

Fall 2004  
Including News from  
Spring & Summer



## M-Women™ Board Announces New President

### Letter from New President Helen Hill

Following a successful Annual Meeting / Silent Auction and a short vacation, in July the newly elected board and officers set goals for the year; reviewed funding proposals; and made a \$20,000 gift intention to the UM Women's Basketball program for the 2004-2005 season (see separate article below for details).

Goals and objectives for the year:

1. Evaluate current bylaws, organization and committee structure; propose revisions, as needed
2. Consider mix of programs/services to increase contributions for UM women's athletics and increase direct member participation
3. Improve **M-Women** website, [www.m-women.org](http://www.m-women.org)
4. Publish newsletters and a membership directory

5. Alert members when UM women's sports teams come to town, encourage them to attend the games
6. Raise the next \$10,000+ in the December 2004 capital campaign and 2005 silent auction
7. Complete \$20,000 pledge to UM Women's Basketball by June 2005

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Planning a trip to Ann Arbor? Come to a board meeting. Join us at a sports event! Send in your suggestions. We're always looking for old friends and new ideas. Thanks again for your continued confidence and contributions to M-Women!

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*[President, Helen Hill has been on the M-Women Board since 1994, including over six years as Treasurer. A healthcare IT consultant, she plays softball, wallyball and golf in her spare time.]*

## Athletic Department Update

Once again, the Summer Olympics provided all University of Michigan athletic fans with a chance to cheer their athletes during the month of August. But how many of you knew that going into the 2004 Summer Olympic in Athens, a current student or graduate of the University of Michigan had won a medal in every Summer Olympiad since 1900 and a student or graduate of the University of Michigan had won a gold medal in every Summer Olympiad since 1956 (except for the 1980 US boycott year)? And when the games ended in Athens, the Wolverines kept their streak in tact.

The United States swim team placed a pair of Michigan swimmers on the gold-medal podium as the U.S. won the men's 800-meter freestyle relay at the 2004 Olympic Games with a time of 7:07.33.

Junior-to-be Peter Vanderkaay swam the third leg of the finals, giving the U.S. a one-length lead heading into the final 200 meters of the race. Both Vanderkaay and former Wolverine Dan Ketchum (2001-2004) helped Team USA earn the top seed in the finals as a member of the prelims squad. The Americans clocked in with a time of 7:12.80 in the prelims.

In the same race, junior Andrew Hurd swam the third leg of the relay for Team Canada, which finished fifth overall in 7:13.33. Hurd was the only Canadian to top his personal best in the event with a split of 1:48.09.

U-M women's rowing alumna Kate Johnson (U-M)  
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# Gracias, Grazie, Danke, Merci Beaucoup

## Board Thanks Sylvia Lang & Roberta Zald

A non-profit organization such as M-Women™ relies on the efforts of volunteers to accomplish its mission and goals. The M-Women™ Board Members wish to extend a thank you to two very special women, who have devoted their time and energy to the association.

### Sylvia Lang

Immediate Past President Sylvia Lang had a long tenure as board president, serving for about the past nine years. She said she believes she joined the M-Women association some time after 1988, and began serving on the board in the early 1990's. The board is grateful to Sylvia for bringing the association into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Sylvia played field hockey for U-M from 1973-1977. Her position was left wing.

### Roberta Zald

Roberta Zald volunteered numerous hours the past few years (she is not sure exactly how many) as the M-Women™ newsletter editor. As editor, Roberta not only was responsible for newsletter production and layout, but also combed news reports and the athletic department web site to keep us updated on women's varsity athletics for the Sports Reviews. The board appreciates all the hard work Roberta devoted to the newsletter. Roberta is a charter member of M-Women™ and played Field Hockey from '74-'77 (4 years), basketball in '75-'76 (2 years), and Softball in '78.

