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2003 Alumni Band Day

Saturday, September 6, 2003

Game Time: 1:00 p.m.

(Subject to change. Please check the alumni band web site, or your local paper the week of the game, and adjust this schedule accordingly.)

- 7:00–7:45 a.m. Registration (IM West)
- 8:00 a.m. Rehearsal starts
- 9:30 a.m. Drill rehearsal (Dem Hall Field)
- 10:30 a.m. LUNCH
- 11:25 a.m. Run-through on Adams Field (formerly Landon Field)
- 11:45 a.m. March to the stadium
- 12:15 p.m. Enter tunnel with pass (go to seats)
- 1:00 p.m. Kickoff

Parking available at the corner of Kalamazoo and Harrison.

2004 Alumni Tour Band

The Alumni Tour Band is going to Holland, Belgium, and France (Paris) in the summer of 2004. The dates are June 21 to July 5. The band will be conducted by MSU Professor Emeritus and former MSU Director of Bands, Kenneth Bloomquist.

A feature of the trip is a four-day deluxe riverboat cruise through Holland and Belgium. At this time, inclusion is on a wait-list basis, but the trip is still over a year away, and it is likely some individuals already subscribed may need to change their plans. Interested players should contact Dale Bartlett at: 2956 Colony Dr., East Lansing, MI 48823; 517-332-4495; or bartle17@msu.edu.

On Saturday, September 6th, (Alumni Band Day), a post-game supper is scheduled for 2004 trip participants. Information will be forthcoming.

Greetings from the MSU Band Office

The **Spartan Marching Band** had a wonderfully successful season in the fall of 2002, performing for eight home games, and in Ann Arbor for the University of Michigan-Michigan State game. Even with the large number of home performances, (with the first five games at home!) and the knowledge there was to not be a bowl appearance, this year's SMB was thoroughly professional and represented the University, the School of Music and the MSU Band alumni with great dignity. Director **John T. Madden** and the SMB should be commended for the superb 2002 season.

Spartan Brass also had a terrific season supporting MSU athletic teams, ending the season in three different states during NCAA tournament performances for men's and women's basketball, as well as the hockey team. Again, Professor John Madden should be congratulated for a great 2002–2003 season with the **Spartan Brass**.

The **Wind Symphony, Symphony Band, Concert Band, and Campus Band** also experienced a banner year. The **Wind Symphony** completed recording projects for commercial release with composers Frank Ticheli and Stephen Simon (Lincoln Center), featuring composers Clare Fischer and Michael Weinstein (in addition to Ticheli and Simon), as well as guest conductors Dr. Harry Began, Frank Ticheli and James Ross.

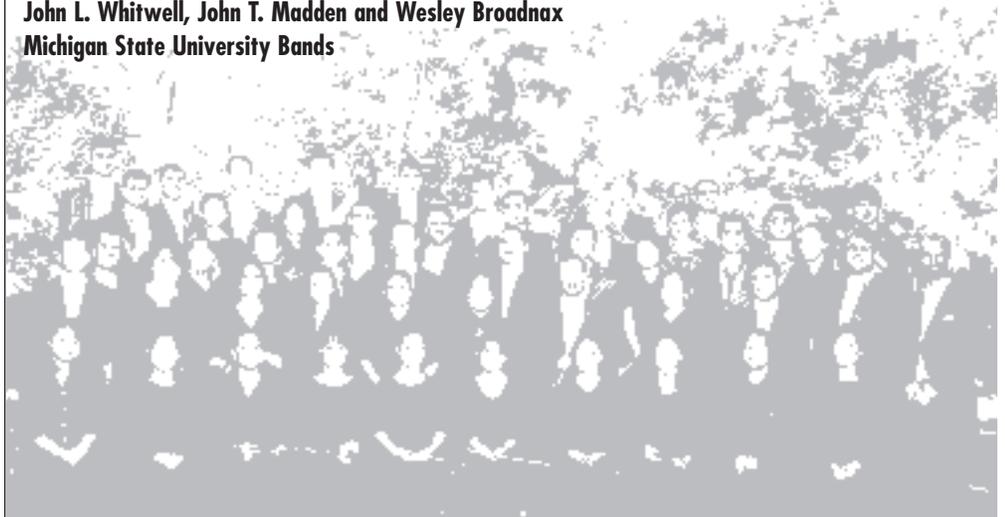
Assistant Director of Bands, **Dr. Wesley Broadnax**, was the recipient of the Frank L. Battisti Tanglewood Conducting Fellowship in 2002.

Director of Bands, **John Whitwell**, was the recipient of the MSU Distinguished Faculty Award for 2002–2003 (one of ten DFA's for the year).

The fall reunion is scheduled for Saturday, September 6 (Rutgers), and the spring reunion will be on Sunday, April 18, 2004. Make plans now to return to the campus and join us for these great days of music-making and reliving the memories of the past!

Sincerely,

John L. Whitwell, John T. Madden and Wesley Broadnax
Michigan State University Bands



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a Message from the President

Hello and happy summer! The campus here at MSU seems empty with most of the students gone, but fall is right around the corner, and, of course, our fall marching band reunion. But before we talk about that great event, I would like to thank all the alums who attended the 2003 Alumni Concert Band Day held on campus on April 13th. We had 80 alums play at the concert, and, a special MSU Band alumni—Seymour Okun, was one of our guest conductors. Of course, Ken Bloomquist and Dave Catron were there giving us their special flair, and John Madden and John Whitwell added to the festive occasion. We would like to thank Beryl Falcone, John Madden, and the MSU Band staff for doing a great job hosting this event. Most of us return in the fall for the marching band reunion, but I strongly recommend you attend this event next year. The special time you share with the many MSU Band alums is great, and making music with such great musicians is truly rewarding.

