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2008 MSU ALUMNI CONCERT BAND REUNION

Date: Sunday, April 13, 2008

Location: Wharton Center, Great Hall

Reunion Schedule:

8:00 a.m. Registration and Hospitality

9:00 a.m. Rehearsal, Wharton Center
*Find a seat at the part you feel comfortable performing.
Music distributed at rehearsal; not mailed in advance.*

Noon Lunch (on your own)

2:30 p.m. Arrive at Wharton Center
Arrive backstage and take your seat on stage.

3:00 p.m. Concert
*The Alumni Band performs the first and the MSU
Symphony Band second. Wear "dress-up" clothes.*

2008 ALUMNI BAND FALL REUNION

Date: September 13th, 2008 • **Game Time:** TBD

the MSU Alumni Tour Band prepares for 2010 Tour

The MSU Alumni Tour Band, only recently returning from the 2007 tour of Western Canada, is already considering its next destination in 2010. Italy appears to be that destination, celebrating a 25-year span since the first Alumni Tour Band, who also made Italy its destination in 1985.

At the next luncheon, scheduled on the Alumni Concert Band Day, Lauralee Campbell will present some site options to Italy. Information regarding the luncheon will be mailed to former trip participants and other interested persons in early March.

To find out more, contact Dale Bartlett at bartle17@msu.edu or call 517-332-4495.

Greetings from the Spartan Marching Band Office

I thought I'd take a moment to bring everyone up to speed on the SMB's fall of 2007. In short, we were busy, took two road trips, and were back (as you know) in the bowl business!

We started 2007 preseason drills with the second largest freshman class in my 19 years as director, numbering around 110 (had 120 about five years ago). Typically the class is between 80 and 90. Our total personnel numbers remain capped at 300. This year's band was made up of 273 "in-staters" and 27 out-of-state students. Our out-of-state students came from; CA (1), CO (2), CT (2), DE (1), IL (5), KY (1), MA (2), ME (1), NE (1), NJ (2), OH (2), PA (1), TX (3), VA (1), WI (1). We also have one student from Germany.

Coach Dantanio greeted the band at our annual preseason general meeting. He was welcomed with great enthusiasm by the SMB. After a 3-0 home stand, the SMB took a retro "James Bond" show on the road to South Bend, culminating in another great Spartan victory at ND! Other season highlights include an "explosive" performance of the 1812 overture at the NW game, as well as a featured trumpet soloist for our Indiana halftime show. Mr. Chris Jaudes, a New York City lead player, joined us for a "Maynard Ferguson" tribute show. We took the Maynard show on the road (2nd trip of the year) to Ohio State, with Chris joining us again for a command performance. In addition to the normal halftime and pregame show in Columbus, we participated in the OSU "skull session" (indoor pregame concert) at the invitation of the Ohio State Marching Band. Then, the typical Michigan Week intensity took over the band for the big game at home in East Lansing this year. Our "90's Rock" show was a hit! Then, we ended our season with a victory over Penn State, securing our first bowl bid since 2003. The SMB was then invited to the Champs Sports Bowl in Orlando, flying on a DC-10 charter, participating in two parades, MSU donor events, several pep rallies, and of course the pregame and halftime shows at the game. The Spartans came up a bit short vs. Boston College, but the overall trip was very successful. A bright spot for me was that the SMB once again, was able to make a solid impression (as we did in 2000) on the Orlando area MSU alums and fans, not to mention the many others in attendance that have never seen the great tradition and pageantry that the SMB has always exhibited!

On a personal note, thanks to all who participated in one of the Holiday Alumni Spartan Brass events. Your participation allows us to keep the Spartan spirit alive at important games while my students are on break. We have a great new tradition established with you during this time of year and we look forward to increased participation at the holiday time in 2008!

Lastly, mark your calendars for our annual Alumni Band Fall Reunion on September 13th, 2008, when MSU plays Florida Atlantic, and please don't forget about this spring's Alumni Concert Band Reunion on Sunday, April 13th, 2008. Hope to see you at these events.

