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UPCOMING EVENTS

2007 ALUMNI BAND FALL REUNION

Saturday, September 8, 2007

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/>.

2007 ALUMNI BAND GOLF OUTING

Friday, September 7, 2007

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Oak Lane Golf Course

Please see insert for details.

2007 FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

Friday, September 7, 2007

Time: 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Place: Hershey's Steak and Seafood, E.L.

See page 4 for more information.

2007 HOMECOMING PARADE

Friday, October 12, 2007

See page 2 for more information.

Dear Alumni Band members,

It was great to see those who participated in the annual Alumni Concert Band event held on April 15th. It was a wonderful afternoon of music-making and a great time to honor our most recent Director of Bands Emeritus John Whitwell. I want to take this opportunity to thank the band alumni for your generous financial gift to the commission project honoring Professor Whitwell. The piece "Starry Crown" by Donald Grantham had a fantastic premiere performance with an immediate standing ovation. I know that it will receive numerous performances around the country. Every time an ensemble performs the piece they will see at the top of the page "commissioned by the Michigan State University Bands." That is quite an honor and would not be possible without the MSU Alumni Band participation.

Since the Alumni Concert Band Reunion, the MSU band program has received a very special invitation. The MSU Wind Symphony has been invited to perform at the 2007 Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic/Convention in Chicago this coming December. We have been asked to perform the final concert of the convention, Saturday, December 22 at 11:00 a.m. Our repertoire will include the new commission piece "Starry Crown." This is a very significant performance as it is rare that a college ensemble is invited to the Midwest convention. I hope those of you who regularly attend the Midwest convention will make plans to attend our performance.

Thanks again for our generous support. I hope all that we do will continue to make our alumni proud. Have a great summer and we'll see you in the fall. Take care and Go Green!

Kevin Sedatole
Director of Bands

Update: Big Ten's Fundraising

The Winter 2007 edition of the *Encore* related the ongoing fundraising efforts of the Big Ten alumni, and the need for new equipment. They are happy to report that progress continues to be made, and some of the equipment has been purchased.

With new poles acquired in time for the 2006 Alumni Band Fall Reunion, the next step was additional harnesses. Those are now in progress, and will be modified with stainless steel holders by MSU's Physical Plant. The last, and biggest step, is to provide enough funding for a new set of flags. Alumni are currently working to secure that funding, while verifying material and flag styles to match the current equipment in use.

The new equipment will provide the current SMB with a set of game day flags, and two practice sets. That same equipment will be available to alumni, which means up to 22 individuals will be able to march in the fall with all of the proper equipment. It also means that alumni will not have to improvise with additional materials simply to march on game day.

The fundraising is now at approximately 65% of its goal of \$5000. We are extremely grateful to the Alumni Band Board for their contribution to this project, and hope that this will spur on others to contribute. Anybody wishing to make a tax-deductible contribution can do so through the College of Music by contacting Development Director Rebecca Surian. Contributions can also be made directly to the College of Music, specifying that it is for the Big Ten Alumni Flag Project (project no. AE0607).

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a Message from the President

On April 15, 2007, the MSU Alumni Concert Band shared a concert with the Wind Symphony in the Wharton Center. Ken Bloomquist directed the Alumni Concert Band in Alfred Reed's "A Festival Prelude," Kevin Sedatole conducted H. Robert Reynold's arrangement of "Shostakovich's Folk Dances," Wesley Broadnax directed "Be Thou My Vision," Dave Catron led us in a rousing "Chimes of Liberty" (with multiple piccolos and one enthusiastic chime) and John Whitwell directed the "MSU Shadows" and "MSU Fight Song." During the second half of the concert, we heard the Wind Symphony debut the piece we helped commission to honor retired director John Whitwell. "Starry Crown" by Donald Grantham is a lovely piece of music, and I hear the composer is already receiving inquiries about other performances. As a special treat, we also heard Elsa and Walter Verdehr, accompanied by the Wind Symphony, play "Carmen Fantasy," arranged for them by John Madden. We thank all of the conductors who make this such a special reunion for all the alumni who participate. I'm already looking forward to next year's concert, but this one will be tough to top.

