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## Alumni Concert Band

**University Auditorium**  
**Sunday, April 13, 2003**

**Registration: 8:00 a.m.**  
**Rehearsal: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.**  
**Concert: 3:00 p.m.**

The 2003 MSU Alumni Concert Band will feature conductors Kenneth Bloomquist, David Catron, John Whitwell, John Madden, and Wesley Broadnax.

The MSU Wind Symphony will join the Alumni Concert Band, and will feature MSU Professor of Flute, Richard Sherman, as soloist. Composers and arrangers featured will include: Leonard Falcone, James Curnow, Michael Daugherty, and Anthony Piog.

Be sure to join us for a day of great music, fellowship, and reliving treasured memories!

## 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 Kenneth Bloomquist, MSU Professor Emeritus, and former MSU Director of Bands. 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 eighteen months 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 Sunday, April 13, 2003—the date for the Alumni Concert Band—a luncheon is scheduled for 2004 trip participants. Lauralee Campbell, tour manager, will be present to discuss the upcoming trip. Information will be forthcoming regarding the luncheon.

## Greetings from the MSU Bands

I hope that this letter finds you well and looking forward to our 2003 spring Alumni Concert Band reunion on April 13<sup>th</sup>. As I write to you, the Spartan Brass (100 students) is in the middle of another fun season of supporting Spartan Men's and Women's Basketball, as well as Spartan Hockey! The fall 2002 Spartan Marching Band season was our busiest ever, with eight home games—five in a row at the beginning of the season—and our five MSU Concert Bands are enjoying a typically busy spring semester.

Please accept a special thanks to all of you who participated in one of the five “Holiday Spartan Brass” events that occurred over the semester break. We had a tremendous turn-out and had lots of fun supporting our men's and women's basketball teams; which allowed the current Spartan Brass members to attend the GLI Hockey Tournament in full force. Thanks again to both Bob Rice and Jim McCaffrey for conducting the bands at these events!

Thanks to those of you who have made it your tradition to attend our spring Alumni Concert Band reunion. If you haven't participated in this before, I urge you to consider spending a Sunday with us on campus for some fun music-making. We usually perform three or four selections as well as the *Alma Mater* and *Fight Song*. The Alumni Concert Band will share the stage with the MSU Wind Symphony this year!

When you get a chance, please visit the Spartan Marching Band web site if you haven't seen it in a while. I'd like to thank Spartan Marching Band percussion alum, Brad Halls (class of '86), for all of his design talent and expertise. Brad donates this time and provides us an incredible service. Thanks Brad! Do visit us at: <http://www.msu.edu/user/smb/>.

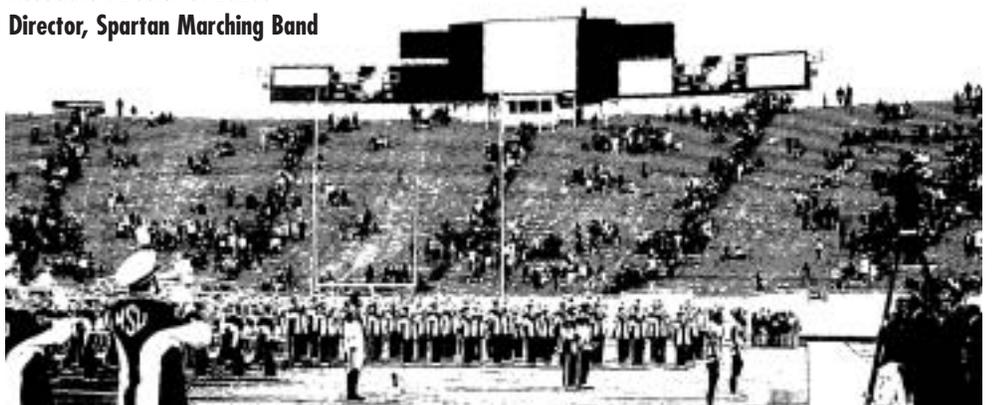
While on-line, you can learn of the many new ways to give to the Spartan Marching Band. Simply click on “Giving.” There are several new opportunities, including a travel fund.

