are invited to visit his web site at [www.publishedauthors.net/saulhonigsberg](http://www.publishedauthors.net/saulhonigsberg).....Speaking of Terp authors...**Nick Kovalakide's** (track '61 and head coach '69 - '74) book about the first 101 of Md. track history has taken-off pretty well. Nearly 100 copies were snapped-up just like that and still counting.....After playing for a record 12 NBA and three European teams Frequent Flier **Tony Massenburg** (basketball '90) has a new business address. It is now the San Antonio Spurs, SBC Center, One SBC Center, San Antonio, Texas 78219. Tony says, "This is where I could see myself settling down.".....**Monte Hinkle** (football '74) is a certified financial planner with Lincoln Financial Advisors down in Dallas, Texas and claims he is only six to eight pounds over his playing weight and "is still single".....**Lisa (Degrechie) Osher** (track '01) is teaching second grade at Georgian Forest Elem. School and going for her Masters at Trinity Univ. in Washington D.C. in education in teaching ESOL and living the good life with her husband, whom she married back in Feb. 04 and can't run these days thanks to a right ankle/tibia injury but hopes to soon.....**Keri (Sether) Phillips** (cross county, track '01) was an English teacher and headed the Drama Club at Silver Spring (Md.) International Middle School. She has since moved to Philadelphia, Pa. to teach high school English at a charter school. Yep, she married Terp athlete **Andrew Phillips** back in Aug. 03..... Flashy midfielder and Academic All American **Domenic Mediate** (soccer '04) was happily surprised when he flicked on the TV and discovered he was the second pick made by the Columbus Crew, and the 23<sup>rd</sup> selection overall, in the MLS draft.....**Ron Hoch** (soccer '65) and **Jim Dill** (soccer '64) were deservedly inducted into the Mercer County New Jersey Soccer Hall of Fame this May. You see, these two captained the Trenton New Jersey Junior College to a national title. Then they came to Terp Town and helped the Terps win two ACC titles. Hoch was also our Assistant Coach in '68 when we won the national title. After a 29-year career with the Secret Service Hoch is now a security specialist with the State Department and lives in Langhorne, Pa. Dill came from his home in Las Vegas, Nev. to attend the Hall of Fame festivities.....Next column...The Amazing Duey Graham...Texas Hold-Em Ralph Larry...Dave Dodge's New Mexico buzz...Where are the Boinis brothers?...

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

Membership card reminders will be in the mail shortly

*(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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