



The Lyre

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Non game day events Check online for more details:

- Sept 15 Ice cream social
- Sept 18- Oct 16 HMBAA board elections open online
- Sept 20 alumni band rehearsal
- Oct 8 October fest pep band
- Oct 18 Dawg Dash pep band

2015 Game day Sign ups

This year the Alumni Band will again have 45 free tickets for each game (except for Sacramento St/V/A game). Those 45 spots will be filled with specific instrumentation first to insure musical coverage, and the remaining spots can be filled by any instrument or cheer member.

To sign up for a game you will need to go to our site <http://www.hmbaa.org/> Sign ups will begin at **12:30PM** for each game on the dates listed below. Game sign-ups are for HMBAA members only, please no spouses. All members will need to be current on their dues on the day of the game.

To sign up for a game, follow these steps:

1. Go to hmbaa.org
2. Sign in as a member
3. Go to "Sign up for pep bands" tab, and select the game or pep band you are attending .
4. Follow the directions listed to sign up for a game you are attending
5. You will receive confirmation that you have signed up
6. If you need to cancel your sign up or have questions contact Katie Ahl at kmahl17@gmail.com

If you have your own seats and just want to play with us before the game, please sign up in the "I have my own seats" section. We will need to know about instrumentation and this assures we will have music and instruments for everyone.

Here are the "go live" dates for the 2015games:

Go Live Sign up Dates:

Sept 19 Vs. Utah St.	Sign up Sept 6
Sept 20 Vs. California	Sign up Sept 13
Oct 17 Vs. Oregon (homecoming)	Sign up Oct 4
Oct 31 VS. Arizona	Sign up Oct 18
Nov 7 Vs. Utah	Sign up Oct 25
Nov 27 Vs. WSU Apple Cup! (Friday)	Sign up Nov 8



A Word from our President

It's been a busy summer for your HMBAA board! We were part of the first ever Alumni band symposium held at the University of Washington. Alumni bands from all over the country and Canada shared many good ideas of how to make Alumni organizations stronger and more effective. One idea was to have monthly band rehearsals, this will give us a chance to meet together to play music. This makes good sense because we are all musicians and Huskies. We have an incredible Husky Band music library that we can choose songs from. I hope all alumni band members will turn out for this opportunity. We will have a blast reading music from the past! Below is the announcement that I emailed out earlier:

*We are pleased to announce the introduction of monthly All-Alumni Band Rehearsals, for members interested in sharpening their skills and enjoying a good time with fellow Alumni Band members! **The first rehearsal will be on Sunday, September 20, from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm, in the Founders Club in Hec Ed (above the Hall of Fame).** Complimentary on-site daycare will be provided by select Varsity Husky Marching Band members. Parking will also be free (Sunday). If you have music stand please bring it.*

*Going forward, we will meet on the 4th Sunday of each month from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm , **in the Don James Center.** All band members will be given their own music to take home and practice. We will also have full access to the extensive HMB music library, so if you have a favorite song you'd like us to play, we should be able to pass it out! Please go to **HMBAA.org** and sign up so we have your parts ready for you. If you have song requests please email them to me directly and I will have copies made. stansyantist@gmail.com I will also enlarge the copies for those of us over 50 who need larger print.*

This will be a fun way to connect with band members and play the music you love. Everyone is welcome, whether you play your instrument every day or you haven't touched it in years. I hope to see you there! As autumn arrives we receive many requests from Husky fans for small pep bands. Up and coming dates to save are:

Thursday, October 8th, for Toth Construction's Oktoberfest, in south Seattle,
Sunday, October 18th, Dawg Dash, on campus,
Wednesday, December 30th, wedding reception, Fremont district.
See all pep band and game sign up at HMBAA.org

People love our Husky tunes for birthday celebrations, company parties, conventions, retirement parties, and even memorial gatherings. These are fun to play for and a strong source of scholarship revenue. So dust off that horn, find those drum sticks, get a new box of reeds, and have fun while raising money for HMB scholarships. Check HMBAA.org for pep band postings this fall.

The Husky Marching Band experience continues to be enriched by what we do as HMBAA members. Whether it's serving ice cream during pre-school drills, earning scholarship dollars, or just a word of encouragement to a band member, let's all give something back so this incredible HMB experience will continue for each new generation of Huskies.