## M-Women™ Newsletter in Transition

Due to a transition in volunteers producing the M-Women™ Newsletter, this particular issue contains news from Spring & Summer 2004, as well as Fall 2004. The Newsletter will be undergoing changes in its production schedule and in its editorial content over the next few months.

Beginning Winter 2005, the newsletter will be sent to you three times a year:

- Winter/Spring (produced January/February) in time to bring you news about our annual spring meeting and a

wrap up of the Fall sports season

- Summer (produced June/July) to bring you news from the annual meeting and news from the Winter & Spring sports season
- Fall newsletter (produced September/October) to update you on upcoming board activities and update you on Fall sports

We are considering ways to bring you unique content tailored to bringing you information about specific sports, coaches and athletes. This is because we realize that

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## Athletic Department Update

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1998-2001) helped the United States women's eight to its first Olympic medal since 1984 as the Americans finished second in the event final. With Johnson in the bow seat, the U.S. held slim leads at the 500- and 1,000-meter marks, but Romania seized control in the second half of the race and finished in 6:17.70, while the U.S. (6:19.56) nipped the Netherlands (6:19.85) for the silver medal. Johnson is U-M's only female medalist of the 2004 Summer Games.

The following list includes all past and present Michigan Student-Athletes and coaches that participated in the 2004 Summer Olympics.

### Women's Rowing

Kate Johnson (1998-2001), USA  
Kate MacKenzie (1997-98), USA

### Men's Swimming

Peter Vanderkaay (2003-present), USA  
Dan Ketchum (2001-04), USA  
Tom Malchow (1996-99), USA co-captain  
Andrew Hurd (2002-present), Canada

### Men's Track

Nick Willis (2003-present), New Zealand  
Kevin Sullivan (1994-98), Canada  
Alan Webb (2002), USA

### Women's Track

Courtney Babcock (1992-95, '96), Canada

### Men's Triathlon

Andy Potts (U-M swimmer, 1996-99), USA

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# Supporting Women's Basketball

## M-Women Pledges \$20,000 for 2004—2005 Promotions

When you open the local sports section this fall, you'll see the **M-Women** logo prominently featured on ads for UM Women's Basketball season tickets.

When you sit in your reserved seat at the games, the M-Women logo will be on the cover of your seat, asking you to join us at our website, [www.m-women.org](http://www.m-women.org).

When you tune in to home/away games on WTKA radio; or connect to the internet; when you listen to the new pre- / post-game shows or the weekly call-in with Coach Cheryl Burnett, you'll know that **M-Women's** dollars are at work.

For over thirty years, **M-Women** has been dedicated to supporting UM women's athletics.

We have made a number of large gifts: \$50,000 for capital improvements; trips, equipment, posters for individual teams; targeted contributions to the athletic department to start new programs for student athlete orientation; sexual awareness workshops; and media relations training.

In each of the last ten years, we have given at least \$10,000 to UM women's athletics. At the beginning of each fiscal year, we solicit proposals for funding from the UM athletic department and from the coaches.

This year we had a unique opportunity to partner with the UM Women's Basketball program.

Head Coach Cheryl Burnett, on a mission to raise her program to national prominence, requested funding for: print and broadcast media

**"This is an incredible show of support for the future of our program"**

**-- Coach Cheryl Burnett**



"Thank you so much for your support of women's basketball. This is an incredible show of support for the future of our program. It makes me very emotional because this is the first of what Michigan women's basketball has to have to succeed. Sometimes the first step is the hardest. You [**M-Women**] are the ones to show amazing courage. I will do everything I can to live up to this commitment. Thank you from a very humbled spirit for your gift."

advertising; seat covers for season ticket holders; radio coverage of all home / away games; a post-game show. Her goals: raise regional awareness; fill the house; create an avid fan base through consistent coverage.

Our generous members have consistently urged us to be bold with our awards, to make a real difference for women's athletics. We had been waiting for just such an opportunity.

