
“M” CLUB

The “M” Club has been a fixture on the UM athletic scene since 1932, some 75 years ago. In 1957, on its 25th anniversary, the club was honored at the annual Homecoming Luncheon. Herbert W. Carey '22, then president of the General Alumni Association, spoke about the “M” Club before several hundred alumni at the annual Homecoming luncheon in Memorial Gymnasium. Here’s what he had to say...

“It was at Homecoming, just 25 years ago this month, that an alumni organization which has played a vital role in University athletics, got its start. At the 1932 Homecoming, Ted Curtis '23 (Faculty Manager of Athletics), Charlie Crossland '17 (GAA Secretary), and Maynard “Blondie” Hincks '32 (Assistant Football Coach), formulated plans for the organization of alumni who had won the coveted major “M”.

“One hundred and two wearers of the “M” were present for the first meeting of the new Graduate “M” Club in 1932. Each year at Homecoming since that time, Graduate “M” Club members have met to renew acquaintances, to learn of new University athletic developments, and enjoy a social evening together.

“Not content to limit its activities to the semi-social annual meeting, the club for many years has supplied generous scholarship funds to the University. Yes, these 25 years have been a period of real service to the University on the part of the “M” Club, and we are pleased indeed that today we can pay a well-deserved tribute to the club and its individual members.

“Gathered at the tables throughout this hall are men from many classes, all joined together in the common bond as ‘wearers of the M’. We salute you, and thank you for your undergraduate athletic accomplishments, and also for the loyal interest you have shown since that day you left the University.

“This is your day. We are delighted that you are here and hope you thoroughly enjoy all Homecoming activities,” Carey said in conclusion.

(Note...Arthur A. Hauck, President of the University for 24 years, spoke following Mr. Carey’s remarks and said that the ’57 Homecoming luncheon would be the last time he would address Maine’s alumni. He retired on the date of his 65th birthday, Feb. 10, 1958. Charles Crossland, one of the founders of the Graduate “M” Club, was named acting president after Dr. Hauck’s departure.

PRESIDENTS OF THE “M” CLUB

1932-33	Horace J. Cook '10	1963-64	Milford F. Cohen '41
1933-34	Philip A. Jones '19	1964-65	Verne C. Beverly '20
1934-35	Richard F. Talbot '07	1965-66	Larry K. Mahaney '51
1935-36	Royal G. Higgins, Jr. '17	1966-67	Albert H. Smaha '45
1936-37	Stephen R. Buzzell '20	1967-68	Ernest J. Riedman '38
1937-39	Norman H. Mayo '09	1968-70	Robert D. Whytock '52
1939-40	Philip R. Hussey '12	1970-72	Donald T. Sturgeon '61
1940-41	Joseph R. Hamlin '38	1972-74	Henry K. Woodbrey '53
1941-42	Alfred B. Lingley '20	1974-75	Sam Sezak '31
1942-43	Moses Nanigan '28	1975-78	Joseph L. Ferris '66
1943-45	-----no meetings-----	1979-80	Willard C. Farnham '60
1945-47	Stephen R. Buzzell '20	1980-82	Dennis A. Libbey '73
1947-49	George S. Ginsberg '21	1982-86	Bert L. Pratt, Jr. '43
1949-52	John W. Moran '30	1986-88	Gerald C. Ellis '64
1952-53	Thomas L. Dickson '27	1988-90	James O. Ballinger '66
1953-55	Lewis H. Kriger '16	1990-92	Norman J. Viger '65
1955-56	Harold M. Woodbury '36	1992-94	Rudy Cosenze '55
1956-58	George W. Sullivan '18	1994-96	Dominick F. Susi II '72
1959-60	Carl F. Brugge '18	1996-02	Keith C. Mahaney '57
1960-62	Carlton W. Merritt '24	2002-05	Norinne H. Daly '59
1962-63	Herbert A. Leonard '39	2005-07	Matthew G. Dunlap '87

“M” CLUB \$\$\$ AT WORK

Dues paid each year by “M” men and women are used to support a number of athletically-related events and projects. Current programs which receive “M” Club monies are shown here.

**Senior Night Banquet and Team Banquets
Dean Smith Awards
Support of Tournaments, Meets, and Related Events
Alumni Meetings and Dinners
University of Maine Hall of Fame
Scholar-Athlete Program
Honorary “M” Induction Ceremony and Luncheon
Sam Sezak Academic Center
“M” Club Scholarship Fund
Buchanan Alumni House**

2006-07 Officers

President	Matt Dunlap '87
Vice President	Dean Smith '90
Secretary	Alan Gray (Hon.)
Trasurer	Gerry Ellis '64

2006-07 Directors

Jim Ballinger '66	Jen Smart Gavett '88
Skip Chappelle '62	Dennis Libby '73
Will Farnham '60	Keith Mahaney '57
Joe Ferris '66	Kerry Brothers Smart '93



MR. AND MRS. “M” CLUB

One could not find two people who contributed more to the success of the “M” Club and University of Maine athletics in general over a period of more than 60 years than Ethel and Sam Sezak. They worked tirelessly over many years on every “M” Club project, attended every meeting, and personified the Maine spirit. Sam served as “M” Club president in 1975. At one point the “M” Club purchased personal license plates for their car, appropriately titled “M” Club. The Athletic Department, upon Sam’s passing in 1989, named the student study lounge in Memorial Gymnasium in his honor. And the Department’s extensive program of youth summer sports camps are now called the Sam Sezak Summer Sports Camps.