Lastly, mark your calendars for Saturday, September 6, 2003. Our annual fall Alumni Marching Band reunion will take place on the occasion of the MSU vs. Rutgers football game.

Thanks for your continued support of all the MSU Bands. We look forward to seeing you on April 13, and September 6, 2003.

Sincerely,

**John T. Madden**  
**Associate Director of Bands**  
**Director, Spartan Marching Band**



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## a Message from the President

Hello from Spartan Country!! It is hard to believe we are in 2003, and this year holds exciting events and possibilities for the MSU Bands and the Alumni Band. It seems like we just finished our last fall reunion march to the stadium. To all of you who participated and/or worked on our fall reunion, thank you! It was hot, but enjoyable.

The salute to Dave Catron was memorable. Listening to stories and watching old films of “when we were in the band” was the highlight of the evening. It made me think of how many lifelong friendships were created and inspired by marching and playing at MSU. I can’t help but think of how many young musicians are influenced by this organization. As our alumni pep bands performed with some current students at the basketball games, I thought of how important it is for us, as MSU Band alumni, to encourage young people to play in the wonderful groups at MSU; and to continue to play after they graduate, in their communities, and, of course, the MSU Alumni Band. Take some time this year and talk with high school and MSU instrumentalists you know, and encourage them to keep playing—especially as a Spartan!

Our spring reunion is right around the corner. If you have not taken the opportunity to come to campus and perform, do it this year. It is a lot of fun, and you get to meet even more people! The rehearsal and performance is fun, and making music with such a wide variety of people is exciting!! Try it—you may like it.

The new music building plans are moving forward, and we, as MSU Alumni Band members, are being asked for financial support. Also, we would like to start a permanent commissioning project, which will require funding. The legacy of the MSU Bands is extensive, and your continued financial support to help keep the Spartan Band tradition alive and flourishing is needed. Plans are underway to help people contribute in a variety of ways, and we will send out information regarding these issues in upcoming newsletters and mailings.

Once again, thank you for supporting the MSU Alumni Band and the MSU Bands. I look forward to seeing you again in April, and until then, “Go State!!”

**Jim McCaffrey, President**  
MSU Alumni Band Association

## 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. Well, the party is back, and this fall it will be bigger and better than ever before!! In fact, it will be a full day of events for returning MSU Alumni Band members. Here’s what is being planned:

- 9:00 a.m. Tee-off for the annual golf outing (last year 32 band alumni participated)
- Mid-day “Behind the Scenes” campus tours—especially for non-golfers (Wharton Center, MSU Museum, Plant and Soil Sciences Building)
- 4:30 p.m. Spartan Marching Band rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Casual chat, cocktails and cheers (as we view films of former SMB performances)
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner
- 8:30 p.m. Social time
- 11:45 p.m. Short marching rehearsal (just kidding!)

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.) More detailed information will be available in the Summer 2003 *Encore* newsletter, so be watching for it! Begin making your plans now to join together with MSU Alumni Band friends for a great fall reunion. As further information becomes available it will be posted on our MSU Alumni Band website: <http://www.msu.edu/~alumband/>.

## Beryl's Beat *winter* 2003

Happy 2003! I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who was involved in the presentation of the Service Award that I received from the MSU Alumni Association this past October at Homecoming. I feel most honored to have received this award.

In this chapter of *Beryl's Beat*, I introduce you to the newest members of the 2003 Alumni Band Board of Directors. These people took office last September.

