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2005 Alumni Band Fall Reunion

Saturday, September 10, 2005
Game Time: TBA

2005 Alumni Band Dinner

Friday, September 9, 2005

We are planning a bigger and better Alumni Band Dinner prior to this year's fall reunion. It will be held at East Lansing's Michigan Athletic Club (MAC) just east of campus and Hagadorn Road. There are motels nearby where you can reserve rooms (such as the Towneplace Suites). Rumor has it that Sparty might show up so bring a camera! It is a good way to meet your friends and get the weekend off to a great start. Details, cost, time, etc. of the dinner will be in later mailings. For more information contact Gerry Spry or the event coordinators Gordon Spink and Joe Levine.

2005 Alumni Band Golf Outing

Friday, September 9, 2005

The 7th annual golf outing is held the day before the Alumni Band Fall Reunion. Last year's outing was a fun-filled day and included fifty golfers (including our first women's team). We expect this outing will be just as enjoyable. The more golfers, the better. With the assistance of Lynn Brown in locating prizes, everyone has won something. So, even if your golf score doesn't live up to your usual stellar play, you will leave the outing having had a great day with other MSU supporters. For more information contact Dale Bartlett at 517-332-4495, or bartle17@msu.edu. More specific information regarding greens fees, etc. will appear in the next *Encore*.

Greetings from the MSU Band Office

I hope that this letter finds you well and looking forward to our 2005 Alumni Band Spring Concert on April 17th. As I write to you, the Spartan Brass (100 students) is in the middle of another fun season of supporting men's and women's basketball, as well as Spartan hockey! The fall 2004 Spartan Marching Band enjoyed another successful season. Among many highlights was certainly the addition of new uniforms! The newly formed SMB travel fund (which many of you contribute to — thanks) allows us to “road trip” to more places. In addition to our standard trip to Ann Arbor, the band sent a 100-piece pep band to the Indiana football game as well as the excellent Spartan Drumline to a national collegiate drumline contest in Nashville. The drummers were very successful with a 2nd place (by 1 tenth of a point) finish and a very impressive national showing.

Please accept a special thanks to all of you who participated in one of the “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. Thanks again to both Jack Nelson for his organizational contributions and to Jim McCaffrey and Bob Rice for conducting the bands!

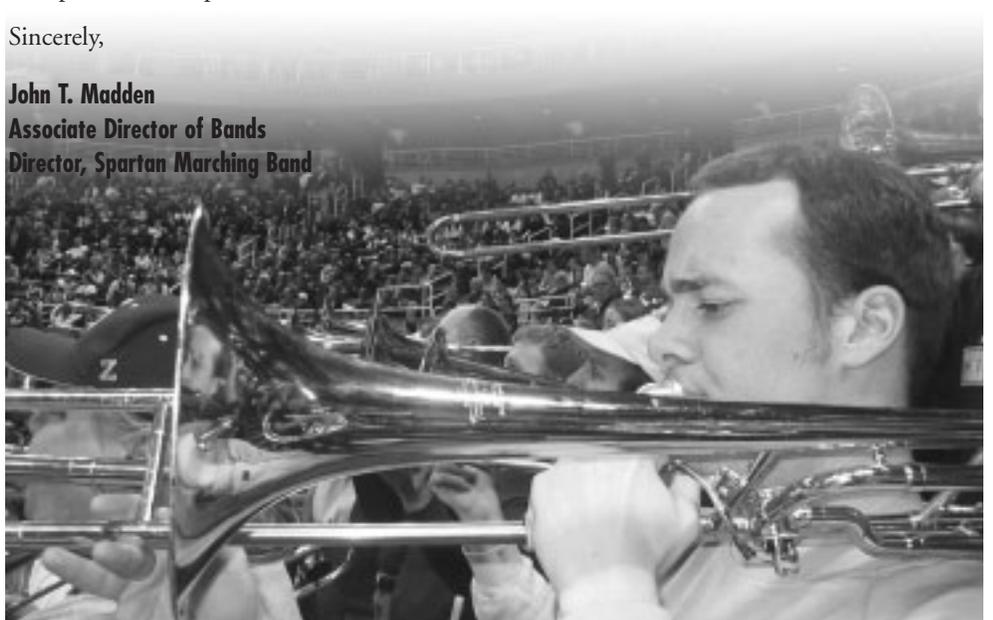
Thanks to those of you who have made it your tradition to attend our Alumni Band Spring Concert. If you haven't participated in this before, I urge you to consider spending a Sunday with us on campus for some fun music-making. We usually perform three or four selections as well as the *MSU Alma Mater*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

Lastly, mark your calendars for Saturday, September 10, 2005. Our annual Alumni Band Fall Reunion will take place on the occasion of the MSU vs. Hawaii football game.