As we look ahead, the call is out to get as many Spartan Marching Band alumni together as we can for our fall event. This will be the 1000th game at Spartan Stadium, and we would like to get 1000 musicians on the field at halftime to celebrate this special day. This means we would need about 750 alumni band members to attend!! I think we can do it, with your help. Contact as many old band friends as you can, and convince them that this would be a great year for them to come back to MSU and have a good time with old friends. Attend the Friday evening gathering at the Williamston Roadhouse (just off I-96) and share some memories with other alums. We are counting on your support for a great Alumni Band Day on Saturday, September 6th!

Until then, have a great summer, and of course, Go State!

Jim McCaffrey, President
MSU Alumni Band Association

a Message from the Vice President

Organizational Goals/Fund Raising Agenda

I suspect that if you are like me, you find that once you have given to an organization, you receive requests for more money soon after your initial donation. The MSU Alumni Band Board has been in discussion about raising funds so we can support the University Bands and our own association with financial support for different projects. As a new member on the board it appears that the association provides good, fun, opportunities for all of us who have been members of the University Bands—things such as the alumni band trip, marching and concert bands, the golf outing and some new opportunities coming this fall—also, monies have gone to the commissioning of some new works for the band, purchasing trombones etc. *But, our financial base is pretty limited when you consider we are from a Big 10 University, the number of alumni that are out there, and the numbers of years we have been in existence.* I know as a former band director, I relied a great deal on the boosters for help above and beyond the budget provided by the school district.

The Alumni board's discussion, along with the University Directors, has produced some thoughts. We have a discussion board set up on the worldwide web for sharing ideas about the alumni band's organizational goals/fund raising agenda. Please go to the MSU Alumni Band's web site (<http://www.msu.edu/~alumband/>) and you will find a link that will take you to the discussion board. Give this some serious consideration. We need your thoughts and ideas, such as goals and project suggestions. Please join us through the internet and get involved.

Gerry Spry, Vice President
MSU Alumni Band Association

Memories of MSU

MSU Museum seeks reflections of your Spartan experience for upcoming exhibit

Michigan State University will celebrate a historic milestone of 150 years in 2005, and a series of special programs and events will mark the sesquicentennial. The MSU Museum will play a central role in sharing the Spartan experience from years past with a special exhibition opening in February 2005.



Although the sesquicentennial is still nearly two years away, planning for the exhibition is already well under way. The MSU Museum has a tremendous range of older objects from the school's history, but most recent history—post 1930s—is not as well represented. You can help the MSU Museum by telling us about any MSU-related material that you may have, including photos, posters, programs, tickets, clothing, classroom materials, sports equipment, uniforms, publications, and memorabilia of any era. We will accept donations or loans.

“Many donors do not realize that museums are as interested in the history and stories associated with an object as they are the object itself,” explains MSU Museum Director Kurt Dewhurst. “In order to use an object of MSU history effectively in an exhibit, we like to know the circumstances of its use, its meaning to the owner, and how it relates to student life.”

Do I own a museum piece?

If you are uncertain whether that yearbook or T-shirt that you bought as an MSU student is really worthy of being a “museum piece,” there is only one way to find out: call a curator.

As the collections relating to the history of Michigan State University have grown, some objects such as early yearbooks have been quite abundant. However, we still do not have a 1979 Wolverine or most of the issues since 1985. We have numerous MAC Marching Band uniforms from around 1900 to 1915, and uniforms from the 1950s to the present have also been faithfully saved and donated by MSU Marching Band directors.

Unfortunately, there is a large gap between those two periods. We would love to have representative band uniforms from the years including the two World Wars but the band in those years wore R.O.T.C. Department uniforms. If by chance one of the uniforms had been preserved, it would be a very welcome addition to the museum collections. Marching Band insignia or patches of the era would also be useful.

On the more ephemeral end of the collection spectrum, objects such as protest lapel pins of the '60s or Magic Johnson posters of the late '70s are equally welcome. Contact MSU Museum Curator of History Val Berryman at (517) 355-0322 or by e-mail at berryma2@msu.edu.

The Party is Back!

It's been a number of years since the MSU Alumni Band last hosted a get-together on the Friday before the annual fall reunion. The party is back, and you're invited!

The evening events are being planned for the Lansing area's newest destination restaurant, the Williamston Roadhouse. (Located at the Williamston exit on I-96). Return the form below to Susan

McCaffrey as soon as possible to be sure you have a confirmed seat at this great event, and enclose a \$5.00 confirmation fee to be counted for dinner reservations. The dinner will be \$10.00–\$15.00, and cocktails are on your own. You can skip dinner and just be there for social time, that's fine too! This will be a great start for a great weekend! Questions? Contact Susan McCaffrey at 517/339-2122 (ratherfly98@yahoo.com).

Sign Up for the Friday Night Party

Name: _____

of people: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Food Preference: Chicken Beef Seafood Vegetarian

I can help with: Campus tours Video set-up

Be sure you have enclosed \$5.00 deposit per person for dinner! You can make a check out to MSU Alumni Band! Please send this form to: Susan McCaffrey, 401 Shoemith, Haslett, Michigan 48840

Tentative schedule of events for Friday, September 5th:

9:00 a.m.
Annual golf outing

Mid-day
Campus tours

4:30 p.m.
SMB rehearsal

6:30 p.m.
Cocktails, cheers, and films

7:30 p.m.
Dinner

8:30 p.m.
Social time

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Help us fill the field!

