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2006 MSU ALUMNI CONCERT BAND REUNION

Date: Sunday, April 23, 2006
Location: University Auditorium

Reunion Schedule:

8:00 a.m. — Registration
9:00 a.m. — Dress Rehearsal
3:00 p.m. — Concert

2006 ALUMNI BAND FALL REUNION

Date: Saturday, September 30, 2006
Game Time: TBA (Homecoming: MSU vs. Illinois)
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2006 ALUMNI BAND DINNER

Date: Friday, September 29, 2006
Time & Location: TBD

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Meet the new MSU Director of Bands



Kevin Sedatole will assume the director of bands position at Michigan State University beginning fall of 2006. He currently serves as director of bands and associate professor of conducting at Baylor University. He joined the Baylor faculty in the fall of 2002. Dr. Sedatole is the conductor of the the Baylor Wind Ensemble and as well as serving as administrator to the Symphonic Band, Concert Band, Golden Wave Marching Band, Volleyball Band and the Courtside Players. Previous to his appointment at Baylor he served as associate director of bands at the University of Texas and director of the Longhorn Band.

His duties there included conducting both the Longhorn and Symphony Band, teaching conducting classes, and administering all facets of the Longhorn Marching Band. Dr. Sedatole has also served as the associate director at the University of Michigan and Stephen F. Austin State University. He began his teaching career in Texas holding positions in the Klein and Austin Independent School Districts where his ensembles received top honors at regional and state festivals.

Dr. Sedatole holds both the doctor of musical arts degree and master of music degree from The University of Texas at Austin. He earned his bachelor of music degree from Baylor University in 1985.

2005 National Twirling Hall of Fame Honoree



The National Twirling Hall of Fame chose Paul Olin as a 2005 honoree. Paul has been associated with the twirling youth movement for over 50 years. During his competitive years, he won 80 trophies and 55 medals including five Minnesota State Championships and the Senior National Championship in 1960. He was awarded a four-year drum major scholarship at Michigan State University. During his college years he taught students in summer camps throughout the United States. He coached and taught private students who subsequently became state and national champions from across the country. As a nationally recognized judge, Mr. Olin judged state and national competitions for over 20 years.

He was inducted into the National Twirling Hall of Fame on July 23, 2005 at Notre Dame University in conjunction with American Youth on Parade events. His contributions to the twirling sport are included in the National Twirling Museum Hall of Fame in Janesville, WI, which is open to the general public.

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a Message from the President

A happy New Year to all of you. It hardly seems possible we are into a new year. This past year we had our alumni concert and marching band reunions and more than sixty alumni joined together for the Sesquicentennial Parade. This parade was held in place of the annual Homecoming Parade. Thank you Jack Nelson! There was a wonderful evening before the Alumni Band Fall Reunion with about 75 people of all ages in attendance for dinner and to renew old friendships. Many alumni brought their children and grandchildren. It was a great evening. Thanks to alumni Joe Levine and Heather Halls for all their work on this event. The current band directors joined in the merriment as did Ken Bloomquist, Dave Catron and even Sparty. Earlier in the day was our annual golf outing.

Over the Christmas holiday break, many of the alumni band members filled in for the Spartan Brass and provided music for the men's and women's basketball games and one hockey game.

These are some of the things your Alumni Band Board does for YOU! A constant stream of activity goes on behind the scenes. Check out the Spartan Marching Band web site, which was created and is kept up to date by an alum. We also provide financial support through scholarships and commissioning projects. I would encourage you at some time to say "thank you" through an email, or any other means, to one of the Alumni Board members. They work hard for you!

As most of you know, John Whitwell will be retiring at the end of this semester. The MSU bands have grown and developed these past thirteen years under his amazing leadership. John's accomplishments are remarkable and he will be missed. The MSU bands are second to none in their brilliant performances and varied programs.

We have had great leadership in our bands. Beginning with Leonard Falcone, whose forty-plus years set a very high standard for those who followed, Harry Began and Ken Bloomquist continued to maintain and raise that standard to even greater heights. On behalf of the alumni band board, I would personally like to thank John and welcome both John and Carol as members of the Alumni Band organization.

We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Director of Bands Dr. Kevin Sedatole. Dr. Sedatole comes to us from Baylor University. Prior to that he had been the director of the University of Michigan marching band. So, a very warm welcome to Kevin. We look forward to a long and close working relationship.