Sincerely,

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

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a Message from the President

Greetings from snowy Spartan Country. There's much more white than green in East Lansing this time of year. As the wind-chill dips below zero, and we file away basketball band sheet music for another season, our thoughts turn to spring and the April Alumni Concert Band Reunion. Before we put 2007 completely behind us, I wish to thank all of those behind-the-scenes volunteers who helped make the fall reunion possible. Gary Baron, Diedra Garlock and crew ably handled the registration process. Greg Pell arranged the Friday night dinner at Hershey's Steak and Seafood, and made sure both Sparty and a trombone choir entertained the participants. Gerry Spry's daughter Heather Hall found numerous door prizes for lucky winners. Jack Nelson kept track of the Alumni banner, with the help of my daughter Erin and her friend Charlotte, and he also recruited alums to march (or ride) in the Homecoming parade. Lynn Brown handled the golf outing. Gerry Spry, Bill Sachs and Beryl Falcone offered experienced advice and generally to keep all of us on track. Many other volunteers and board members helped throughout the day. I especially want to express our appreciation to the MSU band directors who support this alumni reunion in countless ways. Thanks, all. We couldn't do it without you. If any other alumni band members are interested in helping with the fall 2008 reunion, please contact the chairman of the reunion committee, Gerry Spry, and offer your assistance.

A little more green should be visible in East Lansing on April 13th, when the Alumni Band will share a concert with the Symphony Band at the Wharton Center. All MSU alumni who played in MSU bands are welcome to play. We rehearse for three hours in the morning, break for lunch, and perform that afternoon. As always, our group will be directed by MSU band directors, past and present. If you remember the beauty of the MSU campus in spring, and want to once again await the downbeat from Kenneth Bloomquist, this is the reunion for you. The registration form is elsewhere in this issue—we hope you can attend.

Finally, I can't miss the opportunity to acknowledge the years of hard work and wisdom the MSU Alumni Band has received from Beryl Falcone. Beryl, the widow of former Director of Bands Leonard Falcone, is an active MSU alumna and the alumni band's most enthusiastic booster. Beryl helped form the MSU Alumni Band Association at the request of Kenneth G. Bloomquist, and since then has spent countless hours on behind the scenes administrative tasks. She collects our registration forms, makes sure deadlines are met, spreads the word about the Alumni Band Association to the MSU students, collects tidbits about current activities of graduates, and most of all reminds us of our proud history. She informed us at a recent board meeting that she wished to phase out many of the Member Relations duties so she can concentrate on other projects needing her attention. Thank you, Beryl, from all of us, and we look forward to continuing to see you at alumni events for many years to come. Band alumni, if you have an opportunity to drop Beryl a note expressing your thanks I know she'd be glad to hear from you.

Go Green and Go White!

Terry McKenney Person, MSU Alumni Band Association President

A special thanks to the donors of the door prizes for the Friday night dinner before the 2007 Alumni Band Fall Reunion! They were: Abrams Planetarium, Coral Gables, Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, NCG Eastwood Cinemas, Riverwalk Theatre, and the Wharton Center for Performing Arts.

MSU Alumni Band working to Update the MSU Archives

The MSU Alumni Band continues to update the history of the Alumni Band, from its foundation in 1970. All items collected will be placed in the MSU Archives.

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 spring reunion.

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!

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In Memoriam

Former drum major, **Eugene F. Hickson** passed away Dec. 30, 2007 at his home in Venice, FL. Gene was 76 years old. He served as drum major of the marching band from 1950 through MSU's first ever appearance in the Tournament of Roses parade and the Rose Bowl Tournament of 1954.

A native of Pontiac, Gene enrolled at MSU in 1949. He was accepted in the MSU band, played clarinet, and was named drum major the next term. Gene was an engineering major. Upon graduation he joined Alcoa and was in the management training program. Gene married Marge Bowman and they have two children, Kim and Rob. When Marge became ill, Gene retired from Alcoa in 1981 to care for her until her death.

Gene married Sandra Francis on Jan 12, 1990. Sandy brought three children to the marriage, Rhonda, Bill, and Aaron. The children presented Gene and Sandy with 16 grandchildren and a great deal of pleasure.

Sandy and Gene moved from Pittsburgh to Venice in 1999. Gene treasured his days, his memories, and his friends at Michigan State.

Alderman (Collins), Dala (*Color Guard*, '99) teaches third-grade, has two children (Lily & Adam) and instructs color guard at Western High School.

Ambs, Cheryl (*Mellophone*, '86) purchased her first home in July 2007 and toured with the Alumni Band in Canda in June 2007.

Barann, Kris (*Trumpet*, '88) enjoys life with her husband and three busy kids while acting as finance director for the City of Allen Park.

Barry, Linda (*Flute*, '74) retired after 32 years of teaching kindergarten and first grade. She and Jim look forward to more time for friends, family, travel, and chores!

Billings, T. Patrick (*Baritone*, '79) toured China in summer 2007 with the "Windiana" Concert Band, performing eight concerts in two weeks. He also toured Australia and New Zealand, playing in the Sydney Opera House and in Auckland.

