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## MSU ALUMNI BAND PERFORMS AT "THE JOE" AND AT BRESLIN CENTER

On December 29 & 30, members of the MSU Alumni Band including the Strolling Spartans experienced the thrill of representing their alma mater and the MSU Spartan Brass by performing at the Great Lakes Invitational Hockey Tournament at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. Then, after the turn of the century, they returned to perform at the MSU vs. Penn State Big Ten Opener at the Breslin Center on January 5. On each of the December evenings, approximately 50 musicians from around the state met at "the Joe" to provide music and spirit in support of the MSU Hockey Team. On the 29th, MSU faced Michigan Tech in the first round of the tournament. A spirited Tech band in striped pants was no match for the Green & White Alumni Band (introduced as the Spartan Alumni Brass) that evening -- and the hockey team won, easily, too. The next night we faced a more formidable foe in the championship game -- Michigan. The fine performance of the Alumni Band (including the playing of the Start Spangled Banner) was topped by the finer performance of MSU goalie, Joe Blackburn, in leading the MSU Hockey team to a 3-1 victory. The band was called on to render the MSU fight song several times during the awarding of the championship trophy and gratefully accepted a salute from the team. We finished each evening with the Shadows. Directing the band for the tournament was Augie Thoma (\*76).

For the Big Ten Basketball Opener, about 100 musicians came to Breslin to represent MSU on national television. Under the direction of John Madden, the Spartan Alumni Brass performed standard Spartan Brass numbers, MSU Rah-Rah tunes, and Strolling Spartans favorites. Alumni who

graduated from the '40s to the '90s had the opportunity to watch MSU kick-off its Big Ten basketball season with a 76-63 victory over Penn State. It was an honor to be able to represent Michigan State University and the MSU Spartan Brass and we thank John Madden for the opportunity. We received many comments from fans about how glad they were to see us and how much they enjoyed having us at these events. Coach Mason acknowledged the support of the band with a letter of appreciation sent to John Madden. Many thanks to Gary Marx of the Strolling Spartans, Henry Nelson, past president of the MSU Alumni Band, Jim Niebling, and Jack Nelson, for organizing these events.

## NEWS AND UPDATES FROM THE MSU ALUMNI BAND PRESIDENT - GORDON SPINK

### SPARTAN BAND FAN CLUB FOR 2000

Please consider becoming a member of the Spartan Band Fan Club. These members help with band expenses, purchase of uniforms and instruments, the budget for away trips, etc. Members of the Spartan Band Fan Club receive regular newsletters about the Spartan Marching Band and an invitation to the "Band Fan Breakfast". The **Spartan Fanfare** is a four-page newsletter mailed the Wednesday before every home MSU football game. It is filled with information on the Spartan Marching Band and their activities, half-time shows and upcoming events, photographs from rehearsals and games, and lists performance times for each game. Contact the Marching Band Office, School of Music, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824 for information of becoming a **Spartan Band Fan.**

**GOLF OUTING ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2000** The second annual golf outing will be held on September 8, the day before the Fall Alumni Band Reunion. All Alumni Band Association members are cordially invited (and encouraged) to participate. Dale Bartlett will again chair this event. More information is found elsewhere in this mailing.

**BERYL'S BEAT** Don't forget to send information to Beryl Falcone (or include it along with your membership dues for the coming year) that you would like to share with the other members of the Alumni Band Association. Beryl has included lots of the information in this Newsletter. Check it out! And make sure to have an updated bit of news about you in the next *Encore*. Thanks.

**PROPOSED CHANGES IN BYLAWS** The Board is working to update the Bylaws to better reflect how the organization operates. The changes will be presented at the Fall Band Reunion on September 9, for consideration and approval. They can be reviewed on the MSU Alumni Band web site:  
<http://www.msu.edu/~alumband/newbylaw.htm>

**NEW MSU ALUMNI BAND PINS** will be available for sale at the Fall Band Reunion. Cost is \$5. They are a tie-tack and you will be very proud to wear them. Beryl Falcone and Gordon Spink have been presenting them to all graduates of the MSU Bands. In addition, graduates of the MSU bands are provided information about the MSU Alumni Band Association and are provided with their first year of membership in the Association at no cost!