In closing, I would like to encourage you to support your alumni band organization over the next weeks and months. We need your participation, your ideas, your financial support, and encouraging help of all kinds. I am proud of my identity as an alumnus of such a remarkable and strong tradition and it is up to us to help see it continue for future band members. Remember, there is no other group quite like it...anywhere! GO GREEN!

Gerald Spry

MSU Alumni Band Association President

Bob Rice to conduct MSU Alumni Band in April.

The MSU Alumni Band is pleased to announce that Bob Rice will guest conduct at the 2006 MSU Alumni Concert Band Reunion on April 23. Bob Rice is a 1972 graduate of MSU. He was a student and band member from 1967 to 1972. Bob taught public school music for 31 years. The last 30 years were at Lowell High School as the director of bands. He is a past president and present historian of the MSU Alumni Band. Bob is an original member of the alumni band and has attended every fall reunion since the beginning.

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

Please Update *your* Email Address!

In an effort to communicate more efficiently and economically with the MSU Alumni Band membership, we have come to rely heavily on email. It allows us to notify you of upcoming special events, such as the holiday pep bands, as well as notifying you of other critical information that you need to know. With the rising cost of postage, this is a practical way to communicate information to our members. However, the recent bulk email sent to notify membership of the opportunity to participate in the holiday basketball and hockey games during the absence of the Spartan Brass revealed that a number of members have not updated their email address on record. Below is a list of members whose email was returned as undeliverable.

There are also a number of members that do not have an email address recorded in our database. We encourage you to send in your email address so that we may communicate with you through this medium. If your privacy is an issue, be assured that we never share your email address with anyone other than the MSU Band department. Also, no member email address will be placed on the “Staying In Touch” portion of the MSU Alumni Band website unless the member expressly gives us permission to put it there.

You can update or add your email address by sending an email to one of the following addresses: alumband@msu.edu or tyzilm7@msualum.com

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William Casey	Peter Fleming	Rebecca Mace	Suzanne Prose	Ronald Wellman
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Michele Chabot	Jo Ann Garvin	Kathryn MacTavish	David Reid	Andrew Wendt
Phillip Chevallard	Mel Garvin	Joe Mannon	Marcia Relyea	Jason Werner
Rick Christner	William Gates	Nicholas Markel	Linda Rensland	David Wernette
Jeff Clark	Amy Goodman	Cynthia Marsh	Brian Reynolds	Michael Wesseldyk
Ann Marie Clark	Gary Goodridge	William Matheson	Ann Rittenhouse	Troy Wiegand
Theresa Clarke	Charles “Bud” Grant	James McCaffrey	Brian Robbins	Amy Wiles
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Chris Conton	Traci Gulick	Lynn McCurdy	Ken Ryan	John Wortman
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Matt Cowles	Kristy Hamrick	Don McKenzie	Laura Safran	
Terry Craven	Gregor Hard	Mark McKeon	Charles Schaner	
Joe Crean	Roger Hathaway, Jr	Peter McKinney	Chuck Schartow	
Russell Crites	Chad Hayes	Michael McKinney	Robert Schwartz	

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Alderman, Pete (*Snare*, '97) and **Dala** (*Color Guard*, '97) had a baby girl, Lily, last year. They still help with the area marching band. Pete is pursuing his secondary education degree in math and Dala teaches third grade part-time.

Ambs, Cheryl (*Mellophone*, '86) still teaches at Bethany Lutheran School in Detroit. She may teach grades 3 and 4 this fall and looks forward to the challenge (she thinks). She also spent time this summer travelling in the southern U.S.

Bale, Lisa (*Flute, Oboe, Big Tens*, '82) now lives in Saginaw and plays in a new musical group, the "Classic Legacy Band of Saginaw" formed after the loss of Lloyd Honsinger, member of the "The Honsinger Ensemble." The band is an outlet for those who love music, love to play music and love to share it with others. Lisa also lost her mother this last summer, whom she credits for her start in music and support throughout her career.

Beem, Herbert (*Clarinet*, '53) retired and plays in community band, in a dance job at the local dance hall in Lansing, and in a Big Band dance band.

Blair, Geoffrey (*Tenor Saxophone*, '89) completed his M.S. degree in American history. His goal is to teach at the junior college level.

Boron, Michael (*Tuba*, '91) shares that he is growing a mohawk.