Just imagine 1000 Spartan Musicians on the football field at Michigan State University.

That's the goal for the September 6, 2003 fall reunion of the MSU Alumni Band. Why such a lofty goal? Well, the answer may astound you. The game against Rutgers University will mark the 1000th football game played by Michigan State University. So make plans now to join the SMB and 700 former members of the SMB on the 50 yard line. How many graduating years will be represented? Only you can make this happen. Mark your calendar, oil your valves, buy a new reed, and remember, left, left, left right left.

Faculty News

John L. Whitwell received the Distinguished Faculty Award this spring. "John L. Whitwell is widely recognized in the professional music world for his mastery of wind conducting. He has commissioned composers of national and international standing. Whitwell is a master teacher who has inspired countless students to reach new heights and take responsibility for their own lifelong learning. He also works tirelessly to elevate standards and strength curriculum in public school music." (*MSU News Bulletin*, Feb 6, 2003.) John Whitwell is quoted in the same *News Bulletin* saying, "It is a great honor to receive the Michigan State University Distinguished Faculty Award, not only for myself, but also for the many dynamic colleagues and wonderful students with whom I work in the School of Music. I am most fortunate to have enjoyed the mentorship of some of the great pioneers in American music education, and now to have the opportunity of teaching at MSU, one of the premier academic institutions in the nation."

Professor Emeritus of Music Kenneth Bloomquist, was the 44th member to be inducted into the National Band Association Hall of Fame of Distinguished Band Conductors at a ceremony held on the campus of Troy State University in Troy, Alabama.

Band News

The Community Bands of America toured for one week in the Eastern Caribbean on the Costa Victoria Italian ship in February 2003. The 71-piece band directed by Kenneth Bloomquist made several stops in the Eastern Caribbean at various islands and played several concerts. MSU Band alumni who were on this cruise and played in this band were Tom Broka (euphonium) and wife Joyce, Barbara Hunt (clarinet) and husband Jeff, Dave Kjellberg (tuba) and wife Jean, John Kostoff (clarinet) and wife Mary Lee, Henry Minster (trombone) and wife Edie, Bill Morris (clarinet), Jenny Schwab (oboe), Roger Topliff (clarinet) and Sue Wissner (E-flat and B-flat clarinet).

From the Alumni

Alderman, Pete (*Percussion '97*), **Dala** (*Color Guard '97*) Parma, MI, built a new house and were hired to instruct the drum line and color guard at Western High School. Dala is teaching at Bean Elementary and Pete is an engineer for Michigan Automotive Compressor, Inc.

Alleman, John (*Clarinet '63*) Poland, OH was a high school band director for ten years in Michigan and Indiana. He taught clarinet at Frostburg State College in Maryland and then went to Indiana University at Bloomington where he received a doctorate in 1970. He taught clarinet and music education at Youngstown State University 1966–1986. He retired on disability in 1986 after being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1967. (Thanks to wife Mary Lou)

Amb, Cheryl (*Mellophone '86*), Dearborn, MI teaches 4th grade at Bethany Lutheran School in Detroit.

Bale, Lisa Wagner (*Big 10 Flag '82*) Saginaw, MI. Lisa would like to find a group to play oboe with in her area. Anyone out there who can lend her a hand?

Barry, Jim (*Trumpet '73*) Okemos, MI. Jim is a past president of MSU Alumni Band Association. He has been the high school band director at Okemos for 28 years. During the week of April 7, 2003, Jim took his high school band on a performance tour to Hawaii.

Baubie, Britt (*Tenor Sax '95*) **Tamara Glotfelty** (*Tenor Sax '98*) Grosse Pointe Woods, MI were married Aug 31, 2002. Britt is a systems analyst for RGIS Inventory Specialists in Auburn Hills. Tamara is a music therapist for Bon Secours Nursing Care Center in St Clair Shores.

Bieber, Carin (*Mellophone '02*) Lansing, MI is working for a playground equipment and design studio in Okemos, MI. They represent Miracle Recreation Equipment Company.

Bigelow, Cori (*Alto Sax*) East Lansing, MI received her MBA from MSU in May 2003.

Boron, Michael (*Tuba '92*) Pontiac, MI. He sings with the Detroit Together Mens Chorus (DTMC) and participated in Eastern Regional Gala Festival. He and a friend are remodeling his house.

Brayton, Kimberly Emmons (*Trumpet '86*) Middleboro, MA. She teaches beginning band in Falmouth, MA. She has two children, Ben and Betsy, who are starting violin. Her husband is learning to play the family piano.

Bredwell, Kate Ketchum (*Alto Sax '97*) Lowell, MI. She is teaching band in Lowell. Her husband Bryan Bredwell is installing hospital nurse-call equipment for l.comm. Their daughter, Leah Madeline, was born May 15, 2002.

Brimlow, Mary Beth (*Featured Twirler '95*) Stow, OH. She is manager and specialist for Beltone Audiology in Twinsburg, OH. She is a licensed national baton twirling teacher and judge.

Brown, Kristen Blount (*Trumpet '89*) Mt Pleasant, MI. She has been an attorney for more than ten years and for the past seven years has had her own practice. She met her husband, Jeff at their ten year high school reunion. They have one child Dan, born April 2001.

Burroughs, Stan (*Clarinet '69*) Burke, VA. He is retired from the U.S. Marine Band and is now playing in The Virginia Grand Military Band. He is working in the Human Resources Department for a major consulting firm in Northern Virginia.