**SEPTEMBER 9, 2000 – MSU ~ MARSHALL UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL GAME WILL BE OUR FALL MSU ALUMNI BAND REUNION** Registration will begin at 7:30 AM and the kick-off at the game will be at 1 PM. As we all know, with the success of the football team in their victory over the University of Florida in the Citrus Bowl, there is always the chance that TV may change the times. If so, information about time changes will be sent out as soon as it is available. Also, don't forget to check our website for any late-breaking news.  
<http://www.msu.edu/~alumband/>

For those of you not familiar with Marshall University, I think they ended nationally ranked in the top ten last fall, so it will be a good test for our first game.

The tentative theme for the Fall Alumni Band show will be to recognize the Rose Bowl Bands and their performances for the Rose Bowls of '54, '56, '66 and '88. Even if you are not marching, please come back for the memories. Hopefully the members of each year will be recognized. If you don't march, you can be on the side-lines to help out and be recognized.

*Please pre-register for the Alumni Band Fall Reunion.* Last year there were over 30+ walk-ins (people who did not send in their pre-registration). This causes lots of extra work for people that morning. It takes time, music has to be found, marching formations have to be changed. The Alumni Band Board has discussed this and it was requested that we ask that you PLEASE PRE-REGISTER.  
**Deadline for registration will be Monday, August 28, 2000.** Send your registration to Beryl Falcone.

**2001 SPRING ALUMNI CONCERT BAND AND WIND SYMPHONY CONCERT - SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2001** Make sure to mark the date for next Spring's Reunion of the MSU Alumni Band. Plan on joining friends at this wonderful concert. All MSU Alumni Band Association members are encouraged to join with the band for this annual concert. If your lip is a bit out of shape and you'd rather just listen - fine, but please plan on coming early to have coffee with old friends back stage and enjoy listening to the rehearsal and exceptional concert.

*Schedule for the Day**(Subject to change if football game is on TV.)*

7:00 – 7:45 AM	Registration IM West
8:00 AM	Rehearsal starts
9:30 AM	Outside march rehearsal
10:30 AM	Break for lunch
11:25 AM	Meet at Adams Field (formerly Landon Field)
11:45 AM	March to the stadium
11:55 AM	Concert Formation – outside stadium
12:15 AM	Enter Stadium – go to seats
1:00 PM	Kickoff (parking available corner of Kalamazoo and Harrison)

**The Registration Form for the 2000 MSU Alumni Band Reunion (for September 9, 2000 – MSU/Marshall) is included in this mailing. A Football Ticket Order Form is also included in this mailing.**



**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM (this is a part of the Alumni Band Registration Form for the September 9 marching).** If you are not able to join with us for the Fall Reunion it is still important for you to pay your yearly dues (only \$15.00) so that your membership in the MSU Alumni Band Association can be continued. Please complete that part of the Fall Registration Form that just deals with yearly dues.

**MSU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AND THE MSU ALUMNI BAND** I met with Mr. Keith Williams, Director of the MSU Alumni Association, to discuss the possibility of the MSU Alumni Band Association affiliating with of the MSU Alumni Association. There are many advantages to such an affiliation that will still allow our group to have autonomy. An

affiliation with the MSU Alumni Association will provide our members the opportunity to join the MSU Alumni Association (and have their Alumni Band dues automatically paid) or to continue their membership in the Alumni Band Association without joining the Alumni Association. More later on this win-win situation.

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## Greetings from the Director

I hope that this letter finds you well and looking forward to our 2000 fall alumni band reunion on September 9. The Spartan Marching Band and the Spartan Brass along with all of the MSU Bands have once again finished a very successful and memorable year. A Citrus Bowl win along with the 2000 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship certainly top the year for all of us associated with the SMB and Spartan Brass. They were simply "dream" seasons and we trust that the Bands were in the forefront of creating the excitement and energy found in our crowds this year!

Thanks to those of you who have made it your tradition to attend our Spring Alumni Concert Band Reunion. It was an enjoyable day of music making in the Wharton Center. On behalf of the MSU Symphony Band, thanks for sharing our concert stage. The Finale was especially memorable with Ken Bloomquist conducting the combined groups on the Kalinnikov Symphony Finale. A very special thanks also to Dave Catron for his kind words on my behalf. Thanks Dave!

We plan to feature any member of a Rose Bowl Band (54, 46, 66, 88) in our Alumni Band Halftime Show this fall. Spread the word. Maybe your experience will rub off on the 2000 gridders.

Stay tuned for developments in the Ralph Young Fund on campus. Soon you will be able to designate the Spartan Marching Band as receiving your financial gift, while you receive the RYF perks! More details to come.

Thanks for all of your support in this incredible year of Spartan Sports and the Spartan Bands.

