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UPCOMING EVENTS

2006 ALUMNI BAND FALL REUNION

Saturday, September 30, 2006

Game Time: 12:00 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
- 9:00 a.m. Drill rehearsal (Dem Hall Field)
- 9:50 a.m. LUNCH
- 10:50 a.m. Run-through on Adams Field (formerly Landon Field)
- 11:10 a.m. March to the stadium
- 11:20 p.m. Enter tunnel with pass (go to seats)
- 12:00 p.m. Kickoff

Public parking is available in the westmost lot at the corner of Kalamazoo and Harrison. For further parking information visit: <http://www.homefootball.msu.edu/>.

2006 HOMECOMING PARADE

Friday, September 29, 2006

See page 6 for more information and use the insert to sign up to play with the Alumni Band in the parade.

2006 ALUMNI BAND GOLF OUTING

Friday, September 29, 2006

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Oak Lane Golf Course

See insert for details.

John Whitwell honored



From left to right: Professor John L. Whitwell and Alumni Band President Gerry Spry.

Professor John Whitwell has been director of bands at MSU for the past 13 years. During that time he has continually demonstrated his outstanding ability as a conductor, musician and educator. In addition, he has been a tireless supporter of the MSU Alumni Band Association and has worked together with the association in the commissioning of new works for band. In honor of Professor Whitwell's contribution to the MSU Bands, the MSU Alumni Band Association announced at the spring concert the establishment of an annual John L. Whitwell Scholarship. The scholarship will be awarded each spring to an outstanding member of an MSU band. The John L. Whitwell Scholarship will become an ongoing tribute to a person who has contributed much to maintaining the rich band tradition at MSU. We wish John all the best in retirement, welcome him "officially" as a new member of the MSU Alumni Band Association, and look forward to his returning in the future to guest conduct the MSU Alumni Band.

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At-Large: Jack Nelson, Lynn Kelsey

The board wishes to thank all who volunteered for a position on the board. We received inquiries from several very qualified candidates. Vote to be held at the Alumni Band Fall Reunion on September 30th.

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a Message from the President

Dear Friends:

This edition of the *Encore* honors John Whitwell's era with the MSU Bands and welcomes a new era of leadership for the future. Our wish for John and Diane is that they find as much enjoyment and fulfillment in their retirement years as they have in years past.

This edition also brings me closer to completing my duties as your president. This has been a wonderful experience for me and I wish that all of you could have this same opportunity in your lifetimes. The experiences I have had are many. I would like to say a special "thank you" to a very wonderful lady who has devoted countless hours to the betterment of the MSU Alumni Band, Beryl Falcone. She continues to work tirelessly for the Alumni Band and I would like to thank her for all the help and advice she has given to me while I have served as president. The opportunity to perform under the baton of her late husband Leonard Falcone was one of my greatest opportunities and I know many of you share those special moments with me.

Working with the MSU Alumni Band Board has been another wonderful opportunity. These are great people who help this organization continue to move forward, focused on our goals and missions. I wish to thank all the board members and friends who work behind the scenes and have supported me during my tenure as president.

Best wishes to the new officers and new board members. Please continue to support them and share in the work that is still left to be done. There are always new ideas coming and new plans and goals to be fulfilled. Thank you all again for this opportunity.

Go Green, Go State.

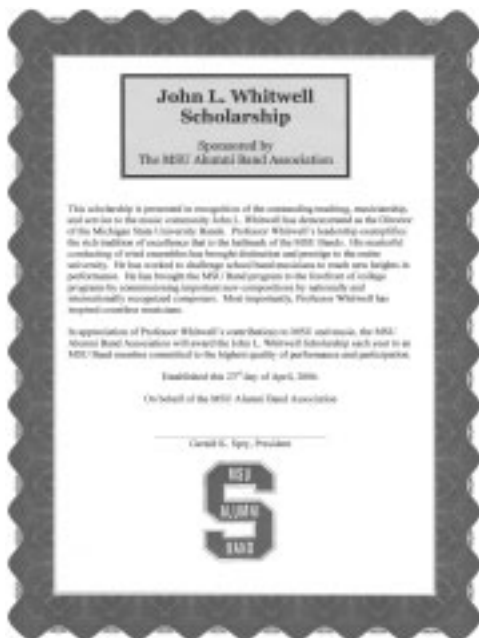
Gerald Spry

MSU Alumni Band Association President

Spartan Marching Band & Alumni Band merchandise now online

Kirk Gartside is now supplying the Spartan Marching Band and Alumni Band merchandise including Alumni Band hats, jackets, etc. You can purchase both SMB items and Alumni Band items at www.ceplusonline.com. Select [Customer Catalogs] and then you will see two separate links for the SMB merchandise and the Alumni Band merchandise. The merchandise is available at each home game also. Alumni Band members are always encouraged to at least wear the alumni band white hat for the fall reunion game.