Thanks for your continued support of all the MSU Bands. We look forward to seeing you on April 17 and September 10, 2005.

Sincerely,

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



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a Message from the President

As I begin this new term with the MSU Alumni Band, I would like to thank the previous board for all of their hard work. Without the people on the board and other volunteers, our association would not continue to grow. As for myself, I am very pleased to be your president and look forward to working with the members of the board and the Alumni Band.

This coming year of 2005 brings us the activities we have had in the past including the Alumni Band Spring Concert—a joint concert with the MSU Wind Symphony on Sunday April 17th. The Alumni Band Fall Reunion will be on Saturday, September 10th with the golf outing on Friday, September 9th. A “*bigger and better*” Friday evening get-together is also planned for Friday, September 9th at the Michigan Athletic Club (MAC) in East Lansing. Read on in the *Encore* to find more information about these and other activities that are being planned. This year MSU celebrates its sesquicentennial (1855–2005) and a new president—Dr. Lou Anna Simon, so there are sure to be other activities that the Alumni Band Association will be involved with. We will keep you in touch.

One of my primary goals as president is to encourage you to get involved with the Alumni Band either as a participant, as an active volunteer or just communicating with us regarding ideas, suggestions or thoughts. Active membership makes for a stronger organization. Our web site (<http://www.msu.edu/~alumband/board.htm>) lists the contact information for the board members. Please feel free to share your thinking with them or me. The web site is also a great place to stay current and in touch with the wonderful traditions and people who have made the MSU Bands what they are today. If you have not registered your e-mail with the Alumni Band or you need to update your information, you can do so there as well.

We are working to continue to foster closer contact with the MSU Bands and their directors and be able to support them in new and exciting ways.

Again, I look forward to serving you as president. Go Green, Go White!

Gerald Spry

MSU Alumni Band Association President

MSU Bands Commissioning Project

In the spring 2004 *Encore* was information about the MSU Alumni Band Board starting a project to support ongoing commissioning projects by MSU University Bands. A pledge was made by the board for 2004 and an amount will be 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 Kristin Peterson, Assistant Director of Development, MSU Bands, Michigan State University, 102 Linton Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824-1044 (Phone: 517-353.4725 or email peters30@cal.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.

a Special Thank You

The Commissioning Project continues to grow thanks to the following people. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Send your contribution to Kristin Peterson at the address above and be sure to mark it for the “Commission Project.”

Ken Adams, Sandi Ahlers, Cheryl Ambs, Roger Bailey, Jim Barry, Phillip Bertolini, Carin Bieber, Michael Boron, Andrew Case, Gail Catron, Jane Church, David Coon, Les Dale, Olan Dombroski, Katie Drury, Douglas Edwards, Randy Essenberg, Greg Fauth, Jean Fickett, Al Fisk, Deborah Freeman, John Fuller, Jo Ann Garvin, Donald Gillette, Jeff Glass, Lisa Haston, Roger Hathaway, Jr., Amy Heisler, Bruce Helmer, William Henderson, Ronald Higgins, Gary Hoskins, George Hunter, Jeffery Jones, Kenneth Jones, S. Joseph Levine, James McCaffrey, Susan McCaffrey, David McClough, Danielle McGhee, Janice McIntyre, James Mortensen, Ronda Page, Ron Peterson, Jodi Reeves, Robert Rice, Don Roelofs, William Sachs, Ronald Sams, Frank Sanborn, Leonard Schemm, Donel Scott, Jeff Shuster, Gerald Spry, Roger Stevens, Gary Stewart, Norman Taylor, Tracy Dexter, S. Earle Trudgen, Peter Turkus, Frank Vivio, Brian Walsh, Kurt Weyersberg.