Bolthouse, Sarah (*Trumpet*, '00) teaches for Reeths-Puffer Public Schools in Muskegon.

Brown, Bruce (*Big Tens*, '82) celebrated his 9th year as artistic director for Ft. Lauderdale's Performing Arts high school, and traveled to Oaxaca, Mexico as lighting designer for the Miami Momentum Dance Theatre.

Catron, Gail (*Flute/Piccolo*, '76) opened Kirabo: a fair trade store supporting third-world artisans at 215 Ann St. Plaza in East Lansing.

Cornell, Tom (*Big Tens*, '76) shares that he and Marcia became grandparents in the summer of 2007 thanks to their daughter Emily and granddaughter Layla.

Craig, John E. (*Percussion*, '71) wife Rita, and son Jordon visited the Great Wall in China where they met their son Peter, wife Kimberly and new granddaughter Apolonia (Apple).

Dalton (Strong), Melissa (*Trumpet*, '94) and Scott live in Oxford and enjoy spending time with their daughter Madeline (2½).

Dobbertin, James (*Mellophone*, '69) is in his second year as band director as a 1A (small) rural school in south Texas.

Drury, Katie (*Tenor Saxophone*, '01) returned to England where she teaches fourth grade at the ACS International School in Cobham, Surrey. Visitors are always welcome!

Ferrari, Dr. Michael R. (*Trumpet*, '62, '63, '68) retired in 2003 as chancellor of Texas Christian University (TCU). He was president of Drake University (1985-98), and interim president of Bowling Green State University (1980-82). He is now a part-time academic search consultant and enjoys his seven grandchildren.

Friedeberg, Harold (*Trombone*, '74-75) marched on the field with his son, Trevor, a senior trumpeter this past year.

Franklin, Susan E. (*Clarinet*, '57-58) toured St. Petersburg, Russia; Helsinki, Finland; Tallinn, Estonia; and Riga, Latvia with the Detroit Conference United Methodist Chorale in the summer of 2007.

Garrison, Kathy (*Alto Saxophone*, '96) finished her master of library & information science at Wayne State University in December 2006. She works as the media specialist at Birch Run schools.

Glovac (Duncan), Barbara (*Alto Saxophone*, '80) is the Roseville Community Schools band and vocal music teacher, and carillonneur for Grosse Pte. Memorial Church. Daughter Kristin is an MSU junior, and daughter Katie is a high school sophomore playing clarinet and saxophone. Husband Jim, is a forensic science and biology teacher in Lakeview schools.

Gould, Bob (*Trumpet*, '90) left WZZM-TV after 14 years as chief photojournalist and now teaches broadcast journalism at Michigan State. He lives in Rockford with wife Susan (Weingandt), their two children, Isaac (4) and Irene (9). He was honored with his second Emmy award from the Michigan chapter of NATAS in June 2007.

Grant, Brian (*Drum Major*, '03) enjoys life in Colorado with Jes and MacGyver. They bought their first house and love their jobs, the mountains, and the beauty out there!

Hedlund, Tom (*Trombone*, '90) & **Denise** (*Alto Saxophone*, '91) just celebrated their 15th anniversary. Ashley (11) plays trumpet. Ben (8) is a black belt through the American Tae Kwon Do Association (ATA). They are very proud.

Hermann-Stimson, Bernadette (*Tenor Saxophone*, '97) began a new job as an emergency veterinarian at the Animal ER Center in Commerce Township.

Hoffman, Dave (*Mellophone*, '87) relocated with his family to the Indianapolis area, where he continues to practice pediatrics, and his wife is an OB/Gyn. All three children are doing well.

Hutting (Roberts), Lori (*Alto Saxophone*, '92) teaches English and French at DeWitt Junior High; spends time with her two children (2 & 4), two annoying birds, and husband when he's home.

Karnes, John (*Alto Sax & Big Tens*, '01) has been a mad mud scientist for five years. He resides in Wyoming, as the leading gunslinger-geologist.

Koehn, Norman A. (*Clarinet*, '68) retired, but keeps busy substitute teaching, building projects, fishing and hunting, and spending time with his wife, two sons and two grandchildren. He is very grateful for his years at MSU and in the marching band. His MSU spirit is always with him and he looks forward to the reunions, where he meets cherished leaders and friends.

Kowalski, Andrew (*Horn/Mellophone/Trombone*, '07) was appointed music teacher at MacDonald intermediate school in Fort Knox, KY.