Sincerely,

John T. Madden

Associate Director of Bands

Director, Spartan Marching Band



## ALUMNI CONCERT BAND SHARES SPOTLIGHT WITH SYMPHONY BAND

75+ Alumni Band musicians returned for the Spring Reunion and had a wonderful time sharing the Wharton Center concert stage with MSU's Symphony Band. The April 9, 2000 concert got off to a rousing start with the Alumni Band performing Alfred Reed's "A Festival Prelude." This was followed by a very moving arrangement of the spiritual "Were You There" - commissioned in 1998 by MSU Director of Bands John Whitwell to honor John's brother. The lively "Montmartre March" by Haydn Wood put the band through their paces and led into the traditional playing of the Fight Song and Shadows. The second half of the program featured the Symphony Band.

The concert concluded with both bands joining together for a spectacular performance of the Finale to Kalinnikov's Symphony No. 1 in G Major. Unbeknownst to the audience, the entire brass section of the Alumni Band had positioned themselves in the Wharton Center balcony to create an antiphonal closing to the Kalinnikov that was phenomenal!

The Alumni Concert Band, under the baton of Spartan Marching Band/Symphony Band Director John Madden, also featured guest conductors David Catron and Kenneth Bloomquist.

If you haven't yet participated in the Spring Alumni Band Reunion you're missing a wonderful day of band music and camaraderie. Make plans to participate in next year's concert!

## MSU ALUMNI BAND WEBSITE

Want to stay on top of what's happening with your MSU Alumni Band Association? Stop by at our website for news and comments from old friends, information about planned events, and last minute details about the Fall and Spring Reunion.

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

Check out pictures from the "old days", leave a message for others to read, or find out details of next year's European Tour.

Have something you'd like posted to the website? Want to help in the operation of the website? Send an email to Joe Levine: [levine@msu.edu](mailto:levine@msu.edu)

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**NEW POLICY ON MAILING THE *ENCORE* NEWSLETTER** As a way to help to control the cost of mailing the MSU Alumni Band Newsletter - *Encore*, the Board has voted to continue mailing *Encore* to everyone on our mailing list once each year - regardless of whether or not they have paid their dues to the Association. That issue of *Encore* will include information on upcoming activities for the entire year. Members who are current in paying their dues will receive that publication as well as other issues of *Encore* and additional mailings throughout the year. This will help us continue to stay in touch with the 2,000+ former MSU band musicians who are on our mailing list and, at the same time, provide current Association information to the 500 paid members. This edition of *Encore* is being sent to everyone on our mailing list. Please pay your yearly membership dues so you can receive all future mailings.

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## BERYL'S BEAT

**B** Hello again----Thanks to all who send "happenings" in their lives to share with former classmates. We will pass along as many of these messages as we possibly can. If you know of someone who is not hearing from us, please send names and addresses so we may be in contact. We are looking for third generation band members. Are there any of you out there????  
Beryl  
Falcone

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Gene Hickson, Butler, Pennsylvania (Drum major '53-'54) has not been back to Campus for several years. Has promised to help celebrate this September's recognition of Rose Bowl Band members.

Lori Roberts (Saxophone 87-'92) is living in Lansing and is teaching English and French at nearby Dewitt High School.

Charles Schartow, Haslett, Michigan (Trumpet '72-'74) has not let three brain surgeries keep him from returning each fall to the Reunion and marching with the Alumni Band.

Todd Scott and

Linda Hinrichs Scott (both mellophone '79-'85) have spent the last three years in Brazil but have managed vacation time to attend fall reunion.

Gary Milnarich (Percussion '66-'70) has joined with the MSU Alumni Band at the Fall Reunion for several years from Fig Tree Pocket, Queensland, Australia.

Michael Walsh, Canton, Michigan (Tuba '90-'94) and Heather Klouda Walsh (Tenor sax '93-'97) are the proud parents of Emily Rose born Jan.1,1999.

Gerald Spry, Waterford, Michigan (Percussion '58-'64) is proud to have been teaching public school music for 32 years.

Lance LaDuke (Euphonium '84-'87) retired from the Air Force Band, Washington, DC and is now 1<sup>st</sup> Euphonium with the River City Brass Band, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Jim Berry (Trumpet '70-'73) past president of MSU Alumni Band Association ('81-83) is High School Band Director at Okemos High School Okemos, Michigan and took his 140 piece band on tour to England and Scotland in March/April 2000.