Sam, whose coaching record at Maine over 25 years was 472 wins, only 180 losses and 11 ties, received the General Alumni Association’s Black Bear Award in 1970. He was inducted into both the State of Maine Hall of Fame and the UM Hall of Fame. He received awards for his physical fitness programs from many organizations, including the Maine Legislature, the Peace Corps, Maine Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation and the Maine State Junior Chamber of Commerce. Sam and Ethel were co-presidents of the Class of 1931 and enjoyed the friendship of literally thousands of Maine alumni throughout the world. This wonderful couple is gone now, but memories of their contributions will never be forgotten by all who knew them.

HONORARY MEMBERS

M Club officers, in 1957, instituted a program of offering honorary memberships to individuals who have contributed time and service to the University's athletic programs or M Club projects. As of the spring of 2007, some 307 individuals have been so honored.

Aceto, Tom	Cole, Galen	Gooch, Frank Jr.	Lick, Marilyn
Adams, John Jr.	Cole, Tom	Goode, Earsel	Light, Tammy
Agrusa, Regina	Coombs, John	Gould, Steve	Linder, Paula
Alfond, Harold	Corbin, Roy	Gran, Tracy Jr.	Lord, Hugh
Allen, Kenneth	Cosenze, Rudy	Grant, Judson Jr.	Lovett, George
Allen, Lee	Cosgrove, John Sr.	Graves, Bob	Lowell, Don
Anderson, Janet	Cota, Don	Gray, Alan	Lowery, Lee
Archambault, John	Cota, Ray	Gray, Wes	Lucy, Bill
Averill, Joni	Coupe, John	Grondin, Jean	Lutz, Evelyn
Averill, Bob	Coutts, Steve	Hackett, Ed Jr.	MacMillan, Stan
Baeza, Maria	Covell, Bob	Hale, George	Macomber, Larry
Bailey, Judith	Cowan, James Jr.	Hall, George	Mahaney, Karlene
Bain, Murray	Crane, Percy	Halpin, Ed	Mahoney, Larry
Bananas	Crane, Walter "Pete"	Harlow, Len	Marsters, Irvine Jr.
Barker, Muriel	Creteau, Bob	Harmon, Jim	Martin, Steve
Bartlett, Merrill	Currier, Stanley	Harper, Tom	Mateja, Phil
Baxter, Harry	Curtis, Ted Jr.	Harris, Jeff	Mathieu, Doug
Bazinet, Bob	Cushman, Joe	Hart, Cathy	McCorrison, George
Bennett, Clarence	Cushman, Parker	Hart, Gerald	McCutcheon, John
Benoit, John	Cyr, Joe	Hart, John Jr.	McDonough, John
Beyer, Frank	Daigle, Delphis "Red"	Haskell, Stu	McKenzie, Bernard
Bicknell, Jack	Daigle, Edna	Heath, Fred	McNeary, Matt
Biggs, Doug	Dall, John	Herlihy, Gerry	Miller, Rich
Billington, Murray	Dalton, Barbara Brown	Hillson, Harvey	Mills, Jeff
Blake, John	Dalton, Bill	Hitt, John	Mooers, Don
Blease, Jack	Daly, Norinne	Hoctor, John	Muro, Jim
Bodwell, Russell	Darling, Ed	Holmes, Bob Jr.	Murray, Garrie
Bodwell, Bill	Deering, Bernard	Holt, Andrew	Murray, Rev. Frank
Bourque, Matt	Devoe, Dana	Homans, Harrison	Myers, Frank
Bragg, Charles II	Dineen, John	Humphrey, Wallace	Nadeau, Les
Brown, Carleton	Donovan, Betty	Hutchins, Chris	Nelson, Bob
Brown, Doug	Doucette, Linda	Hutchinson, Diane	Ness, Edith Talbot
Bryan, Bill	Duff, Dale	Hutchinson, Fred	Neville, Howard
Bubar, Ken	Dunphy, Jim	Israel, Stan	Nicholson, Arthur III
Buckley, Paul	Dupuis, Sharon	Jamison, Greg	Noyce, Elizabeth
Bunker, Gaelyn	Dyer, Jim	Jenness, Lyle	O'Connor, Coral-Jeanne
Burns, Warren	Eastwood, Earl	Johndro, Ellen Chessa	O'Connor, Rich
Burry, Max	Erb, Randy	Johnson, Arthur	Ochmanski, Charles "Bud"
Campbell, John	Estler, Sue	Johnson, William	Oliver, Bill
Canaan, Bill	Evans, Stanley	Jones, Steve	Orcutt, Amos
Carney, Mike	Farnham, Elanna Clark	Jordan, Frank	Osborne, Owen
Caruso, Allyn	Farnham, Don	Keatinge, Murray	Palmer, Gerald
Cecchini, Bob	Fineson, Maurice	Kennedy, Ralph	Patterson, Leroy
Chandler, Garth	Fobes, Ken	Kesar, Milan	Paul, Don
Chase, Andrew	Fogler, Raymond	Kessock, Mike	Pelletier, Albert
Chase, George	Folger, Philip "Brud"	Keyo, Howard	Pelletier, Pam
Chase, Gordon	Fournier, Ken	King, Stephen	Perrin, Alan
Chase, Ruth	Gaetani, John	Kix, Terry	Pickard, Carroll
Chessa, Cheryl	Gaetani, Peter Sr.	Knight, Ronald	Pickering, Bianca
Chretien, Paul	Gammons, Peter Jr.	Lafayette, Danny	Pickering, David
Civiello, Rev. John	Garvin, Jim	Lane, Russ	Pierce, Irving
Clark, F. David	Gatchell, Danny	Latti, Michael	Pierce, Leonard
Clark, Janice	Gavett, Bill	Lempa, Kevin	Plant, Arnold
Clement, Frank	Giffin, John	Leonard, Ralph	Pooler, Anne
Coates, Don	Gilley, Frank	Letendre, Mark	Poulton, Bruce
Cobb, Bob	Goff, Jim	LeVasseur, Joy	Prendergast, Martin
Coburn, Phil	Goldsmith, Mickey	Lewis, Alan	Pullen, Mike
Cohen, Mark	Gonyar, George	Lick, Dale	Pullen, Winston