A special thank you for their service to HMBAA needs to go out to our retiring Board members, Andrew Gustafson and Mike Johnson, Our retiring HMBAA officers, Treasure Kristina Ciari, and Secretary Katie Ahl. Each of you has given your time and skills to make our organization even better, thank you again.

Election time!

Would you like to be behind the scenes and help fundraise for the varsity band? Do you have great ideas and want to help implement them? Are you looking to give back to the UW Band? If so, then join the HMBAA board! The HMBAA board meets approximately once a month throughout the year to create and support fundraisers for HMB. We also facilitate pep bands and work with Brad to make the best decisions for our valued alumni.

It's not too late to nominate yourself or someone else for this fun, energetic board! Please contact any of the current board members to be added to the election ballot.

Here are the current nominations for the 2016 board:

President:	Stan Yantis
Vice President:	Sheri Kittay
Secretary:	Open (nominate your self or someone awesome)
Treasurer(2 year term):	Derrick Van Kirk
Board At Large:	Mike Roling, Kate Gayle, Dave Schott, and one open spot
Membership and Media Liaison:	Amy Kretz

Elections will go live online at hmbaa.org beginning September 18th and will close at 11:59PM October 16th. The 2016 Board will be announced at Homecoming on October 17th. In order to vote, you will need to have registered on the HMBAA website. Contact information can be found on our website HMBAA.org. If you have any questions or difficulties signing up, please contact Sheri Kittay at sheri.kittay@gmail.com.

2015 General Game Day Schedule **(Not the V/A game or Homecoming)**

After signing up online, pre-game pep band members will need to visit the Alumni band room 3 hours before kickoff (BK). For example, you will need to check in at 9:30am for a 12:30pm game.

We will have a limited number of free parking passes for pep band members. We will be parking in the Portage Bay Garage again this year. Enter from Brooklyn and Pacific. (a HMBAA member will be there to hand out the free passes starting 4 hours BK).

We will return our jackets, music, and store our instruments in the Alumni Band room before the start of the game. The room will be open for you after the game to collect your stuff. There is no room in the stadium to store your instrument this year, and we will not be performing in the stadium. Stan Yantis will pass out our (45) free tickets to those who signed up online for them at the conclusion of the pregame pepband.

Game Day Schedule Breakdown

- 4 hours BK, parking passes given out at E5
- 3 hours BK, Check in, Pay dues, check out music, jacket and instrument from Alumni room
- 2½ hours BK, quick warm up , announcements, and performances outside and around the stadium
- 1 hour BK, make our final stop
- 45 minutes BK return to the Alumni room for checking in of music, Jacket and storage of cases. 45 free tickets will be handed out to those who signed up for them.
- After the game pick up your things from the Alumni room

Directors Corner with Dr. McDavid

Husky Band Family,

We've had a busy summer around our offices here in the Graves Building! Some of you might not be aware of the fact that the Husky Band started hosting a summer drum major and drumline camp for high school students four years ago. In a short period of time it has grown into the top camp of its kind here in the Northwest and is also regularly attracting students from as far away as Canada and California. On July 4th, HMB alumni and current members once again joined together to perform for Independence Day festivities over in Friday Harbor. This marked the third time that they have had the band over for their parade and festivities at Roache Harbor and by all indications it's not going to be the last! Thanks to all of you who came out for the gig and spent your holiday performing with the Varsity-Alumni Band!

Of course the biggest event of the summer for not only the staff of the HMB but the HMBAA Board as well was the hosting of the first ever National Collegiate Alumni Band Symposium. The three day event in mid-July was hugely successful and included representatives from 18 colleges and universities throughout the US and Canada. Over the course of the symposium, the school's shared their ideas on such topics as recruitment & retention, reunions, fund-raising and ways in which to better support their respective university band programs. While here, we treated all participants to a dinner cruise of Lakes Union and Washington. The sunset and weather was so incredible that evening that they were all ready to move to Seattle by the end of the cruise!