Carl, Carrie M. (*Mellophone*, '93) enters her twelfth year of teaching seventh grade science and just loves it!

Catron, Gail (*Piccolo*, '76) graduated in December with a business management degree and interviewed this fall in training/corporate event planning.

Chen, Kelvin (*Trumpet*, '76) still enjoys playing trumpet in a few community bands.

Cooperider, John (*Trombone*, '89) moved back to Michigan in July 2004 after 13 years in Connecticut.

Crissman, Molly (*Trumpet*, '88) and Jim decided the house was too quiet with just Sam (6), Ben (4), and Zoe (2), and added two new pups, Millie & Ruby. They are now back to the normal chaos!

DeBenedetti, Geanna (*Baton Twirler*, '89) and her husband Jeff have recently acquired the Las Positas golf course in northern California!

Dombroske, Olan (*Alto Sax*, '73) enjoyed the photo of himself and Sara in the spring *Encore*.

Edwards, Doug (*Trumpet*, '76) retired in December 2004 after 25 years in the hotel business, the last 10 years as a Marriott general manager. He is now a financial planner in Memphis, TN.

Foster, Brian E. (*Alto Sax*, '95) and his wife **Susan** (*Mellophone*, '96) welcomed their daughter, Lexi

in the fall of 2004, joining older sister Faith. Brian is in his second year of law school at Notre Dame. Susan is a preschool teacher on campus. He states that they will be wearing MSU apparel all around South Bend.

Furbush, John (*Clarinet*, '54) proudly shares that three generations of his family have attended MSU. Himself, his son ('79) and his granddaughter who is currently in the veterinary medicine program.

Gilbert, Dean (*Trombone*, '86) has been teaching band for 18 years. His daughter Kaitlynn is a freshman trumpet player in the Lakeview High School Band. His son Kameron (10) is a piano player. Dean has enjoyed making all kinds of DVDs for individuals in the last couple of years.

Glass, Jeff (*Tuba*, '84) was elected president of the Lexington Bicentennial Band this year.

Gould, Bob (*Trumpet*, '90) just finished the year as president of the National Press Photographers Association (NPPA).

Greene, Elise Snoeck (*Color Guard*, '80) teaches choral music, general music, speech & drama in New Lenox, IL. She has two children, Laura (19) and Ryan (16).

Haines, William C. (*Trumpet*, '64) retired on March 31, 2005.

Hardenbergh, Kellie (Podehl) (*Trumpet*, '01) married Dave in 2005 in DeWitt at the Catholic Community of St. Jude. They even visited the MSU Dairy Store with their wedding party to make their special day even sweeter.

Higgins, Ron (*Trumpet*, '65) and Karen announce the birth of their first grandchild, Evan in the same year that they both applied for social security!

Hoffman, Dave (*Mellophone*, '87) still practices pediatrics in Howell, MI.

Hutting, Lori (Roberts) (*Alto Sax*, '92) moved to DeWitt's junior high, teaching French and English.

Jones, Richard W. (*Snare*, '41) is a retired structural steel engineer, having lived and worked in Lansing since 1961. He's an Air Force veteran of WWII and Korea, and enjoys watching the Alumni Band from the upper deck!

Korte, Don (*Tenor Sax*, '48) continues to operate a farm business and plays in four concert bands and one dance band around the Canton area.

LaMarra-Hill, Sarah (*Baritone*, '01) married in 2003, and works for the USDA. She purchased 40 acres and plans to build a new house.

Lange, Ludwig (*Trumpet*, '60) is recovering from eye cancer.

Leipprandt, John E. (*Euphonium*) shares that he is not expecting, has quit having birthdays, has no wedding intended (shotgun or otherwise), still walks on the green side, and never misses a cocktail party, or rehearsal—whichever come first.

Lott, Paul L. (*Bass Drum*, '78) is operations supervisor at Sallie Mae—a student loan lender—and works part-time as an usher for the Celine Dion show at Caesars Palace.

MacTavish, Kathryn (Kuschel) (*Flute*, '67) retired from education and still plays her flute.

Marx, Gary (*Trumpet*, '73) shares that they are still keeping the Strolling Spartans in business, played for the MSU Sesquicentennial Parade, and at some MSU volleyball games.

McMullen, Susan (Aula) (*Trumpet*, '89) and her husband Marc welcomed their second son, Sean in the fall of 2004. Big brother Conner (3) loves him to pieces.