Reynolds, Alan
 Reynolds, Gary
 Rideout, Pamela
 Ristuccia, John
 Riviere, Leslie
 Roberts, Charles
 Roberts, Dodd
 Rogers, William
 Ross, Rodney Jr.
 Russell, John
 Sady, Jim
 Salvato, Mike
 Sargent, Herbert
 Savignano, Alfred
 Sawyer, W. Tom Jr.
 Sezak, Ethel
 Sezak, Bill
 Shrewsbury, William
 Shubert, Jordan
 Silverman, Paul
 Slott, Kathryn

Smith, Evie
 Snow, Lewis
 Spencer, Richard
 Stern, Edward
 Stimpson, Don
 Styra, Ed
 Susi, Guy
 Suydam, Abram Jr.
 Switzer, Alan
 Taylor, Glen
 Thayer, Charles
 Thomas, Albert
 Thomas, Robert
 Thompson, Don
 Thorne, Gary
 Trafford, Don
 Trafton, Thaxter
 Treadwell, Jim
 Valley, Tom
 Vanidestine, Steve Jr.
 Van Tassel, Les
 Violette, Helen

Wade, Larry
 Wadleigh, Leith
 Waite, James
 Walsh, Shawn
 Ward, Kent
 Webber, G. Pierce
 Wentworth, James
 West, Gary
 West, Linda
 Westerman, Harold
 White, Chris
 White, Kevin
 White, Rodney
 Wildey, George
 Williams, Matthew
 Wilson, Bill
 Winkin, John
 Wirths, Rollie
 Wollstadt, David
 Wood, George M. III
 Wood, George W. III

Woodcock, John
 Wotton, Charles
 Wren, Jeff
 Yeates, Ken
 York, Gerald

Young, Helen
 Young, Mary Friedman
 Young, Dick
 Zimmerman, Myron
 Zoidis, Bill



UNDERGRADUATE "M" CLUB — 1956-57

Many of Maine's most outstanding athletes over the years were members of the Undergraduate "M" Club in the 1956-57 academic year. Front row, l-r, David Waite, Grayson Lane, Dale Bessey, Bernard Wentworth, Rod Spearin, Jim Varner, Ray Hostetter, Bill Lynch, Herb Elliott, and Bob Hastings. Second row, l-r, Bill Tarazewich, Arnie Johnson, Faculty Advisor Phil Hamm, Peter Thompson, Phil Emery, Sterling Huston, Thurlow Cooper, John Edgar, Ron LeClair, Karl Kraske, and Calvin Bickford. Third row, l-r, Bob McKowan, Jere Davis, Dan Rearick, John Castor, Walt Abbott, Dan Schroeder, Frank Smith, Charles Thibodeau, Steve Getchell, Dave Rand, Niles Nelson, Dave Maxcy, Leon Akers, and Lew Janicola. Back row, l-r, Wayne Sanborn, Joel Stinson, Vern Moulton, Carroll Denbow, Wes English, Don Burwell, Dick Law, Alphege Martin, Larry Dearborn, Don Burchard, Albion Kelley, Edwin Soper, and Bill Scott.