Burroughs, Beverly Curtis (*Clarinet '77*) Burke, VA. She is also retired from the U.S. Marine Band and playing in The Virginia Grand Military Band. She graduated with honors from the Northern Virginia Community College Radiography Program. After passing the national registry, she now is a full-time mammographer at Sibley Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Campbell, Leslie (*E-flat trumpet*) Saginaw, MI. He is manager of a dance band of fifteen pieces "The Baytones." He has two daughters, 8 and 11, who bleed green and white.

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Catron, Gail (*Flute '76*) *Haslett, MI.* Her youngest daughter is a student at Haslett High School. Gail was very busy this past year planning Dave's retirement dinner. This past summer they traveled to Colorado to Dave's alma mater, Western State College in Gunnisonville, CO.

Cook, Angela (*Oboe '93*) *Swartz Creek, MI.* She is busy with her two little boys Thomas and James.

Conaton, Chris (*Mellophone '99*) *New Baltimore, MI.* Chris is teaching general music at Atwood Elementary School in the L'Anse Creuse, MI school district.

Crites, Russell (*Tuba '54*) *Waterford, MI.* Russell and his wife traveled most of last summer as a way of celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on August 23, 2002.

Davis, Edie (*Piccolo '78*) *Lake Zurich, IL.* She is teaching flute and piano privately and is a member of the College of Lake County wind ensemble.

Dell, John (*Trumpet '78*) *North Street, MI.* He is working with Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Detgen, Stacie (*Mellophone '86*) *Charlotte, MI.* She started her 10th year of teaching in Charlotte last fall by moving into a new middle school. She has taught 15 years all together.

Devey, Richard (*Clarinet '57*) *Whittier, CA.* He also graduated from UCLA and has an MPA and doctorate from USC. He is a former music teacher and criminologist—retired.

Dineen, Michael (*Trumpet '84*) *Lexington, MI.* He is employed by Tower Group International (custom-house brokerage). He enjoys reading about former band members and would encourage more from the early '80s to write in.

Dobbertin, James, Sr. (*French Horn/Trumpet '69*) *San Antonio, TX.* He marches in the Alamo City Community Band that has adopted the MSU pregame Fight Song.

Doty, Karen (*Trumpet '99*) *Lansing, MI.* She is currently teaching third and fourth grades in Waverly Community Schools in Lansing.

Dougherty, Don (*Trumpet '79*) *Troy, MI.* He has been selling Sun Microsystems Computers to Michigan Colleges and Universities for over four years.

Downey, Adam (*Alto Sax '00*) He received a master's degree in electrical engineering in Dec 2002 and is now working towards a Ph.D. at MSU.

Drury, Katie Jane (*Flute/Tenor Sax '01*) *Troy, MI.* She is teaching third grade for the next two years in Honduras at the American School of Tegucigalpa.

Duncan, Tom (*Big Ten Flag '84*) *Portage, MI.* He is media director at Biggs Gilmore, a Kalamazoo-based advertising agency. He is a board member of the MSU Alumni Club of West Michigan.

Ebert, Arthur (*Trumpet '01*) *Milford, MI.* In his second year as director of bands at Abbott Middle School in West Bloomfield, MI. He also coaches track and assists with the West Bloomfield high school marching band.

Elliott, Thomas (*Baton Twirler/Big Ten Flag '68*) *Corunna, MI.* He is currently in the graduate School of Music working on a master's in musicology. He is doing his thesis on *Symphony No. 8* by Gustav Mahler. He expects to receive his degree in 2003.

Erickson, Marty (*Tuba '67*) *Lansing, MI.* He has moved from Penn State to Lawrence University, Appleton WI, where he is professor of tuba. He is still teaching at Eastern Michigan University. He and wife Alison Shaw (assistant professor of percussion, MSU) have been doing considerable traveling.

Ferden, James (*E-flat Trumpet '02*) *Rochester, MI.* He is director of instrumental music at Rochester Adams High School.

Fisk, Al (*Trombone '78*) *Rochester, MI.* Due to a deteriorating condition of his vocal chords Al has had to give up his state champion barbershop quartet. He still wanted to be active, so he has entered the judging program.

Forden, Lori Shields (*Mellophone '95*) *Bailey, CO.* Last fall she married Brent and moved to Colorado.

Malcuit, Tracey Fox (*Alto Sax '84*) *Milliken, MI.* She is a deputy sheriff in Eaton County and enjoys her six-year-old son who is a future quarterback for MSU.

Geyer, Hans (*Baritone '89*) *Wilmette, IL.* Hans lives with his wife Julie, daughter Megan, and son Liam in Wilmette. He is a vice-president of the Bank of America in Chicago. He received his MBA from the University of Chicago this past winter.

Gillette, Don (*Clarinet '56*) *Tampa, FL.* Don and Mary Ellen (*MSU '57*) have seven grandchildren.

Glovac, Barbara Duncan (*Alto Sax '80*) *Harper Woods, MI.* She teaches vocal music in Roseville Community Schools and is carillonneur at the Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Her husband Jim teaches biology at Lakeview High School. Daughter Kristen (15), studies clarinet, piano, and gymnastics. Daughter Katie (10) studies clarinet, piano and loves to play soccer.

Gould, Robert (*Trumpet '90*) *Susan Wiegandt Gould* (*Alto Sax '91*) *Comstock Park MI.* Bob works for WZZM-TV Grand Rapids as chief photographer. This is Susan's 12th year teaching band and orchestra in Greenville Senior High School. They have a daughter Ilene who is four-years-old.