MSU Endowments *assist* Students *in the* MSU Bands

Over the years there have been a number of MSU endowed scholarships created that are available for financial assistance to students who participate in the MSU Bands. Established with an initial funding amount, these endowments can often benefit tremendously from additional funding. What a great way to make a tax-deductible contribution to MSU and at the same time, show your support of the MSU Bands!

Walter Adams Memorial Endowed Scholarship in Marching Band

(Two scholarships were awarded in 2003–04)

Kenneth G. Bloomquist Endowed Fellowship in Wind Conducting

(Two scholarships were awarded in 2003–04)

Leonard Falcone Endowed Scholarship

(Seven scholarships were awarded in 2003–04)

William B. Stutler Endowment Fund for Scholarships in the MSU Band Program

(Two scholarships were awarded in 2003–04)

John B. and Beverly A. Webb Spartan Marching Band Endowed Scholarship

(One scholarship was awarded in 2003–04)

Spartan Championship Drums Endowment Fund

(Newly created)

Contributions can be made directly to MSU Development. Checks should be made out to Michigan State University with the name of the endowment clearly noted on the memo portion of your check. Send your contribution to: Kristin Peterson, Assistant Director of Development, MSU Bands, Michigan State University, 102 Linton Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824-1044 (Phone: 517-353.4725; email: peters30@cal.msu.edu). More information? Contact Kristin Peterson at the address above.

20th *annual* Leonard Falcone International Euphonium and Tuba Festival

2005 marks the 20th annual Leonard Falcone International Euphonium and Tuba Festival. This internationally renowned competition is held in honor of Director Emeritus Dr. Leonard Falcone, MSU Bands.

This year's competition, hosted by Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, will feature the student and artists finals on Saturday afternoon, August 13th and will culminate with an evening concert and live broadcast in the Stewart Shell. This year's event debuts a euphonium solo composed by MSU graduate Jim Curnow and is dedicated to the Grand Lady of the Festival, Mrs. Leonard (Beryl) Falcone.

As part of the 20th year celebration, there will be a fund-raising effort for the endowment fund. Please consider attending the special anniversary events and/or contributing towards the festival's continued success. Checks may be made payable to the "Falcone Festival", PO Box 15034, Lansing MI 48901-5034. All contributions are tax deductible.

For further information or questions contact Douglas Goodrich (517-321-1806 or DouglasD52@aol.com) or Beryl Falcone. Check out the web site at www.ferris.edu/falcone.



2007 Alumni Tour Band



The MSU Alumni Tour Band intends to travel to Europe again in 2007. The plan is to use Amsterdam as a starting point for a more extensive luxury river cruise similar to the four-night cruise taken in 2004. Ken Bloomquist will conduct, Dale Bartlett will manage much of the preparation, and Lauralee Campbell is already considering the various destinations, concert sites, river routes, etc. The trip is scheduled to begin the third weekend in June and end around July 1, unless you opt to extend the trip beyond the scheduled concert tour. This trip is still in the early stages, but this preview lets you dream about what is to come. For more information contact Dale at 517-332-4495 or at bartle17@msu.edu

Gerry Spry *to* conduct MSU Alumni Band *in* April.

The MSU Alumni Band is pleased to announce that Gerry Spry will guest conduct at the 2004 Alumni Band Spring Concert on April 17. Gerry, now retired, taught 31 years in the Waterford (MI) school system. Prior to that he worked as a musical therapist.

Gerry received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1964 and a Master of Music Arts degree in 1972, both from MSU. As a student he was a percussionist playing under Oscar Stover, Bill Moffit and Leonard Falcone.

Gerry has been active in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association and community bands, and currently directs the Waterford New Horizon Band. He performs with the MSU Alumni Bands and the Alumni Tour Band.

For more information on the Alumni Spring Concert, contact the MSU Alumni Band.

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Adams, Charles A. (*Baritone/Trombone '39*) *Fowlerville, MI*, still plays popular tunes on his trombone.

Babb, Erin (*Color Guard '98*) *Grand Rapids, MI*, is currently working on her master of divinity at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Barry, Jim (*Trumpet '73, '83*) *Okemos, MI*, writes that his Okemos High School Band was selected to perform at the 60th Annual Music Educator's Conference at UM's Hill Auditorium.

Bieber, Carin (*Mellophone '02*) *Lansing, MI*, lives in Lansing with three cats and her sister Erin, a current SMB mellophone.