Levine, Joe (*Clarinet*, '62) shares that he & Robbie are having a great time spoiling their first grandchild, Joshua, born in spring 2007.

McCaffrey, James (*Percussion*, '80) shares that the next generation of McCaffrey percussionists has begun! Son, Max, chose percussion and drives his sister crazy by drumming on everything... he was not influenced at all... Visit grandrapids homes.blogspot.com to see what they are up to!

McCaffrey, Susan (*Alto Saxophone*, '81) is in her third year as a media specialist at East Grand Rapids high school. During the summer, she directs the FFIC Heritage Camp for internationally adopted children. She is also chief chauffeur for future Spartans Max (12) and Megan (10).

Meier, Chris (*Alto Saxophone*, '99) & **Heather** (*Baritone*, '98) welcomed twin boys Will & Charlie in the summer of 2007. All are doing well. Heather is in her third year as band director at Niwot High School in Niwot, CO. This fall, one of her former NHS students is a freshman trombone in the SMB. Chris works at Sun Microsystems as a packaging engineer.

Milch, Kenneth (*Baritone*, '93) and wife Carla welcomed daughter Rebecca in the spring of 2007. Rebecca joins big sisters Cassandra (5)

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and Samantha (3). Kenneth completed his 14th year as director of instrumental and vocal music at Lamphere High School in Madison Heights, MI.

Monroe-Young, Suzanne (*Color Guard, '84*) started her own business, Suzanne & Co., a personal home services company. She became a first-time grandma in the spring of 2007 to Devon Donald Myers, born 14 weeks premature at 2 lbs., 4 oz. — he's doing great!

Nelson, Jack (*Alto Sax, '72 and '72*) and **Nancy** (*Alto Sax, '74 and '77*) share that sons Michael and Matthew are official members of the MSU Alumni Band as of May 2007.

Olin, Paul (*Drum Major, '64 and '67*) judged the National Twirling Competition at the University of Notre Dame in July 2007.

Perry, Dennis (*Trombone, '70*) says his daughter, Dianne, is employed by MSU.

Pulter, Dan (*Percussion, '81*) shares his son, Dan, is a freshman snare drummer in the SMB this year.

Salow, Ronald F. (*Cornet, '51*) and Elaine took a passenger barge down the Mississippi River from St. Louis to New Orleans.

Schemm, Leonard E. (*Alto Sax, '69*) and **Bonnie** (*Alto Sax, '68 and '69*) report that Leonard is still retired and working on the house. Bonnie works full-time at the Roeper School and is growing her publications business. Both enjoy time with their grandson.

Schafer (York), Shirley (*Baritone, '55*) volunteers at Lapeer Regional Medical Center, enjoys family and friends and looks forward to Sunday church.

Smith, Guy R. Jr. (*Tuba, '58 and '76*) reports he is active as conductor and musician of Civil War music for the 5th Michigan Regiment Band.

Sullivan (Rorick), Cheryl L. (*Tenor Sax, '93*) and John celebrated their 13th anniversary in 2007. Their kids, Savannah (9), Summer (5), LeMay (17 months) and their business keep them busy.

Sutton, Gary L. (*Trombone, '67*) is an operator for Sutton Travel Consultants, plays trombone with

New Reformation Band, does some judging, and enjoys spending time with his seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and his wife Lil.

Thoma, August (*Alto Sax, '75 and '76*) was selected as MSBOA District 16 Teacher of the Year for Band in 2007. He retired from Rochester High School as director of bands after 24 years, and was appointed director of bands at Rochester College, MI. He is very proud to march with sons Matt ('04) and Chris ('06) in the Alumni Band. Daughter Megan is in the SMB.

Vechinski, Lance (*Clarinet, '80*) announces that his son, Andrew, is a freshman SMB Tuba majoring in computer science.

Voss (Thelen), Amanda (*Alto Sax, '04*) married Justin Voss. She is currently working in Lansing.

Walsh, Brian E. (*Baritone, '86*) shares that daughter Brianne is in James Madison College and made the Dean's list the first two semesters. Son Jake will graduate from Grand Ledge High School and travel to New York City with Top Choir.

Since *the* Last Issue



A record 121 Alumni Band members returned to MSU to participate in the holiday bands that played at two men's and two women's basketball games while the Spartan Brass were on their semester break. Due to the popularity of these events, the band even had a waiting list for one of the games. Special thanks to Bob Rice and Jim McCaffrey who directed the bands and to Gary Baron, Henry Nelson, and Jack Nelson for coordinating the events.



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