Our fall reunion, on September 8 and 9, is shaping up. John Madden has promised good music and good times. Lynn Brown is fine-tuning the Friday golf outing, and the alumni board is working on a Friday dinner at Hershey's in East Lansing. We are hoping to entice Sparty to drop by, and are collecting some great door prizes. Start your reunion weekend off with a good dinner and great company! On Saturday, come see if you can still kickstep, or at least remember how to play the "MSU Fight Song" and "MSU Shadows." We'll march by Sparty, watch some football, eat some apples, and show the present marching band how it is done with style. Or you can skip the marching and join us in the stands. We welcome all Spartan alumni musicians. Come back to campus, admire the ivy-covered halls, go green and go white. The banks of the Red Cedar await you!

Terry McKenney Person

MSU Alumni Band Association President

MSU Alumni Band to Participate in Homecoming Parade



On Friday evening, October 12, 2007 the MSU Alumni Band will participate in the MSU Homecoming Parade. All band members that have provided the band with a correct email address will receive an email in mid-September with registration information and parade details. Band members will be able to register by email, at the Alumni Band Fall Reunion, or by calling Jack Nelson at 517-655-3627. You can also email Jack at jackn4952@cablespeed.com. There is no cost to participate in this event. The band will perform on the same type of truck as last year.

MSU Alumni Band working to Update the MSU Archives

The MSU Alumni Band is trying to update the history of the Alumni Band, from its foundation in 1970. All items collected will be placed in the MSU Archives. Ken Bloomquist has agreed to write about the band's beginnings.

If you have pictures, stories, notes, signs, posters, etc. (but NO t-shirts) that you can add to the collection, please send them to: Beryl Falcone, 413 Lancer Lane, Lansing, MI 48906 by September 1, 2007, or bring them to the fall reunion. We are collecting "stuff" from the fall & spring reunions, the travelling bands, Spartan Shoestring Band, Spartan Rolling Band, parades, basketball & hockey bands, various banquets and anything else that you see fit to send.

Label each item in PENCIL with your name, dates, place, etc. If you use a pen, please cover it up with a label and write the information again in pencil. Thank you in advance!

Beryl's Beat *spring* 2007

Anderson, Robert O. (*Trumpet*, '50) was honored for 70 years with the Akron Community Band (started at age 11).

Astalos, Rich (*Clarinet*, '53) conducts a 40-piece community band for retirees in Philadelphia. He co-leads a 16-piece big band made up of retirees, and plays in yet another community band. He was the third alumni band president, 1975–77.

Barry, Jim (*Trumpet*, '73, '83) retired in June 2006 after 33 years of teaching, the last 31 as director of bands at Okemos High School. Son Mark earned his BM in jazz studies from MSU in May 2006. Wife Linda (MSU '74) still teaches first grade in her 30th year in Okemos.

Beagley, David (*Oboe*, '77) began his 30th year in teaching (7 years in Mount Clemens, MI, 4 years in El Paso, IL, 19 years in Round Lake, IL).

Billig, T. Patrick (*Baritone*, '79) toured China in June 2006 with Windiana Concert Band. Spent two weeks performing six concerts in six cities.

Boitel, Jr., Earl C. (*Clarinet/Trumpet*, '56) attended MSU Class of '56 reunion in June 2006. He and fellow classmate and MSU Band Alumni member Lee Maccani, were happy to see, and speak to, Beryl Falcone and reminisce.

Bovenschen, Tricia (Bailey) (*Snare*, '92) started her ninth year as assistant band director at Stillwater High School. Her day job keeps her busy as do her three children: daughter Bailey (6), and twins Brendan & Collin (3).

Braciszewski, Terry L. (*Trumpet*, '79) directs and owns the Ann Arbor Rehabilitation Centers, and owns a new restaurant, "Terry Bs" in Dexter, MI. He adopted two children, who are brothers, bringing his total family up to six. He passed his private pilot license test, and is principal in the Livingston Symphony Orchestra & Brass Quintet named: "4 Old Men & a Babe."

Breen, Amanda (Mandy Johnson) (*Oboe, Color Guard*, '01) married Darren Breen in July 2006.

Catherman, Rick L. (*Trumpet*, '90) is state chair for the Michigan chapter of the American School Band Directors Association, and an active MSBOA adjudicator.

Clark, Dalin (*Tenor Sax*, '88) is a freelance marketing/communications writer and strategist living happily in Grand Rapids with her husband Wally Wasilewski and their son (3).

Cornell, Tom (*Big Tens*, '76) clarifies that he has been given credit that belongs to Tim Fox and Christy Stehouwer for re-invigorating the Big Ten Corps Alumni. He is a "sounding board" but they have been doing all the "leg work."