Blanchett, Carrie (*Tuba '86*) *Corunna, MI*, is working towards graduating from Baker College and made the Dean's List for spring term.

Boron, Michael (*Tuba '91*) *Pontiac, MI*, works for English Gardens while fixing up his home and singing in his church choir.

Carl, Carrie (*Mellophone '94*) *Hastings, MI*, has been teaching 7th grade biology for ten years and received the Teacher of the Year award.

Church, Jane (*Alto Sax '75, '77*) *East Lansing, MI*, began her 25th year at East Lansing High School in a new performing arts facility.

Collins, Dave (*Cymbals '96*) and **Shelly** (*Color Guard '95*) *Franklin, TN*. Dave returned to school at Vanderbilt University for a MBA. Shelly works for GM's Saturn Division and teaches color guard at the local high school. Their daughter Megan, 2½, has her own flag and is lethal with it.

Crissman, Molly (*Trumpet '88*) *Spring Lake, MI*, works as a family physician in Grand Haven. Her children are Sam (5), Ben (3), and Zoe (1).

DeSmet (Laird), Karen (*Big Tens '80*) *Montague, MI*, is starting a new career as a life coach and holistic body/mind practitioner.

Dombroske, Olan (*Alto Sax '73, '76, '81*) *North Branch, MI*, and his wife Sara traveled with the Alumni Tour Band and had a great time with all the musicians.

Downey, Adam (*Alto Sax '00*), and **Cori (Bigelow)** (*Alto Sax '99*) *Pottsville, MI*, were married in July 2004. Adam is finishing a Ph.D. in electrical engineering and Cori works as a finance manager at Kellogg Company.

Drury, Katie (*Tenor Sax '01*) *Troy, MI*, currently teaches 4th grade at Hickory Grove Elementary School in Bloomfield Hills.

Elliot, Fred (*Trumpet '43*) *Sun City Center, FL*, has retired after 30 years as a high school band director. He still enjoys playing in bands and arranging music.

Fickett, Jean (*Clarinet '50, '04*) *East Lansing, MI*, finished her dissertation—"A History of the School of Music at MSU."

Freeman, Deborah Lane (*Clarinet '73, '77*) *Beachwood, OH*, has practiced OB/GYN for 23 years and currently is on staff at Metro Health Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. She and Jon have been married 21 years. Their daughters Kara and Krista are in college.

Friebe, John (*E-flat Trumpet '84*) *Simpsonville, SC*, recently relocated to South Carolina and is a national sales manager for Prescolite, Inc.

Futbush, John (*Clarinet '54*) *Panama City Beach, FL*, still plays his clarinet.

Garlock, Gary (*Trumpet '86*), and **Ann** (*Alto Sax '87*) *Battle Creek, MI*. Gary is a senior project manager with Post Cereal, Kraft Foods. Ann is a clinical team manager for a healthcare company. Daughter Kelsey (12) has started playing the trumpet and son Travis (8) wants to play the drums.

Geerdes, Jeremy (*Trumpet '02*) *Kentwood, MI*, teaches 5th grade in Caledonia. He married Marci in June 2004.

Gordon, Gary (*Alto Sax '73*) *Okemos, MI*, was appointed bureau chief for governmental affairs in the Michigan Attorney General's office in January 2003.

Gould, Bob (*Trumpet '90*), and **Susan Wiegandt Gould** (*Alto Sax '91*) *Rockford, MI*. Bob and Susan recently moved to Rockford with their two children Irene (6) and Isaac (1). Bob was recently elected president of the National Press Photographers Association and Susan is in her 14th year as director of instrumental music at Greenville High School.

Grant, Charles "Bud" (*Alto Sax '54*) *Kewadin, MI*, is retired and still plays in the Cherry Festival Parade with the MSU Alumni Club Pep Band.

Haines, William (*Trumpet '64*) *Holt, MI*, works at home and anticipates retiring later this year.

Halls, Bradley (*Snare '87*), and **Heather** (*Alto Sax '88*) *Waterford, MI*. Brad is a software development manager and maintains the SMB web site. Heather is a stay-home mom, creating hand-painted crafts, teaching saxophone, volunteering, playing in their church band, and serving as PTO president.