So, in July, the **M-Women** Board authorized a gift of \$20,000 to the UM Women's Basketball program to cover Coach Burnett's requests for the 2004-2005 season. This large, single-year award is a first for **M-Women**. With your support, we will continue to fund projects that make a real difference. And very soon we'll all be trying to get seats at the Final Four!

We are proud partners in this exciting enterprise! Over the last few months we have worked out the details of the gift with Coach Burnett; Megan McCallister, Associate Athletic Director, Corporate Development; and Bess Tortolani, Assistant Director of Corporate Development and Marketing, Sports Marketing Department. We've looked at ad copy, sampled seat colors and shapes and checked out many versions of our logo. We even renamed and registered our website. We are sure you will approve!

If you are local, be sure to call the UM Ticket Department for season tickets or for individual games. If not, we hope you will come to the games when you are in town.

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# 2004 Winter/Spring Sports Review

For more details about each sport, go to the University of Michigan's official site for athletics: <http://mgoblue.com/>

## Basketball

The women's basketball season ended Friday, March 5, 2004 at the Big Ten Conference Tournament with a 78-55 loss to No. 2 seed Purdue. The team ended with a record 14-17. In the final season game, senior center Jennifer Smith (*Lansing, Mich./DeWitt HS*) led the scoring with 19 points and grabbing nine rebounds.

## Golf

The golf team tied fifth of 11 teams (312-305-308-318/1243) at the Big Ten Golf Tournament held in Columbus, OH on April 25, 2004. The top individual was Freshman Brianna Broderick (*Richmond, Mo./Richmond HS*) finishing 10<sup>th</sup>. At the NCAA Central Regional held in Normal, IL, junior golfer Laura Olin (*Eden Prairie, Minn./Eden Prairie HS*) finished her season on May 8, 2004 tying 17<sup>th</sup> (75-76-78/229).

## Gymnastics

The no. 11 ranked gymnastics team finished fifth at the NCAA Championship Team Preliminaries held at UCLA's Pauley Pavilion on April 15, 2004. The team finished with a 14-6 record and took a sixth straight Big Ten Tournament championship on Saturday, March 20 in Minneapolis, MN. In individual NCAA Championship competition senior/junior Elise Ray (*Columbia, Md./Wilde Lake HS*), claimed a third career national title in the uneven bars.

## Rowing

The rowing team ended its season on May 30, 2004 placing third overall of 12 teams in the NCAA Championships at Sacramento, CA. the team garnered 52 points. The First Varsity Eight finished in third place in the Grand Final; Second Varsity Eight, fourth place; and First Varsity Four, third place in Petite Final to finish ninth overall.

## Softball

The sixth ranked softball team ended its season on May 29, 2004 with a 5-4 loss to eighth ranked Stanford at the Women's College World Series in Oklahoma City, OK. The team ended another stellar season with a record 54-13, finishing 7-8 against ranked teams and 11-8 in one-run games. Three Wolverines were named to All-

American teams. In the Big Ten conference, the team swept the Big Ten Player [shortstop Jessica Merchant (*Wayland, Mich./Wayland HS*)] Pitcher [Nicole Motycka (*Sarasota, Fla./Cardinal Mooney HS*)] and Coaching honors [head coach Carol Hutchins].

## Swimming & Diving

The swimming and diving team ended their season on March 20, 2004 finishing in 13<sup>th</sup> place with 114.5 points at the 2004 NCAA Championships held at Texas A&M.

## Tennis

The no. 26 ranked tennis team ended its season on May 15, 2004 falling 4-0 to no. one ranked Stanford in the second round of the NCAA Championships held in Palo Alto, CA. The team finished with a record 17-7. In NCAA individual championships on May 26, 2004, the doubles team of junior Michelle DaCosta (*Huber Heights, Ohio/Wayne HS*) and freshman Kara Delicata (*LaSalle, Ontario/Sandwich Secondary*) lost in three sets to Marshall's Jessica Johnson and Ashley Kroh (6-1, 4-6, 6-4) in the round of 16. The individuals competition was held in Athens, GA.