Moffitt, Rhonda (Bille) (*Trumpet*, '84) currently works as an RN at Sparrow Hospital. She has two children, Molly (10) and Jordan (7). Molly joined band this year on flute.

Morehouse, Robert (*Trumpet*, '56) will spend his sixth year at Midland Academy as their one and only band director. He finds it wonderful to work with young people still—although he finds times have changed with young students and parents.

O'Neill, Hanna (*Cymbals*, '03) is a translation project manager with the Detroit Translation Bureau in Bingham Farms, MI. She participated in a 23-mile kayak marathon to benefit Special Olympics.

Peel, Donna (Alberts) (*Trumpet*, '86) left law at U.S. Dept. of Justice to stay at home with two boys (4, & 6 months). She takes violin lessons with her 4-year-old who still talks about the nice MSU band members who showed him their instruments.

Platt, Bob (*Sousaphone*, '60) plays euphonium with the Ann Arbor Concert Band and sousaphone with the Scottsville Clown Band.

Platt, Mary (*Trumpet*, '82) was recently named director of public relations at Chapman University in Orange, CA after a stint at the Getty Center in L.A. She plays bagpipes and recently returned from an extended trip to Scotland. Her article saluting the 135th anniversary of the SMB appeared in the summer 2005 issue of the *MSU Alumni Magazine*, and she continues to write the band page in the MSU football program books.

Rafferty, David W. (*Trumpet*, '64) retired in November 2004, and now works part-time. He has 34 years in with the Kalamazoo Concert Band and as a choir singer. His wife, Deb ('70) is

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a flutist in the Kalamazoo Concert Band, an organist at a Lutheran church and an assistant manager of Field's Fabrics.

Reeves, Jodi L. (*Mellophone*, '85, '93) is in her fifteenth year at Sparrow Hospital, twelfth in the E.R. She works weekends only (except for Alumni Band of course!) in order to spend time with her daughters, Hope and Faith (2)!

Richardson, Dan (*Trumpet*, '83), wife Melissa, and Jacob & Grace (4) recently moved to Okemos. All are happy and healthy.

Sachs, Bill (*Alto Sax*, '67, '76) has formed a sax quartet called "Brothers & Others." Members include Len Schemm (MSU grad) and brothers Russ and Joe Mallare, grads from U of M. Visit www.homepage.mac.com/wsachs for more info and selections.

Schlosser, Heidi G. (*Trombone*, '96) started her eighth year as the band director at Western Middle School in Bay City, MI.

Scott, Joseph (*Tuba*, '62) spent 35 years as band director and elementary principal at Corunna Public Schools. He retired and taught instrumental music part-time at Bryon Public Schools for two years. He then went to Mackinac Island as housing supervisor for the French Outpost, Oyster Bar and Orr Kids Bike Shop. He's now home and retired.

Segedy, James A. (*Tenor Sax*, '73) still flits around the country doing his "small town and rural planning stuff." He is still director of community based projects and teaches architecture and planning at Ball State.

Shuster, Jeff (*Bass Drum*, '78) owns a small construction company in Albuquerque, NM. He and wife Daly celebrated their 20th anniversary and have two daughters Margo (15) and Claire (11).

Smigell, Sara (Anderson) (*Color Guard*, '99) teaches physical education in Farmington, MI. She lives in Plymouth with her husband and dog.

Smith, Joseph (*Trombone*, '87) is an HR manager with Walt Disney World. He lives in sunny central Florida with wife Nancy and three children, Catherine, Doran and Claire.

Stehower, Christy (*Big Tens*, '96) shares that her home business, ACE Spirit: Embroidery & Silk Screen is building while she stays at home with Emily (5) and Allison (10 months).

Stokes, Andrew P. (*Trombone*, '04) currently trains 10 students in the art of the "Series" in the Canton area.

Stolen, Andrew (*Trumpet*, '02) works for Peiker Acoustic, Inc. as a resident engineer for an integrated handsfree cell phone system. He recently moved to Oakland Twp., MI and lives with his wife of nine months and two cats, Maddie and Lucy.

Thar, James W. (*Trombone*, '59) and his wife are working with their daughter and son-in-law ministering the Gospel to single soldiers at Fort Benning, GA, where they have over 4000 soldiers deployed to Iraq. He played in the Bob Barr Community Band in Columbus, GA.