MSU Alumni Band Scholarship Funds



With the initiation of the new John L. Whitwell Scholarship, the MSU Alumni Band now has two scholarships which are awarded annually to outstanding MSU band members. The Kenneth G. Bloomquist Scholarship is awarded each fall and the John L. Whitwell Scholarship is awarded each spring. Tax deductible contributions can be made to either of these scholarship funds. Please send your check, payable to “Michigan State University” and note “Whitwell Scholarship” or “Bloomquist Scholarship” on the memo line. Mail contributions to School of Music Development Office c/o MSU Bands, 102 Music Building, East Lansing, MI 48824. You will receive acknowledgement for your charitable gift to MSU Bands directly from MSU Development. Thank you!

School of Music *has a* Full Time Development Officer

The MSU School of Music has, for the first time, a full-time development officer. Rebecca Surian has been appointed to that position. Rebecca comes from the MSU College of Arts & Letters where she was Director of Development.

Rebecca is very familiar with the School of Music and the MSU Bands and is looking forward to her new post.

If you have any questions about contributing to the MSU School of Music and/or the MSU Bands, etc. please contact her by phone at 517-393-9872 or email at surian@msu.edu.

Checks should be made out to Michigan State University with the name of the purpose or endowment clearly noted on the memo portion of your check. Send your contribution to Rebecca Surian, School of Music, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824. Contributions to the School of Music count toward the MSU Development Giving Societies and contributions to the Spartan Marching Band also count towards athletic credit/points in the Ralph Young Fund (MSU Athletic Development Office.)

You have many options and opportunities to give back to MSU and you are encouraged to do so.

MSU Bands Commissioning Project

The MSU Alumni Band Board started a project to support ongoing commissioning projects by MSU University Bands. A pledge was made by the board for 2004 and an amount is added each year.

As members of the Alumni Band, you can also make a contribution to this project. Make your check out to Michigan State University and in the memo portion of the check, indicate the following: **AE0687—MSU BANDS COMMISSIONING FUND**, and send the check to Rebecca Surian, School of Music, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824. (Phone: 517-393-9872 or email: surian@msu.edu). By sending the check to MSU, you will receive a receipt for a state and federal tax deduction.

This is a very worthwhile project and all members of the MSU Alumni Band Association are encouraged to consider making a contribution.

2007 Alumni Tour Band

Only one year and a few weeks before the 2007 MSU Alumni Touring Band departs for the 2007 Rocky Mountain adventure. The band personnel continues to develop very nicely but there is still time to get on board. The weekend of June 16–17, 2007 is when rehearsals begin in the East Lansing-Okemos area. Monday, June 18 we are off and running: Calgary from June 18–20; Lake Louise from June 20–21 (staying in the famous Chateau Lake Louise); Banff June 21–23; hopping on the Rocky Mountaineer for a scenic journey to Vancouver on June 24–25; Vancouver June 25–June 27; return home June 28. Many are already signed on for the Alaskan Cruise extension. It will be an exciting tour and some beautiful concert settings await us. For trip information, please contact Dale Bartlett at bartle17@msu.edu or 517-332-4495. Also, you may contact Lauralee Campbell at Lauralee@classictravel.com or 517-332-4790.

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Alpert, Lawrence S. (*Trumpet*, '70) continues as the executive director of the Shiawassee Area Transportation Agency. He performs with the Owosso Community Players pit orchestra, the Shiawassee String Orchestra, the choir at Owosso First United Methodist Church, the Alumni Band reunions and basketball pep bands.

Anderson, Kristen (*Mellophone*, '03) is working on her masters of social work at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI.

Barry, Jim (*Trumpet*, '73, '83) completed his 30th year as director of bands at Okemos High School. He and his wife Linda will travel with his bands to Italy this spring. SMB Director John T. Madden was a guest conductor for Okemos at the 2005 Michigan Music Convention.