Grant, Charles "Bud" (*Alto Sax '54*) *Kewadin, MI.* Writes that he enjoys retirement and plays with a number of MSU groups in beautiful Northern Michigan, and is looking forward to playing in the Cherry Festival Parade in July.

Halls, Brad (*Snare '87*), **Heather Spry Halls** (*Alto Sax '88*) *Waterford, MI.* He works as a software development manager at EDS and maintains the SMB web site. She is a clergy assistant at her church, weekend crafter, and is involved heavily at their children's school. They have two children and one puppy.

Hart, Tom (*Tuba '76*) *Brighton, MI.* Tom works as air traffic control supervisor at the Willow Run, MI tower.

Haverlock, Sarah (*Alto Sax '01*) *Chicago, IL.* In April 2002, she took a job as a research technician at the Northwestern Fienberg School of Medicine. She lives and works in the city.

Hedlund, Tom (*Trombone '90*) *Lansing, MI* and **Denise Hedlund** (*Alto Sax '91*) have been married ten years. They have two children and a Corgi named Sparty.

Helmer, Bruce (*Clarinet '48*) *Lansing, MI* plays in the Dewitt Community Band. He still works part time.

Hickson, Gene (*Drum Major '53*) *Venice, FL.* He now calls Venice his permanent home.

Hilliker, Curt (*Alto Sax '88*) *Scottsdale, AZ.* He is president/CEO of New Millennium Workplace Inc. This is a workplace strategy consulting firm. He loves Scottsdale.

Hillstrom, Phil (*French Horn '63*) *Edmonds, WA.* Phil currently owns and operates a State Farm Insurance Agency in Seattle and a satellite office on Bainbridge Island, WA. He plays with professional groups in Seattle. His daughter Erin is on the volleyball team and is a senior at Middle Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN.

Hoffmeyer, Bill (*Drumline '84*) *Mason, MI.* Bill is an estimator/ project manager for a mechanical contractor near Lansing. He and his wife Kelly have 20 acres of farm near Mason with horses, goats, cats, and a dog. Their daughter Makenzie takes saxophone lessons and daughter Monica is learning drums.

Hoover, Jennifer Northrup (*Trumpet '92*) *Plymouth, MI.* Jennifer is a full-time stay at home Mom for Amelia (5), Alex (3), and Anna (1). She also has a Mary Kay business.

Hutting, Lori Roberts (*Alto Sax '92*) *Dewitt, MI.* Lori teaches French to 1st through 4th grade students in Dewitt. She and her husband are busy fixing up the farm that they bought. She plays in the Meridian Community Band, Okemos, MI.

Jackson, Pat Keilen (*Alto Sax '79*). *St. Johns, MI.* Pat is currently the director of career education for Clinton County and director of the Dewitt Community Band. Contact Pat if you have interest in playing in the band.

Jorgenson, Bob (*Euphonium*) *Akron, OH.* Bob is director of bands, professor of music, and assistant director of the School of Music at The University of Akron. His band was recently invited to play for the American Bandmasters Association convention in Baltimore, MD.

Karoub, Jeff (*Alto Sax '92*) *Manchester, MI.* With wife Kirstin and daughter Anna (2) he enjoys life in Manchester even though it is too close to (you know where). He is staff writer for the *Small Times Media* web site and magazine covering the business of micro and nanotechnologies.

Kaufman, Beth (*Baton Twirler '77*) and **Mike** (*French Horn '76*) *Okemos, MI.* They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last July with a trip to Hawaii. Beth is an instructional support teacher for the Mason Public Schools and Mike is the band director at Grand

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Ledge High School. Their daughter Kelsie attends Okemos Schools, plays violin, volleyball, and swims.

Kloha, John (*Clarinet '51*) *Holly Springs, MS.* John is busy playing golf, trying to publish a photo book about trains, and travels to see his grandchildren.

Koehn, Norman (*Clarinet '68*) *St Clair, MI.* Enjoyed walking down memory lane in a recent visit to the Music Building on campus.

Kressler, Peter (*Trombone/Baritone '62*) *Grand Ledge, MI.* Retired from teaching and plays jazz gigs now and then. Traveled with the MSU Alumni Touring Band in 2001, and plays in the DeWitt Community Band.

Kretz, Tracy (*Tenor Sax '01*) *Woodbury, NJ.* She works as an accountant coordinator at an advertising agency. During lunch hour she can be found kick-stepping in circles in the parking lot. Way to go!!!!!! Maybe this could be patented as a new way to lose weight!?

Kurzyna, Laura (*Mellophone '88*) *Denver, CO.* She is currently working as a lawyer in employment law/fiscal law for the Department of Defense. Recently promoted to major in the Army Reserves Judge Advocate General's Corp.

Land, Colleen (*Trumpet '85*) *Lansing, MI.* She is currently back in school working on a master's degree in library and information science at Wayne State University.

Landre, James (*Trumpet/Euphonium '49*) *Elm Grove, WI.* James continues to play his trumpet in bands in his area. He plays with the New Horizons Concert Band and is leading the third "Big Band" since his retirement in '88 as an executive with a bank holding company.

Ludwig, Lang (*Trumpet '60*) *Rodney, MI.* Lange lives in Rodney with wife Sharon, daughters Katharina and Susana. He raises beef cattle, donkeys, llamas and is a bee keeper.

Levandowski, Paul (*Tuba '91*) *East Lansing, MI.* Paul works for the department of medicine at MSU as a medical billing specialist.

Lewis, JoAnna (*Trumpet '98*) *South Rockwood, MI.* JoAnna is a 7th grade english teacher at Erie Mason Junior High School.