Richard J Bergren, Upper Marlboro, Maryland (Trumpet '68-'72) retired from the US Navy and is now teaching for Central Texas College and at the US Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

John Winga Jr, Washington, Iowa (Clarinet '52-'56). If you are driving through Iowa be sure to stop at Winga's Restaurant in Washington - especially about 10:00 AM (except Monday) and join the Coffee Club.

Jim McCaffrey (Percussion '76-'80) and Susan McCaffrey (Alto Saxophone '78-'81) are living in Haslett, Michigan where he is the High School Band Director. They have adopted two adorable Korean children - Max who is now 5 and Megan who is 2 years old.

Bill Frisch (Tuba '86) was seen on TV on Jeopardy on April 6 and 7. Good work Bill !!!!!

Myron Welch (Clarinet) taught at Okemos High School, Okemos, Michigan. After finishing his doctorate at the University of Illinois with Harry Begian he became Director of Bands at the University of Iowa.

Karen Withington, Redford, Michigan (Clarinet '84-'88) teaches Science with the Oak Park (Michigan) Public Schools. She also plays piano accompaniments for students for solo and ensemble festivals.

Bob Williamsen, Evergreen, Colorado (Tuba '81-'85) is VP of Business Development for Wisen.com in Denver. Robert Nelson Williamsen was born to Bob and his wife Christy on July 11,1999.

Clarence Wade, Port Huron, Michigan (Trumpet '46-'51) still teaches privately and plays with several organizations.

Robert Thomas, South Lyon, Michigan (Baritone '79-'81) is active in Boy Scouts. He recently hiked Isle Royale for a week. He is a supervisor for MoPar and a Sensei for Sanchin Ryu Karate.

Marcia Relyea, Mt Clemens, Michigan (Flute '88-'99) earned a Masters Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies at Wayne State University and a Certificate in Gerontology.

Wright McCargel, Grand Rapids, Michigan (French Horn '73-'77) is again teaching Instrumental Music in the Grand Rapids Public Schools for the first time in 20 years.

Nadine Grieve, Battle Creek, Michigan (Bassoon '58-'59) has retired from the Battle Creek Symphony after 40 seasons.

Rita Girard, Cincinnati, Ohio (Bass Drum '85-'89) is on leave from medical practice to be a full time Mom to Joseph and John Paul.

Al Fisk, Rochester Hills, Michigan (Trombone '74-'78) sings bass in the state championship barbershop quartet, "The Detroit Sound Company". The quartet is very busy in the Detroit area

Greg Fauth, Naperville, Illinois (Trumpet '65-'69) is a periodontist in Aurora, IL.

Robin Dryfoos Diallo (Saxophone '77-'82) is a diplomat in the foreign service with the State Department in the US Embassy in Paramaribo, Suriname, South America.

Bill Brown, Golden Valley, Minnesota (Baritone '88-'91) plays with the Honeywell Concert Band.

Chris Battis, East Lansing, Michigan (Tuba '95-'97) is working on a Master's degree in Education Administration while teaching Introduction to Child Development at Lansing Community College.

David Yodes, Allen Park, Michigan (Trombone '79-'82) is Senior Attorney for Kelly Services, Inc.

Susana Wolson, Rochester Hills, Michigan (Trombone '81-'85) plays in the Heritage Community Concert Band in Troy, Michigan. This band was started by Susana's father and is currently managed by her mother. Two fellow Spartan alums who play in this band are David Yodhes, trombone and Chris Knowlton, baritone. The band plays in different communities in the Metro Detroit area. They are looking for new members.

Harper Welton, Oakhurst, California (Flute '38-'42) and brother Roger Welton, Novi, Michigan, (Flute) recently participated in an adult concert band cruise to Alaska.

Brian Walsh, Grand Ledge, Michigan (Baritone '79-'83) works for Michigan Department of Transportation in Battle Creek, Michigan. He coaches kids in sports and has sung for 29 years with the St. Michael Church, Lansing, Michigan.

August Thoma, Rochester Hills, Michigan (Alto Saxophone '71-'76) completed a Master of Music degree at Oakland University in April '99. He is in his 17<sup>th</sup> year as Director of Bands at Rochester Hills (Michigan) High School.

Jim Thar, Sun City Center, Florida (Baritone '55-'56) plays in a 20 piece swing band playing about 35 gigs a year.

Jeff Stimson, Lansing, Michigan (Trumpet '93-'97) is the band and choir director at the Pewamo- Westphalia, Michigan school district.

