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Husky Band
Jam Session

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UW Football
Spring Game

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We're celebrating HMBAA's 50th Anniversary!

Welcome to the 2016 Spring Lyre! This edition is kicking off HMBAA's 50th Anniversary! We are so excited to celebrate with all of you throughout the year!





A note from your President:

2015 was an amazing year for HMBAA! We set a record for contributions to the Varsity band, thanks to our generous HMBAA members and fans of the Husky Band. Not only were we able to fund our traditional Varsity Band Awards and HMBAA scholarships, we are proud to have also funded the section leader and student staff stipends. Here are some of highlights of the year's fun activities that made this all possible. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Last summer we were invited to march for Friday Harbor's Fourth of July parade on San Juan Island. Varsity and Alumni band members combined to make a block of 54 marchers. We enjoyed first-class service, with our own charter bus, a ride on a brand new Washington State ferry boat, and a police escort bringing us directly to the start of the parade. After marching this short all-downhill parade, we were taken to Roche Harbor for a fabulous buffet lunch followed by a pep rally on the dock. The parade committee awarded us the "Best Off Island Entry" and we were presented with a check for \$10,000 to go towards our scholarship fund. The biggest compliment we received was being asked if we could come back in 2016. Even after this long day, we still arrived home in time to see the Seattle area fireworks displays!

We also hosted the first ever National Alumni Athletic Band Symposium over the summer. This was an opportunity to learn from and share our experiences with other alumni groups. Our HMBAA board presented information about our history, structure of officers, membership recruitment, interaction with the Varsity band, fundraising endeavors, and future plans. We met with groups from all over the country and Canada and gained a wealth of new ideas. We have even already started to implement one of those ideas: monthly music reading sessions at the Don James Center. Former band members have been getting together with Brad McDavid to play pieces from our vast HMB library, taking requests from the group. Rehearsals are sounding so good that we are already thinking about the possibility of giving an outdoor summer concert at the Ballard Locks.

Thanks to Kris VanGasken, the 12th Annual Golf Tournament was another success! As advertised, the "bad golf and good friends" made for a wonderful event, all in support of Varsity band scholarships. Even non-golfers, like myself, had a wonderful time on the green and enjoyed the dinner and auction that evening.

While 2015 was a record-setting year filled with great pep bands and activities, we are greatly looking forward to 2016, which marks the 50th anniversary of HMBAA. Our board of directors is planning some special anniversary celebrations, so watch your emails and the summer Lyre for coming attractions!

Go Dawgs!
- Stan

Director's Corner with Brad McDavid



Members of the Husky Band family,

As I write this letter, the students and I are in the midst of enjoying the ride known as "March Madness." Last week had the band and cheer squad cheering on the women's basketball team to victories over Penn and Maryland while also getting the chance to do some incredible sightseeing around the DC area as well as taking a day trip up to Gettysburg! Those of you who traveled to the DC area with the band to NCAA tournament in '96 and again in 2006, I'm sure have great memories as well! Following the game, I received a phone call from a gentleman who had attended the Huskies big upset win over Maryland. He proceeded to tell me that he was certain that the incredible energy and spirit conveyed by the band and cheerleaders throughout the game "was the catalyst to the team's victory." As pleased as I was to hear his comments this is certainly something that all HMB alums can be proud of as he was not a Husky fan but was enormously impressed with our performance to the point of being compelled to reach out to me.

Currently we are in beautiful downtown Lexington, Kentucky, for the "Sweet 16!" Unfortunately there are not nearly the sightseeing opportunities for the students but there are A LOT of KFCs! We are all looking forward to playing the University of Kentucky on their home floor and witnessing one the nation's great collegiate basketball traditions in 26,000-seat Rupp Arena. It's trips like this, that although there is not a lot for the students to do outside of the game, I relish in seeing the bonds of friendship forged between the students as the smaller travel party of 29 band and 12 cheer is far more conducive to helping the kids to get to know one another on a far greater level than when we are typically traveling with the entire marching band and cheer squad. On the charter flight it is also a lot of fun to see how the team and band mixes ultimately building a heightened level of appreciation for each other. Here's hoping "the ride" continues all the way to the FINAL FOUR!