Bieber, Carin (*Mellophone*, '02) teaches elementary fine arts in Corunna, MI.

Borgman, Mark P. (*Baritone/Euphonium*, '04) is in his second year of graduate school with doctoral research in pharmaceutical sciences.

Burton, Elliott (*Tenor Sax*, '01) works as an elephant trainer at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

Catherman, Rick L. (*Trumpet*, '90) is director of bands at Chelsea High School. He serves as state chair of the Michigan Chapter of the American School Band Directors Association, and is an active adjudicator and active in MSBOA. He lives in Chelsea with wife Susie and daughter Olivia (7).

Chadwick, David P. (Pete) (*Clarinet*, '56) just returned from Italy where his choral group, Voices XXI, visited and gave concerts in Venice and Florence.

Cobb, Ralph, M. (*Trumpet*, '58) is active in the Ann Arbor Civic Band, the Ann Arbor Concert Band, the Ypsilanti Community Band and the Riverside Big Band.

Collins, Bill (*Trombone*, '94) of Eaton Rapids, MI is pipe major and music director of the Glen Erin Pipe Band in Lansing. His day job is field manager for SBC. He's happily married to Kathy, with two kids, Kirstin (14) and Allyn (8).

Cornell, Tom (*Big Tens*, '76) and Tim Fox are brainstorming on how to improve the Big Ten turn out at the Alumni Band Fall Reunion.

Davies, Brad (*Alto Sax*, '98) married Amanda Cowger in 2005 in Traverse City. They are both teachers.

Deeb, Ed (*Clarinet*, '60) generously donated funds allowing the MSU College of Communication Arts and Sciences to renovate the south lobby of the Communication Arts and Sciences building. Ed is president and CEO of the Michigan Business and Professional Association and the Michigan Food and Beverage Association. He received an MSU Alumni Service Award in 1998.

Detgen, Stacie (*French Horn*, '86) is in her 18th year of teaching, with 13 years at Charlotte Middle School. She has been elected MSBOA's music selection chairperson and to a three-year term as member-at-large for the American School Band Directors Association.

Dye, James B. ('51) reports he is doing well, and keeps on the go as much as possible. He spent time in Venice, Florida last year as well as at the Stratford Festival.

Fisk, Al (*Trombone*, '78) is a certified music judge in the Barbershop Harmony Society. He plays trombone on a church worship team.

Fox-Malcuit, Tracey (*Alto Sax*, '84) retired in June 2005. Now works part-time as a paraprofessional with elementary age kids, plans to pursue a teaching certificate, and enjoys watching son (9) in his first year of Pony League football.

Geerdes, Jeremy (*Trumpet*, '02) is happily married and teaching fifth grade in Caledonia.

Ginther, Jennifer ("Vince") (*French Horn/Mellophone*, '91) has been married to Rob for 14 years and is the proud mom of Robbie (7), Matthew (6) and John (4). She is in her 14th year teaching middle school instrumental music for the Southfield Public Schools, and is a member of the Oakland County IDS Fine and Performing Arts Council.

Glovac, Barb (*Alto Sax*, '80) reports that there is a new Spartan in the family as daughter Kristin was a freshman at MSU this past fall. She plays on the MSU women's lacrosse team.

Grant, Brian (*Drum Major, Trumpet*, '03) shares that he married his wonderful wife Jessica last spring. They are living in Kentwood where she is a HR administrator and he is a mechanical engineer at Smiths Aerospace.

Grieve, Harold, R. ('60) shares that Nadine teaches private bassoon lessons at Central Florida Community College. Due to numerous factors, he missed the Alumni Fall Reunion for the first time in 34 years.

Griffith, Michael (*Alto Sax, Big Tens*, '71), director of orchestral activities at the University of Wyoming, has won a 2005 ASCAP/American Symphony Orchestra League Adventurous Programming Award with his orchestras.

Halls, Brad (*Percussion*, '87) and **Heather** (*Alto Sax*, '88) share that Brad is a software development manager at UGS-Southfield, Heather is an administrative assistant at FPCRO-Royal Oak, and that they have two children, one dog, and one hamper.

Helmer, Bruce G. (*Clarinet, Saxophone*, '48) plays in the DeWitt Community Band and the East Lansing Community Band.