Heisler, Amy (*Alto Sax '93*) *Tempe, AZ*, manages internal communications at Honeywell. She serves as a panel chairman for the United Way's community volunteer program and she plays in the Arizona Wind Symphony along with fellow SMB alum, **Dave Melkin** (*Trumpet*).

Hermann-Stimson, Bernadette (*Tenor Sax '97*) *Ypsilanti, MI*, is a staff veterinarian at Ford Rd Animal Clinic in Dearborn Heights.

Hutting, Lori (*Alto Sax '92*) *Dimondale, MI*, had a son last year, Deegan Patrick.

Iovannitti, Jackie (Jagowski) (*Color Guard '99*) *Royal Oak, MI* works in the environmental management field and is pursuing an MBA. She and Sebastian have been married 1½ years.

Jansen, Caroline (*Color Guard '03*) *Clinton, MI*, works for Uckele Health and Nutrition as a nutritional consultant for animals and people.

Karnes, John (*Alto Sax, Big Tens '01*) *Wyoming, MI*, works for Shaw E & I in Grand Rapids as a geologist.

Korpi, Ed (*Tuba '89*) *Westland, MI*, is a credit manager and compliance officer for Ann Arbor Commerce Bank. He has taken up curling and is a member of the Detroit Curling Club.

Lott, Paul (*Bass Drum '78*) *Las Vegas, NV*, is loving life in Las Vegas.

Manett, Sheri (Dolson) (*Trumpet '81*) *Rockford, MI*, is a reading specialist with Grand Rapids Public Schools. Her husband Steve is an accountant. They have two children, Taylor (9) and Peter (7).

Martzke, Rich (*Trumpet '68*) *Grand Ledge, MI*, is busy with his dental practice. He still has time for softball, gardening, and playing in a local big band.

McCaffrey, Susan (*Alto Sax '81*) *Grand Ledge, MI*, ran her first marathon May 2 at the Flying Pig Marathon in Cincinnati and finished in 4 hours 59 minutes. After the race, she felt like she had gone through preseason all over again.

McDaniel, John (*Baritone '81*) *Bath, MI*, is in his sixth year as academic technology coordinator for the MSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. He had served 19 years with the MSU School of Music.

Morehouse, Robert (*Trumpet '56*) *Midland, MI*, is in his fifth year teaching part-time at Midland Academy Instrumental Music. He is still golfing.

Ness, Tim (*Tuba '00*) *Holt, MI*, was recently hired by the Lansing Fire Department as a firefighter/paramedic.

O'Brien, Rhiannon (Mulligan) (*Mellophone '02*) *Wyoming, MI*, was married last May to Brian. She'll be attending GVSU in January to earn a teaching certificate.

Patterson, Chris (*Alto Sax '97*) *Lansing, MI*. Chris and Jeane welcomed their first child, Cooper, in October keeping them busy but happy.

Perry, David (*Alto Sax '97*) *Sterling Heights, MI*, has one more year to go in his second bachelor's degree (BFA in 3D Animation). He is currently involved in projects that protect soldiers in Iraq.

Phillips, Kelley (Nastal) (*Baritone '00*) *Kinde, MI*. Kelley and John are celebrating their second

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anniversary. She is working on starting her own business.

Poreda, Brad (*Trumpet '99*) Norfolk, VA, is in his fourth year as a U.S. Naval Flight Officer. He is stationed at N.S. Norfolk with VAW-120 for Advanced Flight School on the E-2C Hawkeye.

Racine, Roger (*Trumpet '99*) and **Sarah (Keathley)** (*Color Guard '99*) Traverse City, MI, relocated to Traverse City and are looking to get in touch with alumni up there. Their daughter, Anna, was born in the spring of 2004.

Reeves, Jodi (*Mellophone '85, '93*) Lansing, MI, is getting used to being a mom after giving birth to daughters, Hope and Faith, in the fall of 2003. After extended stays in the NICU at U-M Hospital and Sparrow Hospital, they came home and are doing well. Despite the U-M nurses' efforts to convert them, Hope and Faith proudly wore their MSU hats and had their stuffed Sparty's with them.

Rimpan, Joy (*Baritone '75*) East Lansing, MI, has been an engineer with General Motors for 28 years. She also played with the Capital City Brass Band this summer.