For those of you who are unaware, sadly I want to report that we lost a prominent member of the HMB family this past January with the passing of Terry Stombaugh. Some of you might not be aware that Terry's contribution to the HMB is seen on the field at every home game as he designed the initial Logo W pull-out that was first performed on the field in 1982. Terry, who by that time was a graduate student at the UW, patterned it after the University of Michigan's "Block M" drill. He presented the idea to Bill Bissell and as they say, "the rest is history!" After graduation, Terry became an accomplished music educator in the greater Seattle area for many years. The entire HMB family sends its most sincere condolences to Terry's wife Susan, son Jeff (also a former HMB member) and daughter Becca. Rest-assured Terry's legacy in the band will live on every time the band takes the field!

Last, but in no way least, I want to genuinely thank all of you who gave this year to the annual HMBAA scholarship drive. At the band's banquet this past January, HMBAA awarded what is believed to be a record \$34,400 to many incredibly deserving students. For some of these recipients, the scholarships meant being able to purchase their books or afford the tuition or lab fees. To HMBAA President, Stan Yantis, the board, and all who donated to the scholarship fund this year, I cannot possibly thank you enough!

My sincere thanks and as always...GO DAWGS! - Brad

We need your help!

Hello from Dave! I have a project I need your help with. I want to both make a PowerPoint slide show of and provide an opportunity to display live your collection(s) of ANYTHING meaningful to you in terms of pictures, symbols, t-shirts, uniform pieces, newspaper articles, album covers, bowl mugs, novelty items, etc from any part of your experience in Husky Varsity or Alumni Band. This creates an "I remember that!" type of experience for participants/guests coming to the 50th Year of HMBAA celebration (date yet to be named officially but aiming for October of 2016 in the Don James Center). Please take a really good, close up, digital picture of the item(s) or picture of people and places and send it to iplaymusicforu@yahoo.com or write to the same address with your thoughts about bringing the item for live display.

We're seeking artifacts of HMBAA's past!

On a separate but related point, if you have something Husky Band/ HMBAA related to donate that we can silent auction and make money for HMBAA, let's talk on email as well. Even if there are a number of small novelty items you are OK with parting with, I may be able to combine those things together to make a basket for auction purposes. Chris Van Gaskin and friends have done this many times for the golf event in August. Getting these items for either or both events would be especially nice.

- Dave Schott

Meet the Board

Stan Yantis, President | Stan is finishing his 36th year as a middle school band teacher. Stan recalls, "it seems like just yesterday I was riding my bike to band practice at Husky Stadium. I would strap my trumpet on the back of that bike and fly from my parent's house on Queen Anne to the rehearsal. I don't know how Mr. B. learned my name so fast but I remember him saying over the speakers in the early fall of 1974, 'Yantis you are sticking out like a pimple'. Now that I think about it I might not have been the best marcher in the band. After Mr. Bissell retired I introduced him to my daughter, Hilma, at her first game in the stadium, (I was so proud of her in her Husky band uniform) and without missing a beat and a twinkle in his eye, he said 'I hope you are a better trumpet player than your dad was.'

Sheri Kittay, Vice President | Sheri is in her 24th year of teaching. Although she was only able to be in the HMB for two years, her memories are most definitely lasting a lifetime. Her brother convinced her to join. "Being a part of such a wonderful group for my first two years of college made my first years away from home much easier. I am very glad to be giving back to such a wonderful organization!"



Kaila Eason, Secretary | Kaila was a member of the HMB Clarinet Section from 2010 to 2014. She currently lives in Bothell with her dog, Bingley, and is pursuing her K-8 Teacher Certification. She hopes to teach junior high level humanities and math. She is excited to give back to the HMB by serving as HMBAA Secretary and can't wait to see what new dance moves the 2016 Husky Band dreams up next!