I'd like to pass along some news regarding a few esteemed members our band family. I received an email from Shirlee Bissell a few weeks. Unfortunately Shirlee has had a bit of bad luck having fallen twice in the last few months; first breaking her shoulder back in February and more recently breaking her ankle. True to form for Shirlee, she is still in good spirits and relayed to me that she is healing quickly but I thought I would pass along her address as I'm sure many of you might want to send her well-wishes. Her new address is: 17502 102 Ave NE #126, Bothell WA 98011. Also, for those of you from the Bill Cole and early Bill Bissell era, I'm thrilled to report the retirement of some fellow HMB alums who have had an enormous impact on music education in our state. Jim Paynton and his wife Margie both retired from teaching after this last school year. Margie called it quits after and incredible 32 years while Jim put in an impressive 40 years as the band director at John F Kennedy Catholic High School down in Burien. During his tenure at JFK, Jim built one of the largest and most respected parochial school band programs in the Northwest. During their careers, they also found time to provide the HMB with two incredibly gifted former HMB members, their children, Mary and Matt. Now also among the ranks of retirees (although I'm not sure I believe them) is Bruce and Jo Caldwell. It is unlikely that any music teacher in the state over the last twenty years would not know of the lasting contributions that Bruce and Jo have had on music education. Jo, who served as the HMB's secretary during her years in the band from '59-'61, has been the editor of the Washington Music Education Association's VOICE magazine for the last 20 years. Bruce, who was the HMB's first undergraduate assistant in 1963, taught instrumental music in the Edmonds school district for 17 years before becoming the Executive Director of WMEA, a position he too held for 20 years. They now are enjoying spending their children's inheritance by traveling all over the world! Congratulations Jim, Margie, Bruce and Jo and have a wonderful retirement – YOU DESERVE IT!

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Directors Corner continued

As most everyone knows, the upcoming 2015 football season is right around the corner and of course that means the V-A Band will once again take to the field for pregame and halftime of the Dawg's first game on September 12th against Sacramento State. At the time that this edition of the Lyre was going to print, we had a fabulous turn out of over 80 alums signed up to march at the game. Thanks again for helping to continue this grand tradition and I look forward to seeing hopefully even more of you throughout the season and especially for the Homecoming game against the dreaded Ducks on October 17th.

Lastly, I am so incredibly excited that in September we are going to begin monthly alumni "jam sessions." HMBAA members have always provided such a dedicated effort in regard to scholarship fundraising for the students of the HMB! However, it was music that first brought all alumni together as members of the HMB band family. With that in mind, I look forward to helping HMBAA begin this new tradition of providing a wonderful opportunity for all of us to get together, socialize, rekindle old friendships and once again bond over everyone's mutual enjoyment of the great music that the HMB has performed over the last 8 decades. Look for more information on this from Stan Yantis in the lyre and on our respective websites. SO GET THAT HORN OR DRUM OUT OF THE CLOSET AND I'LL SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER! ☺

As always, thanks for your continued support and...GO DAWGS!

Brad McDavid

Photo of symposium participants from the following schools: British Columbia, Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Mississippi, Montana, Montana State, Ohio State, Old Dominion, Oregon, Oregon State, Pittsburgh, Tennessee, San Diego State, Virginia Tech, Washington, and Washington State



2015 Golf recap

On Sunday August 23rd, HMB Alumni, Husky Supporters, and Golf fans all got together at Washington National Golf Course to enjoy a fun-filled day of good weather, golf, and friendship. This year's annual Husky Alumni Band Golf Tournament was another successful endeavor, raising money for Drum Major Scholarships while providing a great opportunity for HMB Alumni to reconnect with each other.

Congrats goes out to the "Drums and Bone" team of drummers Bryan Kretz, Mike Roling, Brian Marrs and trombone player Jason Friesen for winning the "All HMB Alumni" division. 2nd place in that division went to the all-drumline team of Darren Meucci, Everett Bindheim, Paul Jones, and Keith Rousu. With 7 out of the 8 top HMBAA finishers being drummers, we're left wondering, What sort of parallels are there between drums and golf???

Be sure to check HMBAA's Facebook and Twitter accounts for pics and more information. Hope to see you all next year!



Drums and Bone team 2015

Annual Dues and Lifetime Membership

Annual dues are \$25 and Lifetime Memberships are \$250, or \$300 with a jacket (\$10 off jacket). Both can be paid via the website or by mailing checks to our address!

Donate

To support HMBAA, please go online or mail your tax-deductible donation to:

*HMBAA c/o Husky Band
UW Graves Building, Box 354070
Seattle, WA 98195*

Call for Drum majors and Directors

We are looking for drum majors and directors to help out on game day by calling up tunes and leading our pep band through the tailgating. If you are interested please sign up under “director” on the game day sign ups. If you have questions contact Stan Yantis stansyantis@gmail.com

Sign up for one or several! It’s only for a couple of hours and you don’t have to carry a heavy instrument. Plus you get to be in charge! We need you!

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