Hilarides, Jeffery (*Alto Sax*, '82) has been band director in Union City for the past 21 years. He has three children. His son was a MSU freshman last fall and he plays trombone in the SMB.

Hopkins, Michael (*Alto Sax*, '96) and **Kimberly (Miller)** (*Color Guard*, '96) welcomed a new daughter, Faith, this spring. She joins big brother Nathan (7) and big sister Laura (4). Mike teaches social studies in Lansing and Kim recently completed her MFA in visual arts.

Hussey, Frank (*Cornet*, '71) shares that **Mandy O'Brien (Hussey)** (*Trumpet*, '96) had a son, Benjamin Dale, last spring. He weighed 8 lbs., 15 oz.

Johnson, Heather (Loose) (*Trumpet*, '98) marched with Star of Indiana Alumni at the Indy 500 in 2004.

Koehn, Norman A. (*Clarinet*, '68) retired from teaching in 2000 after 33 years in education & residential contract building. He shares that he has spent the last three years as an alumni band member and cherishes the memories!

Kovacs, Stacy L. (*Trombone*, '99) received a second master's degree as a physician's assistant from Northeastern University in August, and starts a surgical residency at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx.

Landree, James H. (*Baritone/Trumpet*, '49) continues playing trumpet in a concert band and a swing band, and arranges for two swing bands.

Leatherberry, Stacy L. (*Twirler*, '04) teaches fourth grade in Stockbridge, MI.

Lewis, Patrick (*Trumpet*, '98) and **JoAnna** (*Trumpet*, '98) welcomed son Ryan in winter 2005. Pat was promoted to Director of

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Engineering for the City of Monroe in 2004, and JoAnna continues to teach 7th grade English at Erie Mason Schools.

Martzke, Rich (*Trumpet*, '68) is still busy in dental practice in Grand Ledge, MI. He plays in a big band and at church. Life is good.

McConnell, Lynn T. (*Baritone*, '60) retired from dental practice in August and plays in several area bands.

Meier, Christopher (*Alto Sax*, '99) and **Heather (Baron)** (*Baritone*, '98) spent 2004 visiting six countries in Europe. Chris is a packaging engineer at Storage Technologies in Louisville, CO. Heather is band director at Niwot High School in Niwot, CO. She received her masters of music degree from the University of Northern Colorado in 2005.

Montales (Johns), Nancy (*Trombone*, '98) married Noel Montales in July 2005 and moved back to Michigan. She teaches preschool special education in Novi.

Moyns (Haverlock), Sarah (*Alto Sax*, '01) married Jason Moyns in May 2005. She began graduate school at EMU this past fall and moved back to Michigan from Chicago.

Patterson, Chris (*Alto Sax*, '97) welcomed his second son, Jones Lucas this past July. Mom and kids are doing great.

Peters, Keith (*Tuba*, '85) spent the past four years as a stay-at-home dad to his three children, Jamie (12), Tim (10), and Gretchen (3).

Pinson, Cheyenne (*Trumpet*, '02) is a busy working actress in the Windy City appearing in commercials, print ads, videos, musicals, and currently, the long-running show "Tony n' Tina's Wedding."

Pulter, Dan (*Percussion*, '81) moved his law practice to his own firm: Daniel L. Pulter, P.L.L.C. in East Lansing in February 2005.

Reaume, Jeanine (*Alto Sax*, '81) works as an elementary and middle school music educator, for a K-8 charter school in Lathrup Village.

Relyea, Marcia (*Flute*, '63) developed a "Moods and Music" series of programs for the elders at senior centers, senior church groups, memory loss units, and nursing homes. It's fun and attendees love it.

Rimpau, Joy (*Euphonium*, '75) just completed a tour of Alaska and the Yukon with her mom. The tour included flightseeing over Mt. McKinley and Mt. Logan.

Salow, Ronald F. (*Cornet*, '51) shares that he is not the oldest but longest member of his community band. The band is looking for a new director to replace the retiring one, and they are hoping to join the next trip.

Scholes, Mike (*Cornet, Trumpet*, '00) is in his second year as band teacher at St. Johns Middle School.

Sebald, Dave (*Clarinet, Sax*, '68) is professor of music at the University of Texas at San Antonio. He specializes in music technology and multimedia. He is state music technology chair for MENC and a member of the national advisory board for TI:ME. He is also the director of AIM, a multimedia consulting/production company for education.