Thompson, Carey (*Tuba*, '00) shares that after four years of band directing in Texas, the bands have placed in the state level of the Outstanding Performance Series. He has a son Riley (2½).

Voelkner, Tricia (*Tenor Sax*, '97) is in her fourth year as instrumental music director at Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn, MI. Her husband, Andy ('94) is a law enforcement officer in Taylor. Their daughter April (4) started kindergarten this fall. She has three dogs, Maestro, Melody and Mozart.

Walsh, Brian E. (*Baritone*, '86) is happily married to Shelly for 19 years. They now have a high school senior in the house, Brienne. Along with her brother Jake (15) the "fun" never stops. This and over 15 years at MDOT keeps him happy.

Weathers, Steve (*Trumpet*, '05) received a new job in Northville, MI and moved to Novi in June.

Welch, Robert (*Tenor Sax*, '79) completed his M.S. in clinical research design & biostatistics in April 2005. He works as an emergency physician.

White, Robert M. (*Trumpet*, '71) and his family of 15+ rallied to visit MSU on Alumni Band weekend. He states that it was an honor to be there and a great blessing to have their support!

Wisner, Dave (*Trumpet*, '59) moved to his winter home in Orlando, FL. He plays trumpet in the Orlando Concert Band and occasionally at Walt Disney World.

In Memoriam

Forbes A. Sibly passed away in September 2005. At his request, his daughter made a contribution to the Leonard Falcone scholarship fund stating, "The experience he had at MSU under Professor Falcone was wonderful."

2007 Alumni Tour Band



The MSU Alumni Tour Band is going to Western Canada June 18–June 28, 2007! MSU band alumni and friends are encouraged to participate in what has become a popular excursion every three years. Past tours have included such countries as Germany, France, Holland, Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Austria, Czech Republic, Hungary and Switzerland, and several concerts each tour have been performed in major European cities. MSU Professor Emeritus Kenneth G. Bloomquist conducts the band, Lauralee Campbell through her agency Classic Travel develops the flight and land packages, and Dale Bartlett manages/organizes many other aspects of the trip.

The Western Canada itinerary features Calgary, Lake Louise, Banff, Rocky Mountaineer, and Vancouver, and their attractive concert venues.

Cost and detailed itinerary are available by contacting Dale Bartlett by phone 517-332-4495 or by email bartle17@msu.edu, or by contacting Lauralee Campbell by phone 517-332-4790 or by email lauralee@classictravelusa.com or lcamp13@comcast.net

At this time, there is need, especially, for trumpets but there is room, also, for players of other band instruments.

We hope to see many of you in the beautiful Canadian Rockies. Once again, the departure date is June 18, 2007 returning June 28, 2007 for those on the main trip. Optional extensions include extra time in Vancouver, or an Alaskan cruise from Vancouver to Anchorage on Holland America Lines.

Since *the* last issue...

Scenes from the 2005 Alumni Band Fall Reunion



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- 1: The MSU Alumni Band cheers on the Spartan football team with the Fight Song and other favorite tunes at the football game.
- 2: Two trombones serenade the Alumni Band before stepping off for the Series.
- 3: Bill Rice tells Merritt Lutz it's "bada boom" not "bada bing."
- 4: An Alumni Band member rehearses his tunes before game time.

Photos by Mark Hansen.

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!

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

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MSU Sesquicentennial Parade



On October 8th, the MSU Alumni Band participated in MSU's celebration of its 150th anniversary by performing in its Sesquicentennial Parade. 66 band members played at the event. Because of the large number of band members participating, some band members even had to walk along side the large flatbed semi which carried the band along the nearly four-mile parade route. The band was extremely well received and played for many loyal Spartan fans that lined the parade route.

2005 Holiday Bands Finish Undefeated



A record 107 Alumni Band members participated in at least one of the six Holiday Bands that played at men's and women's basketball games and a hockey game while the Spartan Brass were away on their semester recess. With the help of the bands, the Spartans won all six games! Band members had lots of fun and especially enjoyed sitting in some of the best seats in the Breslin Center. Special thanks go to Gerry Spry for directing the band at the first game and to Jim McCaffrey who directed the bands at the remaining five games despite breaking his foot a few days before the first game. Thanks also to Gary Baron, Henry Nelson, and Jack Nelson for coordinating the events.