Derrick Van Kirk, Treasurer | After graduating in 2010 from the University of Washington, Derrick decided to return to play tenor saxophone in the Husky Marching Band during the 2011 football season. He joined the HMBAA board in 2013. Band played a huge role in his life and he is excited to support current band students through serving on the HMBAA board. He currently works for the University of Washington. He lives with his wife and very fluffy cat the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Seattle.

Current Events

- ♫ April 17th—Alumni Jam Session, 3PM, Don James Center
- ♫ April 23rd—UW Football Spring Game! Stay tuned for more info.
- ♫ July 29th—Torchlight Parade Rehearsal, 5PM
- ♫ July 30th—Torchlight Parade
- ♫ August 21st—HMBAA Golf Tournament
- ♫ August 31st-Sept 2nd—VA Game Rehearsal
- ♫ September 3rd—UW Football vs Rutgers, Beat the Scarlet Knight!! (VA Game)

APRIL 2016

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Meet the Board

Kate Gayle, Board Member | Kate graduated from UW in 2012, where she played tenor saxophone in the Husky Marching Band. She was born and raised in Seattle and currently works in the Mechanical Engineering department at UW. This is her first year on the HMBAA board. Having enjoyed a meaningful and formative HMB experience, she is super pumped to work in support of current band and cheer members and staff.

Amy Kretz, Board Member and Media Liaison | Amy (Superfisky) Kretz joined Husky Band her sophomore year in 1993. She was a member drumline 1993-1997, and staff 1997-1998. Amy graduated from UW in 1997 with a degree in Speech Communications and a minor in music. Amy married fellow HMB Alum, Bryan Kretz in 1998. Amy and Bryan have 3 boys, ages 13, 11, and 7. Amy is currently working as a childbirth educator and birth doula.

Mike Roling, Board Member | Mike Roling was a member of the UW Drumline from 1996-2001 and Drumline Section Leader of the 2000-2001 Rose Bowl. Born and raised in the Pasadena area, Mike fulfilled a lifelong dream when he played in the Rose Bowl, kicking off the band's pre-game show. Mike graduated from UW with 2 Bachelors Degrees in Percussion Performance and Arts and Sciences and holds an MBA from Seattle University. In 2004, he helped start the Seahawks Blue Thunder Drumline. Mike is currently an active member of the Seattle Rock Orchestra. Mike lives in Burien, married to HMB Mellophone Alum, Carrie Lawson.

Dave Schott, Board Member | Dave has been teaching Elementary General music in Renton since he graduated from UW. He is very involved in the music community and plays percussion in the Renton City Band, trumpet in the Renton City Jazz Band, and plays in a church hand bell choir. While in the HMB, 1979-1986, Dave went to two Rose Bowls, an Orange Bowl, and a Freedom Bowl! Dave comes back year after year "in payback mode...hoping and praying that current varsity members have as good an experience as I did and doing what I can to make it happen."



Thank you for reading!

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HMBA was created in 1966 by a group of Husky Marching Band alumni who wanted to stay connected after graduation and to establish a scholarship fund for the Varsity Band. HMBA currently has a membership of more than 800 band and cheer squad alumni!

We are very excited to celebrate our 50th Anniversary with all of you this year! Stay tuned for announcements about the 50th Anniversary Celebration being planned for October 2016.

Please contact HMBA Secretary, Kaila Eason, secretary@hmbaa.org, with any suggestions for future publications. Go dawgs!

2015 Annual Treasurer's Report

Thank you all for your amazing support in 2015! We started 2015 with a balance of \$12,508.23 and ended the year with a balance of \$18,561.75. We awarded a total of \$28,300 in scholarships to deserving and dedicated HMB members. Of that total, \$6,000 was raised directly from the annual HMBA golf tournament and awarded to our drum majors, John Aguilar and Brian Huynh. In addition, we were able to fund HMB student staff positions to the sum of \$6,100. Thanks to your generosity we were able to support the band with \$34,400 in scholarships and stipends during the 2015 season. Your donations make this work possible. Thank you for your continuing support. Let's aim to make an even bigger impact in 2016.

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