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.

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**PRESIDENTS OF THE "M" CLUB**

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“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.)
 Treasurer Gerry Ellis ’64

2006-07 Directors

Jim Ballinger ’66
Skip Chappelle ’62
Will Farnham ’60
Joe Ferris ’66
Jen Smart Gavett ’88
Dennis Libby ’73
Keith Mahaney ’57
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
Adams, John Jr.
Agrusa, Regina
Alford, Harold
Allen, Kenneth
Allen, Lee
Anderson, Janet
Archambault, John
Averill, Joni
Averill, Bob
Baeza, Maria
Bailey, Judith
Bain, Murray
Bananas
Barker, Muriel
Bartlett, Merril
Baxter, Harry
Bazinet, Bob
Bennett, Clarence
Benoit, John
Beyer, Frank
Bicknell, Jack
Biggs, Doug
Billington, Murray
Blake, John
Blease, Jack
Bodwell, Russell
Bodwell, Bill
Bourque, Matt
Bragg, Charles II
Brown, Carleton
Brown, Doug
Bryan, Bill
Bubar, Ken
Buckley, Paul
Bunker, Gaelyn
Burns, Warren
Burry, Max
Campbell, John
Canaan, Bill
Carney, Mike
Caruso, Allyn
Cecchini, Bob
Chandler, Garth
Chase, Andrew
Chase, George
Chase, Gordon
Chase, Ruth
Chessa, Cheryl
Chretian, Paul
Civiello, Rev. John
Clark, F. David
Clark, Janice
Clement, Frank
Coates, Don
Cobb, Bob
Coburn, Phil
Cohen, Mark
Cole, Galen
Cole, Tom
Coombs, John
Corbin, Roy
Cosenze, Rudy
Cosgrove, John Sr.
Cota, Don
Cota, Ray
Coupe, John
Coutts, Steve
Covell, John
Cowan, James Jr.
Crane, Percy
Crane, Walter “Pete”
Creteau, Bob
Currier, Stanley
Curtis, Ted Jr.
Cushman, Joe
Cushman, Parker
Cyr, Joe
Daigle, Delphis “Red”
Daigle, Edna
Dall, John
Dalton, Barbara Brown
Dalton, Bill
Daly, Norinne
Darling, Ed
Deering, Bernard
Devoe, Dana
Dineen, John
Donovan, Betty
Doucette, Linda
Duff, Dale
Dunphy, Jim
Dupuis, Sharon
Dyer, Jim
Eastwood, Earl
Erb, Randy
Estler, Sue
Evans, Stanley
Farnham, Elanna Clark
Farnham, Don
Fineson, Maurice
Fobes, Ken
Fogler, Raymond
Folger, Philip “Brud”
Fournier, Ken
Gaetani, John
Gaetani, Peter Sr.
Gammons, Peter Jr.
Garvin, Jim
Gatchell, Danny
Gavett, Bill
Giffin, John
Gilley, Frank
Goff, Jim
Goldsmith, Mickey
gonyar, George
Gooch, Frank Jr.
Goode, Earles
Gould, Steve
Gran, Tracy Jr.
Grant, Judson Jr.
Graves, Bob
Gray, Alan
Gray, Wes
Grondin, Jean
Hackett, Ed Jr.
Hale, George
Hall, George
Halpin, Ed
Harlow, Len
Harmon, Jim
Harper, Tom
Harris, Jeff
Hart, Cathy
Hart, Gerald
Hart, John Jr.
Haskell, Stu
Heath, Fred
Herlihy, Gerry
Hillson, Harvey
Hitt, John
Hoctor, John
Holmes, Bob Jr.
Holt, Andrew
Homans, Harrison
Humphrey, Wallace
Hutchins, Chris
Hutchinson, Diane
Hutchinson, Fred
Israel, Stan
Jamison, Greg
Jennex, Lyle
Johns, Ellen Chessa
Johnson, Arthur
Johnson, William
Jones, Steve
Jordan, Frank
Keatinge, Murray
Kennedy, Ralph
Kesar, Milan
Kessock, Mike
Keyo, Howard
King, Stephen
Kix, Terry
Knight, Ronald
Lafayette, Danny
Lane, Russ
Latti, Michael
Lempa, Kevin
Leonard, Ralph
Letendre, Mark
LeVasseur, Joy
Lewis, Alan
Lick, Dale
Lick, Marilyn
Light, Tammy
Linder, Paula
Lord, Hugh
Lovett, George
Lowell, Don
Lowery, Lee
Lucy, Bill
Lutz, Evelyn
MacMillan, Stan
Macomber, Larry
Mahaney, Karlene
Mahoney, Larry
Marsters, Irvine Jr.
Martin, Steve
Mateja, Phil
Mathieu, Doug
McCormison, George
McCutcheon, John
McDonough, John
McKenzie, Bernard
McNeary, Matt
Miller, Rich
Mills, Jeff
Mooers, Don
Muro, Jim
Murray, Garrie
Murray, Rev. Frank
Myers, Frank
Nadeau, Les
Nelson, Bob
Ness, Edith Talbot
Neville, Howard
Nicholson, Arthur III
Noyce, Elizabeth
O’Connor, Coral-Jeanne
O’Connor, Rich
Ochmanski, Charles “Bud”
Oliver, Bill
Orcutt, Amos
Osborne, Owen
Palmer, Gerald
Patterson, Leroy
Paul, Don
Pelletier, Albert
Pelletier, Pam
Perrin, Alan
Pickard, Carroll
Pickering, Bianca
Pickering, David
Pierce, Irving
Pierce, Leonard
Plant, Arnold
Pooler, Anne
Poultan, Bruce
Prendergast, Martin
Pullen, Mike
Pullen, Winston