Todd Steggall, Sterling Heights, Michigan (Trombone '89-'91) is a veterinarian in Warren, MI. He plays in a church band and has recently gotten into mountain biking.

Jodi Reeves, Lansing, Michigan (Mellophone '80-'84) is an Emergency Nurse at Sparrow Hospital. She plays in the Rochester Symphony (MI) and the Lansing Concert Band. She recently bought a house where she lives with Mazurka, her cat.

Bradley Poreda (Trumpet '88-'84) and Stephanie Poreda (Alto Saxophone '93-'97) call New Orleans, Louisiana home. Stephanie is in law school at Loyola University and Brad has been performing in London with Star of Indiana's "Brass Theater".

Robert Morehouse (Trumpet '51-'56) has recently moved into a new home in Midland, MI.

David Miller (Baritone '88-'91) lives in East Lansing with his wife Larissa and new son Nicholas. Dave is a professional civil engineer and Larissa teaches nursing at Montcalm Community College.

Alice Ackley Martel, Lansing, Michigan (French Horn '61-'64) is a veterinarian in Lansing. Her most recent musical interest is playing banjo and guitar.

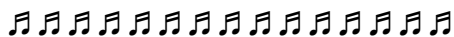
Andy Lutsch, Berthelid, Colorado (Trombone '79-'86) teaches language arts and social studies in grades 6-12.

Daniel Lipson, Evanston, Illinois (Trumpet '77-'81) is a regional sales manager for WNET Technologies. He has a wife and 2 daughters.

Rodney Ham, Honeoye Falls, New York (Trombone '58-'62) is retired from teaching but is busy playing in various groups from Michigan to New York. He always attends Fall Reunions.

Earl Boitel, Sandusky, Ohio ('52-'56) retired from NASA in 1993 after 27 years as aerospace engineering manager at one of the ten centers. In 1991 he retired after 33 years with the US Army Reserve with the grade of Colonel, US Army Chemical Corps. Since 1981 he has resided within "summertime screams" of Cedar Point Amusement Park in Ohio. He enjoys Lake Erie and its many water-oriented activities.

TO BE CONTINUED IN ANOTHER ISSUE



**Good Time To Be a Spartan! NCAA National Champions – men's basketball!**  
*The Spartan Brass/Pep Band played a very important part of this win. They and the basketball team were great! Thanks!*

**SPARTAN MARCHING BAND AUCTION** The date of the previously announced Band Auction has been postponed. More on this at a later date.

**WEB SITE** Thanks to Joe Levine for his continuing work on the Alumni Band web site. It is an excellent way for all the members to keep up on activities.

**EUROPEAN ALUMNI BAND TOUR** Another tour is set for this highly successful activity. The dates are June 19 – July 2, 2001. Contact Henry Nelson ( 517-332-3691; 610 Kedzie, East Lansing, MI 48823) if you are interested.

**ALUMNI BAND HISTORIAN** Many thanks to Dale Bartlett for his many years as Alumni Band Historian. Dale has asked that he be replaced and we are asking if anyone would like to assume this responsibility. We really have a history and need someone to continue in this job.

**ALUMNI BAND NOMINATING COMMITTEE** Bob Rice, past president, is heading up this important committee and will present a slate of officers to be voted on at the Fall Band Reunion.

**TRAVERSE CITY CHERRY FESTIVAL**

**PARADE** The Board received information from Peter Turkus (phone 231-941-8321; 8656 Cedarcrest Drive, Traverse City, MI 49684-9615) that he is interested in having MSU Alumni Band members contact him about being in the Traverse City (Michigan) Cherry Festival Parade. (I think it is July 9, 2000.) It would be great if we could get a big group to represent the MSU Alumni Band as well as the University. I understand the band will be riding on a flat-bed truck so no marching –just playing!

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**ALUMNI BAND "STUFF" FOR SALE** At the Fall MSU Alumni Band reunion (September 9, 2000) our treasurer Doug Goodrich will have the following items for sale: (1) white polo shirt with MSU Alumni Band logo \$25; (2) white hat with MSU Alumni Band logo \$13; (3) green sweat shirt with MSU Alumni Band logo \$46 (NOTE: not every size available); (4) bumper stickers \$1; (5) patches \$5; (6) Re-mastered CD from the 50's and 60's \$13; and (7) Recently recorded CDs of the MSU Bands. *(Please Note:* The white polo shirt with logo and the white hat with logo are a part of the *Official* MSU Alumni Band "uniform". Let's all wear them. Thanks!