Lewis, Patrick (*Trumpet, '98*) *South Rockwood, MI.* Recently obtained his professional engineering license and was promoted to assistant engineering director for the city of Monroe, MI.

Madden, Ana Virgili (*Mellophone '01*) *Chicago, IL.* Ana married David, in August '02. She now teaches general music and choir in inner-city Chicago.

Manett, Sheri Doloson (*Trumpet '80*) *Rockford, MI.* Sheri is married to Steve Manett and has two children, daughter Taylor (7), and son Peter (5). She teaches elementary school in Grand Rapids, MI and plays in the Grand Rapids Symphonic Band.

Marwick, Jack (*Trumpet '70*) *St. Charles IL.* Works as a real estate director/new store acquisition for Sears,

Roebuck and Co. He plays guitar and trumpet in a Christian Praise Band.

McCaffry, James (*Snare Drum '80*) and **Susan** (*Alto Sax '81*) keep busy with band activities and their two children, Max, (7) and Megan, age (5).

McDaniel, Arlene (*Alto Sax '84*) *Bath, MI.* She teaches jazz piano and continues to perform as a jazz pianist in the Lansing area. She has written a jazzed-up arrangement of the Fight Song, which is played by the Strolling Spartans and the Spartan Brass. Arlene and John have two daughters, Elizabeth (11) and Rachael (8).

McDaniel, John (*Baritone '81*) *Bath, MI.* John has been academic technology coordinator for the College of Osteopathic Medicine at MSU since 1999. He teaches audio production at Lansing Community College.

McMullen, Susan Aula (*Trumpet '89*) *Okemos, MI.* She is married to Marc McMullen and they have one son, Connor. Susan works for the MSU College of Nursing.

Meier, Heather Baron (*Baritone, '98*) *Frederick, CO.* Heather teaches at Westview Middle School in Longmont, CO where she was awarded a \$10,000 grant to start a Music Technology Computer Lab.

Millar, William (*Drum Major and Clarinet '59*) *Saginaw, MI.* He is a semi-retired small business owner.

Miller, David (*Baritone '91*) *East Lansing, MI* and **Larissa** (*Tener Sax '87-'91*). David works in Okemos at Secor International Inc. Larissa stays at home with 3-year-old Nicolas and 6-month-old Daniel.

Mitchell, Lee (*Percussion '95*) *Albuquerque, NM.* Lee works as a Geo technical engineer. In his spare time he is a blue-belt in Kenpo Karate.

Mitchell, Mark (*Baritone '75*) *Grand Rapids, MI.* Mark owns a hunt club. You pheasant hunters may want to take note.

Murawski, Mark (*Tenor Sax '82*) *Scottsdale, AZ.* Mark is married and has a son named Troy. He has owned his own company since 1999, a computer consulting firm.

Ness, Tim (*Tuba '00*) *Pottersville, MI.* Tim works for P.M. Environmental, Inc. as an environmental consultant.

Niebling, Jim (*Tuba '85*) *Portland, MI.* Jim was recently married and is building a new house.

Nielsen, Erik Dr. (*Trombone '73*) *Findlay, OH.* Even though they live in Ohio, Erik's son Patrick bleeds GREEN and comes to MSU in the summer for basketball and hockey camps.

Nightingale, Ron (*Trumpet '55*) *Bellaire, MI.* After a 30-year lapse, Ron is playing in a small combo and recently joined the Northwestern Michigan College Community Band.

Orr, Cathy (*Alto Sax '99*) *Kalamazoo, MI.* She has been promoted to mid-day and p.m.-drive news anchor at WKZO, Kalamazoo.

Osborn, Michael (*Tuba '92*) *Howell, MI.* Michael is currently serving as national vice president for colonization and membership for Kappa Kappa Psi.

Ott, Jeff (*Tuba '97*) *Bay City, MI.* Recently Jeff, with SMB alums Gary Schluckbier (*Tuba '95*) and Ian Locke (*Tuba '94*) created an internet start-up with the hopes of someday trading on the NYSE. Good luck guys!!!

Page, Ronda (*Alto Sax '00*) *Lansing, MI.* She is currently working for the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. She is pursuing a second bachelor's degree from MSU and then plans to attend graduate school for a master's in geosphere information systems.

Paluszewski, Richard (*Tuba '80*) *Wyandotte, MI.* Richard has been married to Alana for 12 years and they have two children. For 19 years he has been working for Northwest Airlines with an aircraft taxi crew that moves 747s and smaller planes around from hanger to flight line.

Panek, Jennifer Rushman (*Baritone '95*) *Durham, NC.* She and husband Eric have a new home. She works for BASF as a biologist in RTP, NC.

Patenge, Jim (*Snare Drum '87*) and **Holly** (*Alto Sax '87*) *Fremont, MI.* Jim began practicing OB/GYN in Fremont in 2000. Holly is busy with their four children, Leah, Chelsea, Andrew, and Annaliese.

Perry, David (*Alto Sax '97*) *Sterling Heights, MI.* David is currently working as a packaging engineer for Radian, Inc. in Troy MI. Also he is attending College for Creative Studies in pursuit of a bachelors degree of fine arts in digital 3-D animation.

Piatt, Bob (*Tuba '60*) *Ann Arbor, MI.* Bob is playing with a number of other MSU Band alumni in the Scottsville, MI Clown Band.