## Track & Field

The track & field team tied for 41<sup>st</sup> place of 76 teams at the NCAA Outdoor Championships held in June 2004 at Austin, TX. In individual performances senior/junior Lindsey Gallo (Freehold, N.J./Howell HS) earned a third All-American citation with a four place finish in the 1,500 meter run on Saturday, June 12.

## Water Polo

The seventh ranked water polo team ended its season on Sunday, April 25, 2004 with a 5-2 loss to Hartwick in the NCAA Eastern Championship final at Lewisburg, PA. The team finished with a record 30-9.

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game results are available via other outlets such as the mgoblue.com website. We want to communicate more about us—who we are and our board activities and goals, such as initiatives to increase membership and consequently more support for women's varsity athletics. Also, we'd like to hear from you—our members—via either postal mail or email.

—Deborah Torres, current newsletter editor

# 2004 Fall Sports Update

The following provides an update for Fall sports. Results are through the end of September 2004. The mgoblue web site for the Athletic Department provides schedules and up-to-date results including Big Ten Players of the Week.

## **Basketball**

### **November Opening Schedule**

Basketball opens with two home exhibition matches in November. The Thursday, November 4, 2004 match is against Athletes in Action; the Thursday, November 11, 2004 matches U-M with the Australian Institution of Sport. Both games start at 7 p.m. Season action begins on Friday, November 19, 2004 with an away game against Alabama at Noon.

## **Cross Country**

The cross country team participated in two non-scoring events in September: EMU Open on September 4, 2004 and the Spartan Invitational on September 17, 2004. In on scoring event at the Indiana State Invitational, the team came in first of nine teams with U-M's Rebecca Walter coming in 2<sup>nd</sup> (17:15.53).

## **Field Hockey**

Through September 26, 2004, the field hockey team was 7-3 overall and 2-0 in Big Ten action (versus Northwestern and #16 Indiana). On August 31, the team beat Maine in overtime 4-3. One overtime loss was to Old Dominion (2-3) on September

11, 2004.

## **Golf**

In action through September 19, 2004, the golf team came in first place (out of 15 teams) in two invitational. The Lady Northern Invitational was held in Ann Arbor, MI (294-291-296=881) on Sept. 11-12, 2004 The Mary Fossum Invitational (306-303-310=919) was held on September 18-19, 2004. The top U-M Individual Lady Northern Invitational was Laura Olin, Tie-2nd (71-74-74/219). The top U-M Individual Mary Fossum Invitational was Brianna Broderick, 1st (72-72-75/219).

## **Soccer**

Through September 26, 2004, the soccer team was 7-2-1 overall and 4-0 Big Ten (versus Northwestern, Illinois, Minnesota and Iowa). Two wins were in overtime action: Kentucky on September 3 and Minnesota on September 24 (double-overtime). One overtime match resulted in a tie to Syracuse on September 10, 2004.

## **Rowing**

Michigan opened the fall portion of their schedule with an exhibition vs. the Michigan State Spartans and the Eastern Michigan Eagles on Sunday, September 19, 2004. The exhibition featured five sets of controlled races. " Ten total races were conducted with each one lasting a pre-determined five minutes. Also, each flight had stroke-rate limits of 26 strokes per min-

ute." (mgoblue.com)

## **Tennis**

The tennis team was set to open its fall schedule by hosting the Wolverine Invitation Friday through Sunday, October 1-3, 2004 in Ann Arbor, MI.

## **Volleyball**

The volleyball team was 11-2 overall and 1-1 in the Big Ten through September 28, 2004. The team took first place in the Michigan/Pepsi Challenge held in Ann Arbor on September 10-11, 2004. In Big Ten Action, the team beat Iowa (37-35, 30-14, 30-23) on September 24, 2004 and lost to Minnesota (26-30, 17-30, 27-30) on September 25, 2004.