DeBenedetti (Schlueter), Geanna (*Twirler*, '89) and husband Jeff are proud to announce the birth of

daughter, Caitlyn. Jeff and Geanna manage Las Positas Golf Course in CA, so you will see Caitlyn on the field as a twirler or on the PGA tour!

Dell, John R. (*Trumpet*, '72) retired from the Port Huron Area School District after 33 years in the classroom.

Downey, Adam (*Alto Sax*, '00) graduated with a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from MSU in May 2006, and is working on a post-doc. Cori still works at the Kellogg Company. They welcomed their first daughter, Haley, in July 2006.

Dye, James B. ('50) thanks the MSU Alumni Band and their web site for helping him reunite with Gene and Sandy Hickson. He and wife Pat correspond with the Hickson's almost weekly and have enjoyed having them back in their lives.

Elliott, Kati (*Cymbals*, '01) moved to Ohio in 2004 and now works for an educational development publisher.

Fisher, Barb (Wagner) (*Alto Sax*, '80) enjoyed her second year on the field with son Jeff as a member of the SMB! The band is a true family tradition. She works at the Starbucks Regional Office in Rochester, MI.

Foster, Brian E. (*Alto Sax*, '95) graduated from Notre Dame Law School in May, and his daughter Faith has started kindergarten.

Friedeberg, Harold (*Trombone*) manages the Herter Music Center's band instrument repair center.

Glass, Jeffrey J (*Tuba*, '83) is in his second year as president of the Lexington Bicentennial Band.

Halls, Brad (*Snare Drum*, '87) & **Heather** (*Alto Sax*, '88) share that Brad is a software development manager for UGS, and Heather is executive director of the Waterford Coalition For Youth, helping prevent substance abuse.

Helmer, Bruce G. (*Clarinet/Alto & Tenor Sax*, '48) shares that he had major surgery last summer but is doing nicely now.

Higgins, Ron (*Trumpet*, '65) moved from Philadelphia to Seattle in June 2006. So far there has been very little rain and a great summer.

Houghton, Mike (*Trombone*, '93) works as an engineer in Newark, DE, and is doing fine with wife Sue and daughter Laura.

Hurd, Mike (*Trumpet*, '01) shares that Kristen (VanderMolen) graduated from Southern Oregon University in 2005 with a masters degree in music. Mike is in the MBA program at MSU and will graduate in December 2006.

Hyvarinen, Jr., Donald N. (*Tuba/Sousaphone*, '01) is happily married to wife René and currently resides in the Zeeland area.

Jones, Kenneth R. (*French Horn*, '79) is in his third year playing in the South Oakland Concert Band. Sons Evan (Horn)—did Blue Lake International Northern Winds—and Mark (Euphonium) are in the Berkley High School marching band.

Kiter, Steve (*Trumpet*) relocated to TX from PA due to a job transfer. Enjoying life in the Dallas area along with his wife, Gretchen, dogs Lucia & Nicholas, and cat Pepper.

Koehn, Norman A. (*Clarinet*, '68) lives a busy life substitute teaching, building contracting, and with family events. He looks forward to the spring concert and marching in the fall. His memories of the SMB inspire him to pursue and succeed in life, and to share the experience!

Lodge, Richard D. (*Snare Drum*, '69) moved to a condo on Lake Sammamish outside Seattle.

Markwick, Jack (*Trumpet*, '70) celebrated his 35th anniversary with wife Janet. They also celebrated their daughters' weddings.

Marx, Gary (*Trumpet*, '73) shares that the Strolling Spartans are expanding to other MSU sports such as basketball, volleyball, and baseball/softball.

McDaniel, Arlene (*Alto Sax*, '84) works with Sunny Wilkinson as an accompanist to the MSU Voac Jazz Ensemble, teaches and performs as a jazz pianist, and plays with the Strolling Spartans.

Monroe-Young, Suzanne (*Flag*, '84) moved in fall 2005 after a nine-month remodel to her home.

Morehouse, Robert L. (*Trumpet*, '56) keeps busy with a little golf.

Olin, Paul (*Drum Major*, '64, '67) judged the World Baton Twirling Championships in Eindhoven, Netherlands in April 2006.

Osborn, Michael (*Tuba*, '92, '99) is in his 15th year as band director at Maltby Middle School in Brighton. He is the immediate past national president and a member of the board of trustees for Kappa Kappa Psi.

Patterson, Chris (*Alto Sax*, '97) has two kids, a dog, and all is well.

Perry, Dennis (*Trombone*, '70) shares that daughter, Diane, graduated from MSU this past spring.