Pogasic, Janet Murray (*Alto Sax '92*) *Macomb, MI.* Janet and husband Tony have four sons, Luke Michael (born Feb. 2002), Alec (5), Tommy (4) and Marcus (2). She enjoys teaching clarinet, working with a local marching band and being a stay-at-home mom.

Poreda, Stephanie Gulvas (*Alto Sax '97*) and **Brad** (*Tenor Sax '93*) *Pensacola, FL.* Brad is training to be a naval flight officer and Stephanie is a contract administrator for the State of Florida. They enjoy the white sandy beaches of Pensacola with their dogs Sydney, Hershey and Belle.

Racine, Roger (*Trumpet '99*) **Sarah Keathley** (*Color Guard '99*) *DeWitt, MI.* Roger and Sarah were married in June of 1999. Their first daughter was born in November of 2001. Roger is working for the State of Michigan in the public health department.

Reaume, Jeanine (*Alto Sax '81*) *St Clair Shores, MI.* Jeanine's daughter Kristine is a music education major at Eastern Michigan University and flute section leader of EMU marching band.

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Relyea, Marcia (*Flute '63*) *Mt Clemens, MI.* Marcia is president of the MSU College of Social Science Alumni Association for the years 2001–2003.

Rice, Bill (*Percussion '62*) *Harrisonburg, VA.* Bill resigned as assistant director of the School of Music to return as full-time percussion instructor at James Madison University. He and his wife recently celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary and are enjoying their five grandchildren.

Rice, Bob (*Trumpet '72*) **Lannie** (*Clarinet '69*) *Lowell, MI.* Bob has decided to retire this spring as director of bands at Lowell High School. Lannie will continue to teach lower Elementary. Their daughter Diana was married summer 2002.

Richardson, Dan (*Trumpet '83*) *Williamston, MI.* Dan is proud of twins Jacob and Grace who will be one-year-old in July.

Rider, Dan (*Alto Sax '77*) *Sugar Land, TX.* Dan recently made his first trip to London and Paris. He saw many tourist sites and spent on day at Wimbledon.

Rimpau, Joy (*Baritone '75*) *East Lansing, MI.* Joy works as a development engineer at GM Proving Grounds. She is treasurer of and plays in the Meridian Community Band. She also plays in the brass choir and orchestra at St. Thomas Aquinas Church. Last August she took a trip to Prince Edward Island.

Rongo, Lauren (*Flute '72*) *Essexville, MI.* Currently an adjunct faculty at SVSU teaching flute and performing in Flute and Valley Wind Quintet. She has two sons, Anthony (22), and Adam (14).

Salow, Ron (*Trumpet '51*) *Novi, MI.* Ron and his wife recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. He plays in the local community band. They came to MSU for the Patriarch's Breakfast 2002.

Sack, Robert (*Clarinet '57*) *Beverly Hills, MI.* Bob is now retired but continues to be active in several non-profit organizations. He plays in the Birmingham Concert Band, Birmingham Straw Hat Band and the Windsong Clarinet Ensemble.

Sams, Ron (*Trombone '72*) *Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, DC.* Ron was recently promoted to major general, USAF and is assigned to the Pentagon.

Schied, Steve (*Clarinet*) *Tiburou, CA.* Steve and Pat have three children. Kelli graduated from Duke, David (named for Dave Catron) is playing Soccer at Cal-Berkley, and Logan graduated from high school June 2002. Pat and Steve are enjoying retired life in California.

Schemm, Leonard (*Alto Sax '69*) and **Bonnie** (*Alto Sax '69*) *Bloomfield Hills, MI.* Fitzgerald is building a new band/choral complex, after all this time, better late than never.

Schley, Craig (*Alto Sax '64*) *Harrison Twp, MI.* He retired from Michigan rehabilitation services last July 1 after 32 years of service. He hopes to have more time for music and travel.

Schmitz, Darryl (*Tuba '79*) *St Johns, MI.* He is a 22-year GM tool and die tradesman and engineer.

He has played accordion, tuba and been vocalist for a German band at the Bavarian Inn in Frankemuth, MI for 15 years. He owns and operates a recording studio near Lansing. He and his wife have three children. The oldest is a Kettering University graduate and Ford engineer. The youngest is a student at MSU and the middle child—a deviant—is a U of M business school senior.

Silbernagel, Joseph (*Percussion '72*) *Clinton Township, MI.* Joe is assistant planning director for Clinton Township.

Spry, Gerald (*Percussion '64*) and wife **Liz** (*Piano '64*) took a trip last summer to Scotland and Ireland with Liz's church choir.

Stanish, Anette Burrow (*Color Guard '01*) *Toledo, OH.* Anette was married in August '02. She has been working as a financial analyst for Borders Books.

Stehouwer, Christy (*Big Ten Flags '96*) *Lansing, MI.* Christy has been married for six years. Her daughter Emily is two, and Christy teaches at Laingsburg High School. She is working on an MBA in accounting, to teach at the college level.

Stewart, Kenneth (*Trombone '79*) and **Jan** (*Baritone '77*) *Grosse Ile, MI.* Their son Andy is a trombone player in the SMB.

Stimson, Jeff (*E-flat Trumpet '99*) *Ypsilanti, MI.* Jeff and wife Bernadette have purchased their first house. Jeff is in his second year of teaching band in the Howell School District. He is working on his Masters of Music Education at MSU.

Swanson, Dana (*Alto Sax '87*) *Stillwater, OK.* Dana is a grants specialist at Oklahoma State University and teaches flute in the Stillwater and Agra school districts.

Symanski, Erica (*Alto Sax '01*) *Troy, MI.* She has graduated with a master's in social work from U of M.