Sack, Robert (*Clarinet '54, '57*) Beverly Hills, MI, enjoys retirement and playing in the Birmingham Concert and Straw-Hat Bands. He and his wife Sue vacationed in Switzerland and Austria this fall.

Schemm, Leonard (*Alto Sax '69*) Bloomfield Hills, MI, retired after 35 years of teaching band. He is helping to establish a communication arts academy at Fitzgerald High School.

Schmid, Andy (*Sousaphone/Tuba '79*) Fostoria, MI, has been the director of bands at Lakeville Community Schools for 25 years.

Segedy, Jim (*Tenor Sax '73*) Muncie, IN, is a professor at Ball State, and runs the Community Based Projects program.

Sobell, Jeff (*Trumpet '93*) Portage, MI, works for Kellogg Company in Battle Creek. He and Nikki have two daughters, Alicia (7) and Hailey (3).

Stewart, Gary (*Trumpet '75, '82*) Northbrook, IL, looks forward to the MSU Alumni Band trip with his new hip.

Stokes, Matt (*Trombone '96*) Fenton, MI, is busy recruiting the Fenton area for potential Spartans. He marches five miles a day.

Taylor, Norman (*Trumpet '76*) Constantine, MI, is the superintendent of Constantine Public Schools and oversaw a major school construction project. Norm and Debbie still had time to vacation in Hawaii this July.

Thomas, Robert (*Baritone '82*) South Lyon, MI, travels a lot to Germany and Japan due to his work. He still plays in the Novi Community Band.

Wakefield, George (*Trumpet '67*) Dothan, AL, plays in the Troy State University-Dothan Community Band. His wife Karen is completing her PNP program.

Walsh, Brian (*Baritone '86*) Grand Ledge, MI, has been married to Shelly for 18 years. Having two teens, Brianne and Jacob, in the house is non-stop excitement.

Wisner, Dave (*Trumpet '59*) Indianapolis, IN, is a part-time brass repair technician. He plays in several professional groups in Indianapolis and Orlando.

Since *the* last issue...

2004 Holiday Basketball Bands



A record 97 Alumni Band members participated in at least one of the three 2004 Holiday Basketball Bands that played at the men's and women's basketball games while the Spartan Brass were away on their semester recess. Alumni Band members came from as far as Muskegon, Manistee, Bay City, the Detroit area, Ohio, Illinois, Texas, and even Arizona. We had lots of fun and especially



enjoyed sitting in some of the best seats in the Breslin Center. The Alumni Band sounded great and even received some national TV exposure at the UCLA game! A special thanks to Bob Rice and Jim McCaffrey for directing the bands and to Gary Baron, Henry Nelson, and Jack Nelson for coordinating the events.

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Scenes from the 2004 Alumni Band Fall Reunion



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- 1: Ken Bloomquist (l) and Isaiah Odajima (r)—winner of the 2004 Bloomquist Scholarship sponsored by the MSU Alumni Band Association.
- 2: The second annual gathering on Friday evening of Alumni Band weekend including dinner at the Williamston Roadhouse.
- 3: Beryl Falcone and MSU Alumni Association President Keith Williams.
- 4: MSU Athletic Director Ron Mason shares a few reflections with the MSU Alumni Band.
- 5: Merritt Lutz warms-up at Adams Field before stepping off for Series.
- 6: Bill Rice and Dick Lodge take a break to smile for the camera.
- 7: Women's basketball coach Joanne P. McCallie ("Coach P") demonstrates how to play a major chord on a very large piano.
- 8: Men's basketball coach Tom Izzo (with son Steve) describes the benefits of not wearing socks on Saturday morning.

2004 MSU Homecoming Parade



On October 15th, the MSU Alumni Band made its first-ever appearance in the MSU Homecoming Parade. Thirty-five hardy Alumni Band members provided Spartan spirit along the parade route despite the cold rainy weather. The band was extremely well received and played for many loyal Spartan fans who lined the parade route. Band coordinator Jack Nelson announced that the Alumni Band has already been asked to participate in next year's parade, which will be on Saturday, October 8, 2005. This is a bye weekend for the football team. In lieu of the usual Homecoming Parade, MSU officials are planning a major Sesquicentennial Parade as part of MSU's celebration of its 150th anniversary. The parade route will start in Lansing at the State Capitol and will end at MSU.

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!
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