Piatt, Bob (*Euphonium*, '60) began playing euphonium three years ago after many years playing the tuba/sousaphone.

Pushman, Todd (*Tuba*, '91) shares that his daughters are growing like weeds. He celebrated his 14th anniversary, and has worked for his own multi-media marketing company for the past three years.

Reaume, Jeanine (*Alto Sax*, '80) works with 4th–8th graders in music education at Dearborn Public Schools. Daughter Kristine began graduate school for flute performance at the Univ. of Texas, Austin.

Beryl's Beat *spring* 2007

Rosier, David (*Snare Drum, '81*) operates Rosier Funeral Home, Mapes-Fisher Chapel in Sunfield, MI with wife Cindy. They have two kids and enjoy music, golf, and anything outdoors.

Schley, Craig (*Alto Sax, '64*) reports that the Motor City Sax Quartet has been established in the Metro-Detroit area. They are available for all occasions at 586-468-5611.

Segedy, Jim (*Tenor Sax, '73*) still teaches architecture and planning at Ball State, and was recently inducted to the College of Fellows of AICP.

Sobell, Jeff (*Trumpet, '93*) completed his second triathlon in August and caught the third-largest king salmon in Lake Michigan last year. Wife Nicole ran her first 5K this summer. They have two daughters, Hailey (K) and Alicia (3rd).

Spry, Gerald (*Bass Drum, '64*) co-directs the Waterford New Horizon band. He just returned from a trip to England and Scotland.

Stokes, Michelle (*Trombone, '98*) teaches 6th grade in Davison and loves it.

Sutton, Gary (*Trombone, '67*) celebrated his 50th anniversary with wife Lil. Still runs Sutton Travel Consultants and performs with the new Reformation Dixie Land Band.

Thoma, August (*Alto Sax, '75, '76*) is director of bands at Rochester High School and adjunct faculty at Rochester College and Oakland Univ.

Topliff, Roger (*Clarinet, '54, '59*) played in a lot of concerts and shows with several jazz groups. Also played with Bay City and Meridian Concert Band.

Underwood, John F. (*Clarinet, '50*) visited Bob and Carolyn Anderson while in western New York.

Walsh, Brian (*Baritone, '86*) continues to work for MDOT, and will celebrate 20th anniversary with Shelly this fall.

Webster, Nathan (*Trumpet, '98*) serves as a Bay City police officer and plays 'Taps' at two ceremonies honoring fallen police officers. Has two daughters, Madison and Cadence.

Weyersburg, Roger (*Trombone, '73*) shares taht Nadine and Roger have retired!

Whitelaw, Matthew (*Trombone*) just started flying for CommutAir in May.

Williams, Moya Terry (*Alto Sax, '79*) recently moved to Guntersville, Alabama. Still works in defense contracting and enjoys a peaceful life of golf and fishing.

Since *the* Last Issue

Beryl Falcone was initiated as an honorary member of Kappa Kappa Psi in January 2007.



In March 2007, during the Annual Convention of the American Bandmaster Association in San Louis Obispo, CA, **John Madden** was one of four people elected to membership. Madden joins many other MSU

band conductors in this outstanding organization including Kevin Sedatole, John Whitwell, Kenneth Bloomquist, Eugene Corporon, and Leonard Falcone.

Dr. Robert Petrella (*Clarinet, '68*) retired in April as director of the Alexandria Band, Alexandria Campus Band at Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria, VA.

Friday Night Dinner — It's Back!

September 7, 2007 • Hershey's Steak and Seafood — 2682 E. Grand River, East Lansing • Reservation Deadline: August 1, 2007

By popular demand we will again be having a Friday Night Dinner! Everything will be first-class and conveniently located at Hershey's Steak and Seafood, 2682 E. Grand River, East Lansing (just east of Coral Gables).

Only \$27.50 per person all-inclusive, tax, tip, etc (excluding cash bar). Cash bar, cocktail hour 6:00–7:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00. Choice of three entrees: prime rib, Canadian salmon, or chicken cordon bleu. Great door

prizes, Sparty's invited, surprise entertainment possible, all the directors are invited as well as possible other guests. Don't miss out this time. Sign up now!

___ Number of adults attending
(@\$27.50/adult)

Name: _____

___ Number of children attending
(Menus & pricing provided
on-site)

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Food Preference: (indicate quantity) _____ Beef entrée _____ Chicken entrée _____ Seafood entrée

You can make a check out to MSU Alumni Band. Please send this form and your check to: Greg Pell, 4227 Sandridge Drive Okemos 48864.



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