Texter, Tracy Irish (*Trumpet '82*) *Middleville, MI.* Tracy is an RN employed at Spectrum Health, Blodgett Campus in Grand Rapids, MI. She has three sons who play in the band and play soccer. She sings with the Grand Rapids Chorus and would like to join or form a Brass Quintet.

Thar, Jim (*Trombone '59*) *Sun City Center, FL.* In April of 2002 Jim was elected vice-moderator of a 1000-member church in Sun City.

Thelen, Glenn (*Trumpet '95*) **Cassie** (*Mellophone '96*) *Clare, MI.* Cassie is a fifth grade teacher and Glenn is a school social worker in Harrison Community Schools. They have two children, Emily (3) and Glenn (1).

Thoma, August (*Alto Sax '76*) *Rochester Hills, MI.* He received an "Excellence in Education" award for 2002 from Rochester Community Schools Foundation. His sons Matt (trumpet) and Chris (alto sax) are in the SMB.

Thomas, Robert (*Baritone '82*) *South Lyon, MI.* He works for MoPar Parts as a supervisor in the catalog department. He recently received a 3rd degree black in Sanchin Ryu Karate. He participates in the Novi Community Band with his son who plays trumpet.

Thornburg, Donald (*Trombone '57*) *Dimondale, MI.* Don is semi-retired after dual careers with General Motors (20 years) and the U.S. Army (37 years). He is still playing with the MSU Faculty Dixieland Band (Geriatric 6) prior to all MSU home football games. He says to stop by and say "hello."

Valko, Jim (*Percussion '00*) *Clawson, MI.* Jim is working as a telecommunications administrator. He plays with the First Michigan Fife and Drum Corps as well as instructing the drum line at Rochester High School.

Vreeland, Chuck (*French Horn '59*) *Kalamazoo, MI.* He is retired after 38 years of teaching band, choir, and general music. He and wife (Linda Slocum, Piano) have been married 42 years. Chuck now plays recorders.

Wakefield, George (*Trumpet '67*) *Dothan, AL.* He recently moved to Alabama to start a new job with an internal medicine practice. George's wife, Karen, received her master's degree in nursing in June 2002. First grandchild, Katie Beth was born in May 2002.

Walters, Bob (*Trumpet '71*) *Muskegon, MI.* Bob has retired after 31 years with the Oakridge Schools. He is teaching driver's education, giving trumpet lessons and is a member of the Strolling Spartans. (A group of former SMB members who play before home football games).

Weise, Peter (*Trumpet '99*) *Grand Rapids, MI.* Peter recently received his teaching certificate from Calvin College. He is now teaching chemistry in Muskegon at Western Michigan Christian High School.

Welter, Bob (*Alto Sax/Percussion '88*) *Kissimmee, FL.* Bob is a Manufacturers Representative for Siemens Airfield Solutions. He and wife Patty have three daughters, Krista (11), Shawna (7), and Jenna (5).

White, Robert (*Trumpet '71*) *Malone, WI.* Robert owns his own truck and delivers hazardous chemicals by tanker in Wisconsin, Northern Illinois, and Upper Michigan.

Wikman, William (*Clarinet '49*) *Muskegon, MI.* William is still playing with the West Michigan Concert Winds.

Williamson, Bob (*Tuba '85*) *Evergreen, CO.* He is working with EMN 8.Com as senior vice president. This is an automotive ordering process for fast-food restaurants. With wife Christy they have 2½ children, son Nelson (3), daughter Chrissy (9 months old) and (?) due March 2003.

Yodhes, David (*Trombone '83*) *Allen Park, MI.* Currently plays in a dance band called "Mood Swings."

Zerman, Tavia (*Tuba/Horn '99*) *Lansing, MI.* Teaches instrumental music at Hayes Middle School in Grand Ledge, MI.

Since *the* last issue...

Scenes from 2003 Alumni Concert Band Day April 13th at the University Auditorium



Above: (left to right): Henry Nelson, Beryl Falcone, Seymour Okun, and Tom Broka take time to smile for a picture.

Right: Seymour Okun, guest conductor. Former Fraser, MI high school band director.

Below: Members of the 2003 Alumni Concert Band perform at the University Auditorium.



How about being *in the* MSU Homecoming Parade!

We'd like to have the MSU Alumni Band march in the MSU Homecoming Parade, Friday, October 3, 2003! At about 5–5:30 p.m., we'd start at the Hannah Community Center (formerly Hannah Middle School) and march up Abbott, through campus and end at the IM East sports fields. We can use the MSU Alumni Band banner.

If interested in participating, email Gordon Spink [spinkg@aol.com] or write him at 3910 Sandlewood Drive, Okemos, MI 48864 and indicate your instrument. We must have a good idea of the number who can participate before we make a commitment to the MSU Alumni Association.

When we know who will be participating, we can work on car-pooling to get back to the start of the parade. If interested in a "social event" after the parade, please indicate that. Homecoming weekend brings many people back to campus and locations fill up fast. When we know who all can participate, we will let the others know the names.

Each member will have to provide their own instrument. We will only play the MSU fight song and "uniforms" will be our band jackets, Levi's and Alumni Band cap.

We hope many members can participate.

The football game the next day is MSU vs. Indiana. If you are interested in tickets to the game, contact the MSU Ticket Office at 1-800-GO STATE.

Surf *on over* to our web site

Next time you're on the web, stop by the MSU Alumni Band web site. You'll find information about upcoming events, a digital copy of the newsletter, email addresses of members, and lots of pictures!

<http://www.msu.edu/user/alumband>

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