**Right:** *Some of the Alumni Band Board members pose for a picture at this summer's reunion.*  
**Left to right:** *Lynn Brown, Terry McKenney Person, Jim McCaffrey, Gerry Spry, Bill Sachs, and John Kostoff.*



**Jim McCaffrey: President**—I was born and raised in the Detroit area, graduating from Fraser High School in 1976. The band heritage runs deep in my life, having had Seymour Okun (MSU graduate), Don Schultz, and Al Bohms as band directors. As a percussionist, I played in almost every instrumental music ensemble while at MSU, starting in the fall of 1976. I was co-section leader of the Spartan Percussion my senior year at MSU, and graduated in the spring of 1980. I have taught at Muskegon Oakridge (1-year), Hartford (2-years), Reese (5-years), Sturgis (10-years), and I am currently the Director of Bands for the Haslett Public Schools, sharing my duties with another Spartan alumni, Greg Lindsey. I am a member of the American School Band Directors Association, and am very active as an adjudicator for both MSBOA District and State Solo and Ensemble; and Band and Orchestra Festivals. I am married to Susan—another Spartan Marching Band alum ('81), and have an 8-year-old son, Max; and a 6-year-old daughter, Megan; both adopted from Korea. I love to play golf, but my passion is flying, as I hold a private pilot certificate and am active in a flying club, the "Spartan Wings," of course!!!

**Gerry Spry: Vice President**—Gerry is a retired band director from Waterford Public Schools and now works part time for Marshall Music. He played percussion in the MSU Bands from 1958–1964. He is married to Liz an accomplished pianist and organist. They have three children: Meghan, Derek, and Heather (alto sax, 1984–1988) who is married to Brad Hall (percussion, 1981–1986) and two grandchildren: Emily, age 6; and Cameron, age 5.

**Lynn Borenus Brown: Secretary**—Lynn is a licensed Professional Counselor and Clinical/Medical Hypnotherapist in private practice in East Lansing (web site: intentionalhealing.tripod.com). Lynn was at MSU from 1969–1973 as a School Music/Instrumental major. She played flute in both the Concert and Symphony Bands. She is happily single with one daughter, Elyse (a senior at East Lansing High School, a violinist and future elementary teacher).

**John Kostoff: Treasurer**—John was Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science at Delta College for 38 years before retiring in 2000. John was a member of the MSU Concert Band and Marching Band from 1956–1960. He earned a B.S. in Mathematics in 1960, M.S. in Mathematics in 1962. Married to Mary Lee since 1966, John has two children: Christopher and Michelle; and two grandchildren:

Kayla, age 3; and Zachary, age 7. In his free time John plays clarinet in the Midland Concert Band, Bay Concert Band, German Connection and MSU Alumni Bands; and he likes to travel all over the country in his motor home.

**Terry McKenney Person: Member-at-Large**—Terry has been an attorney with the McGinty, Jakubiak Law Firm in East Lansing since 1983. She played in the MSU Concert Band from 1976–1980 (clarinet), and in the Marching Band from 1977–1980 (alto sax). She is married to John, and has two children: John C, age 12 (plays clarinet and piano); and Erin, age 9 (plays piano).

**Bill Sachs: Member-at-Large**—Bill is a middle school band director, at Grissom Middle School in the Warren Consolidated Schools. He has been with WCS since 1968, except for a three-year stint in the Army at West Point (1971–74). Bill played in the United States Military Academy band for three years, along with many other MSU grads. He was in the MSU bands from 1963–1968 playing in the Concert Band (1<sup>st</sup> chair all five years), Marching Band (president of the band in 1966–67) and the Jazz Band (back then it had to be called the studio lab—band-jazz was a no-no). He met his wife Ann (O'Brien) at MSU. She was a vocal music/ed major and they were married in 1968. They have two children: a son Chris, 30-yrs old; who is married to a MSU grad, Jenny; and two lovely grandchildren; Kendra, age 4 1/2; and Kevin, age 19 months. Chris works for Fisher Dynamics in Roseville, a procurement manager and he recently completed his M.B.A. Bill also has a daughter, Stephanie Lynn, 26; also a MSU grad, a packaging engineer working in Cincinnati for Ethicon-div. of Johnson & Johnson. She was recently engaged and her wedding is planned for the summer of 2004.