Sherrill, Carolyn ('81, '84) has directed the Meridian Community Band since 1990 and is the co-chair of the Red Cedar Festival of Community Bands. For her day job she teaches band for grades 5-8 at St. Gerard school in Lansing.

Sines, (Erdt) Lori Lynn (*Alto Sax*, '85) continues as executive director of the Hagerstown area Pregnancy Center & Medical Clinic. She celebrated 16 years of marriage to Arn in November. Son Alan (15) plays trombone, Josh (12) plays alto saxophone, and Jacob (10) plays trumpet.

Smith, Jr., Guy R. (*Tuba*, '58, '76, '05) a Korean veteran, published transcriptions of Civil War music for a modern wind ensemble entitled "Reflections of the Civil War." He is currently the director, orchestrator, and bass-saxhorn player in Michigan's only authentic Civil War reenactment field saxhorn band.

Spry, Gerald (*Percussion*, '64) revisited Vienna, Budapest and Prague with his wife **Elizabeth's** ('64) choir.

Stewart, Jan C. (*Baritone*, '94) plays with the Gabriel Brass, and is a Pampered Chef consultant. Andy is a senior at MSU majoring in mechanical engineering. Bill is a freshman at the University of Northern Texas majoring in music performance. She has been married to Ken for 25 years.

Stokes, Matthew (*Trombone*, '95) continues his regiment of marching five miles per day.

Taylor, Norman L. (*Trumpet*, '76) started his fifth year as superintendent at Constantine Public Schools and enjoys his two "grandgirls."

Thoma, August (*Alto Sax*, '75, '76) his daughter Megan joined son Chris in the SMB this year. He is still director of bands at Rochester High School and director of music at St. John Fisher Chapel University Parish in Auburn Hills, MI.

Underwood, John F. (*Clarinet*, '50) celebrated his fiftieth wedding anniversary the same weekend as the 2005 fall reunion. The celebration was hosted by his four daughters and their families.

Walker, Chris (*Trumpet*, '01) moved to the Grand Rapids area with Pfizer. He is now married and lives in Rockford.

Walters, Bob (*Trumpet*, '71) teaches trumpet lessons, plays in a brass quintet, substitute teaches after 30 years teaching middle school, and teaches drivers training...so he feels he is somewhat of an authority on stress related illness.

Webb, John B. (*Euphonium*, '70) retired and moved to an island at Bay City, MI. He plays in the Bay City Concert Band, the Vassar City Band and sings in barbershop quartets.

Wendt, Andrew (*Trombone*, '98) currently heads up the Go State! chapter of Saginaw in his spare time.

Wilbert, Ed (*Alto Sax*, '79) is music director at Rogers City Area Schools. He is married to Shannon and has five boys: Justin (17), Aaron (14), Jesse (12), Paul (9), and Matthew (1). He has been teaching for 25 years.

Woloson, Susana (*Trombone*, '85) plays trombone in the One Beat Back swing band and plays baritone in the Heritage Concert Band, founded by her late father and continued by her mother. Susana's Ukrainian eggs were featured in the *Detroit Free Press* and she continues to exhibit them.

Wong, Craig (*Baritone*, '97) serves in the US Air Force as an instructor pilot and is stationed at NAS Corpus Christi. He feels that he played the best instrument in the world, the baritone!

Since *the last issue...*

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Members of the clarinet section at the 2006 MSU Alumni Concert Band Reunion.



(From left to right): Current MSU Director of Bands John Whitwell, with two former MSU Director of Bands: Dave Catron and Ken Bloomquist at the 2006 MSU Alumni Concert Band Reunion.



(Front, from left to right): Beryl Falcone and John Madden with alumni members at the 2006 MSU Alumni Concert Band Reunion.



Members of the euphonium section at the 2006 MSU Alumni Concert Band Reunion.

Alumni Band to participate in Homecoming Parade

In lieu of a band dinner on the Friday evening before Alumni Band Fall Reunion, the Alumni Band has accepted an invitation to participate in the September 29, 2006 Homecoming Parade. All band members that have provided the band with a correct email address will receive an email with parade details as soon as they become available. Band members may also call Jack Nelson at 517-655-3627.



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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!
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