## **M-Women Pledges \$20,000**

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Look for your Board at the games – we're always there stomping and shouting. Sit near us if your ears can take it.

A big celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day is planned for the Feb 6<sup>th</sup> game against Minnesota. Save the date. Plan a trip to Ann Arbor. Help us fill Crisler ("put butts in the blue") and cheer on the Maize and Blue!

## 2003-04 Individual Highlights

### Basketball

Jennifer Smith

Michigan's Team MVP; set single-season scoring record (659 pts) moving into second place all-time with 1,714 pts.

### Cross Country

Rebecca Walter

2003 Big Ten Women's Cross Country Athlete of the Year.

### Field Hockey

April Fronzoni

Set Michigan career goals (68) and points records (155); Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year

### Gymnastics

Elise Ray

3<sup>rd</sup> career individual national title, capturing gold in the uneven bars competition.

### Softball

Jessica Merchant

Big Ten Player of the Year; set single-season home run record (15); batted .352 with team-high 48 RBI

Nicole Motycka

Big Ten Pitcher of the Year; record of 0.81 ERA and nine shutouts in 35 appearances; batted .271 with five home runs and 21 RBIs; 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-American

Tiffany Haas

3<sup>rd</sup> team All-American; led in batting average (.358), hits (76), runs (50) and walks (29); named NCAA Region 6 MVP.

### Track/Field

Lindsey Gallo

Won 800 and 1,500 meter runs in Big Ten outdoor championships; earned NCAA All-America honors during both indoor and outdoor

season.

### Volleyball

Erin Moore

First in program to become All-American, established single-season records for kills (522), total blocks (161) and block assists (154) for 2003; leads overall in kills at 1,384.

### Water Polo

Betsey Armstrong

3<sup>rd</sup> year All-American; College Water Polo Association Division MVP; set school record with 350 blocks, 4.45 goals against average and .734 save percentage.

Shana Welch

College Water Polo Association Rookie of the Year; set Michigan single-season record (51 goals); named All-Western Division first team.

## 2004 Annual Meeting Award Winners

The following awards were presented at the 2004 Annual Meeting held on April 24, 2004 at the U-M Golf Clubhouse.

### Louise Cooley Sutherland Award: Sandy Wagner, Golf Assistant Coach

Sarah Elgin presented the Louise Cooley Sutherland Assistant Coach Award, on behalf of her grandmother, to Sandy Wagner, women's golf assistant coach. Wagner, who has been a fulltime assistant coach for two years, was unable to attend because the team was at the Big Ten Golf Tournament.

### Honorary Member: Trudy Huebner, Regent Emeritus

The Honorary Member Award was presented to Trudy Huebner, Regent Emeritus, for her trailblazer work in support of women's varsity athletics in the 1970's. She also fought for women to be admitted into the U-M Marching Band, which finally occurred in 1972.

### M-Women™ Award: Erin Moore, Volleyball

The M-Women Award was presented to Erin Moore of the women's volleyball team, who is the first U-M Volleyball All-American in the sport's 31-year history. According to mgoblue.com, Moore set "single-season records for kills (522), total blocks (161) and block assists (154) while leading the Wolverines to a 21-12 record, and she concluded her career with a school-record 1,384 kills."

**Athletic Department  
Update**

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**Wrestling**

Steve Fraser (1978-80), USA Greco-Roman head coach

**Men's Rowing**

Steve Warner (U-M club team, 1997-2000), USA

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**Men's Swimming**

Bob Bowman (men's swimming head coach, 2004-present), USA assistant coach

Jon Urbanek (men's swimming head coach, 1983-2004), USA assistant coach

**Men's Track**

Tim Broe (men's track volunteer coach, 2003-present), USA

Report by:

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### **M-Women Newsletter**

#### **Current Editor**

Deborah Torres

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