**Dave Wisner: Representative for Out-of-State Members**—Dave retired this year after 34 years as a State Farm Insurance agent. Dave and his wife, Lisa, spend winters in FL and summers in Indianapolis. Lisa is a Purdue Band alum. Dave keeps up on MSU happenings via the Internet as he says "the sports news here doesn't know about Big 10 schools." Dave supplements his fixed retirement income by playing gigs in Indianapolis and Orlando. He also does some part time instrument repair. Dave was in the SMB from 1956–1959 and was president in 1959. Dave says, "they were great years, and everywhere I go to play people remember Leonard Falcone. It seems you are a better player if you played in 'Falcone's Band.'" Go Green!

## Since *the* last issue...



### 2002 Alumni Band golf outing

*Above: 2002 golf outing group.*

September 13, 2002 was the date for the fourth annual Alumni Band golf outing. Thirty-two golfers enjoyed the beautiful Oak Lane Golf Course in Webberville, MI. The winning foursome of David Catron, brother Lyle Catron, Lyle's son Shane, and son-in-law Trent Stiles turned in a 63, seven under par, round. The Catrons flew in from Missouri to participate in Dave's retirement celebration on Saturday. They brought along their golfing skills as well. Lunch and many prizes rounded out the day. Longest drive went to Kurt Kuhn and closest-to-pin went to Gary Milnarich.

Put on your calendar the fifth annual outing to be held on the Friday before the annual fall meeting of the MSU Alumni Band. That date is scheduled for September 5, 2003. Registration will be included in the next *Encore*.

A web site for the golf outing is now up and running. The site can be reached at: [msuabgo.tripod.com](http://msuabgo.tripod.com).



*Above: Winning foursome at seven under par from left: Trent Stiles, Shane Catron, Dave Catron, Lyle Catron.*

### 2002 Kenneth G. Bloomquist scholarship recipient



Tim Hurlburt, senior music education major from Holt, MI is the recipient of the Kenneth G. Bloomquist Scholarship for 2002–2003. This \$500 scholarship is sponsored by the MSU Alumni Band Association.

Tim is a graduate of Holt High School, where he was a student of Tim Parry, an MSU graduate and former student of Kenneth Bloomquist.

At MSU, Hurlburt was a member of the Symphony Band, Wind Symphony, and a four-year member of the SMB. He is a superb trumpet performer, and has made many major contributions to the MSU Bands. He is now completing his student teaching at Haslett (with Alumni Band president, James McCaffrey) and will graduate from MSU in May of 2003.

## from **Our mailbox**

Hello from California!! I would like to thank everyone in Michigan for being great hosts. Never my years in the Calband have I been treated so well as a visiting band member. State fans, State Band alums, and the State Band alike, all waved and congratulated us on our musicality before and after the game.

We usually feel uneasy when visiting another team, never knowing what to expect, but you made us feel welcome.

At other away games, the Calband has been booed coming off the bus, and had rocks, trash, and profanities thrown at us. At your stadium, I felt right at home chit-chatting about the game with the alums in front of me. And apples! The State band provided us with juicy apples on the sweltering hot game day.

The entire stadium did the wave!!! Multiple times!! This feat of fan involvement is almost unheard of in Memorial Stadium. All the fans knew the Alma Matter!!! We're lucky if half or our fans know half the words. Most of our student section doesn't even know the words to our fight songs.

I wish I could have stayed in Michigan longer and soak up more of your state before heading home, but alas, my studies forced me to leave at 4:00 a.m. Michigan time.

Thank you,  
**Alfred Fung, Calband Clarinet**

## Surf *on* over to our web site

Next time you're on the web, stop by at 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>

## Change *of* home or email address

We want to keep you informed about the MSU Alumni Band, so please let us know when you move or have a change of email address by calling (517) 484-1899, mailing a note to MSU Alumni Band, c/o Beryl Falcone, 413 Lancer Lane, Lansing, MI 48906, or sending an email to Gary Baron at: [tyzilm7@attbi.com](mailto:tyzilm7@attbi.com).