



The Lyre

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 24th

Jam Session

July 29th

Torchlight Re-
hearsal

July 30th

Torchlight Parade

August 6th

Bothell Landing
Gig

August 21st

Golf Tournament

Welcome to the 2016 Summer Edition of the Lyre! We are very excited to kick off the 2016 Husky Football season with the many gigs and events we have coming up!

As we continue to celebrate HMBAA's 50th, our upcoming gigs and fundraisers will be evermore important. We are hoping to reach a fundraising goal of \$50,000 for our 50 years of serving the HMB and are only a fifth of the way there! You can help us reach our goal by participating in upcoming pep bands and advertising our band.

Also, please continue sending in pictures and stories from your time in HMBAA to Dave Schott as we prepare for our 50th Anniversary Banquet later this year. He is looking for 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! You can email Dave at iplaymusicforu@yahoo.com with questions and artifacts.

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Letter from the President

From 1966 to 2016? Wow! HMBAA is celebrating 50 years of serving the Husky Marching Band. Over these many years, we have not only helped raise funds to support the Husky Band, but we have also had lots of fun together in the process. As HMBAA members we still get to play the music we loved when we were in college. We get to join our Husky Band brethren spanning the decades, as we come together to choose from a smorgasbord of Husky experiences. These include: 37 years of Seafair parades down the streets of Seattle, a variety of pep bands at the U.W. and around the Puget Sound region, tailgating before football games, and our brand new "Band Jams" in the Don James Center. HMBAA has even been on fabulous trips and tours elsewhere in the world with the varsity band. The annual Varsity-Alumni Game gives us the chance to get back on the field and march in step with the varsity band. I don't know about you, but the V-A game always takes me back to my college days, including my mind whispering in mild panic, "Don't screw up! Don't screw up!" as I try to trot nimbly about. But first and foremost, and always most importantly, we have the honor of awarding deserving Husky Band members with much-needed scholarship funds. We are "giving forward" to today's students, so they have the opportunity to enjoy the Husky Varsity Band experience we still remember and cherish to this day.

While HMBAA turns 50 this year, we have two special events for you to participate in. We are doubly excited to celebrate one of our most beloved members, who is turning 100! Yes, drummer Bert Pound will be having his 100th birthday on Wednesday, September 28th, and we will celebrate with him at 7:00 pm at Covenant Shores, 9150 Fortuna Drive, Mercer Island, WA 98040. If you would like to be part of the pep band to play for Burt, please sign up on our website www.humbaa.org/pepband-sing-ups/. Burt put in a special request to have members of the cheer squad there so he can dance to our music. Let's have a great turnout and give him the party he so deserves!

Lastly, **save the date** for HMBAA's official 50th anniversary celebration and dinner to be held in the Don James Center on Saturday, October 29th. The Husky Marching Band will perform a halftime show for us as we watch from above in the DJ Center. We'll enjoy films of past halftime shows, plus we will have a live feed of the Washington-Utah game. Don't miss this landmark celebration of our fine organization!

Go Dawgs!

--Stan

Announcing HMBAA's Annual Golf Tournament!

Please join us for a fun day of golf, food, and friends as we raise funds for Husky Band Scholarships, including the Andrew Mandel Drum Major Scholarship! Registration is \$135 (\$120 for HMBAA due-paying members) and includes range balls, cart, dinner, and auction!

When: Sunday, August 21st, 2016

Where: Washington National Golf Club

Registration & Practice: 12:30-1:25PM

Tee: 1:30PM—Shot Gun

Buffet to follow the conclusion of play (approx. 6:30PM)

Director's Corner with Brad McDavid

Dear HMBAA Family,

In my last Lyre letter, I was reporting on how we were excited to be departing for the NCAA women's basketball tournament. Well, as I'm sure all of you know by now, our month of March was a little busy as the team and coach Mike Neighbors took the band and cheer on a fabulous ride all the way to the Final Four in Indianapolis! It was an experience the students and I will never forget. However as exciting as the games were, you might be surprised when I tell you that some of the truly special memories I will always take with me from the experience was seeing the bonding that occurred between the band/cheer and the team members while on all of the charter flights that we shared.

We are, of course, coming up on the annual Torchlight Parade. This is the 39th consecutive year that the Varsity-Alumni Band will be participating in the parade and I hope many of you will consider getting the instrument out of the closet one more time and join us for this wonderful Seattle and Husky Band tradition. The parade is coming up on Saturday, July 30th, with the annual brief rehearsal and cookout on the evening of Friday the 29th. The sign-up link can be found in the pepband tab on the HMBAA website.

I'm sure that given the hype over the upcoming football season that all of you are as excited as I am for the start of the 2016 season; with that comes the annual V-A band for the first game of the season on September 3rd. We've had a band close to or over 200 each of the last three years so I do hope many of you will consider signing up for the V-A band's most important gig of the year. You'll find the electronic sign-up for the Husky home opener also on the HMBAA website. Rehearsals will once again be the three nights prior to the game from 6:30-9:30PM. Hope many of you will consider participating so that we can help kick off the season in impressive fashion!

As alumni of the band, I would like to encourage all of you to come out and support the band on Thursday, August 18th, as the Band Foundation will be holding the 14th annual *Husky Football Sneak Preview*. All benefits from the evening's events, including the live and silent auction, will benefit the band's operating budget. The event is once again in the Don James Center and will feature many guest speakers including former head coach Keith Gilbertson and new Athletic Director, Jen Cohen. Coach Pete of course will also make an appearance and talk about the upcoming season. Doors open at 5:30PM and the preregistration link on the UWAA website is: www.washington.edu/alumni/events/hmbsneak/

Looking ahead to the 2016 edition of the HMB, I am excited to report that we are currently anticipating over 140 freshmen auditioning for the band, including over 35 freshmen who already auditioned for the drumline. The band's first performance will be Band Day which is slated for the September 10th game. We will be sending pepbands to the CAL and Oregon games with the entire band and cheer squad traveling over to Pullman for the annual Cougar butt-kicking at this year's Apple Cup.

Best wishes to all of you for a happy and safe summer and as always...**GO DAWGS!**










Brad

Brad McDavid
Director

Pictured right: Varsity Pep Band at the NCAA Women's Final Four in Indianapolis



Calendar of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
17 JULY	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 	25	26	27	28	29 	30 
31	1 AUGUST	2	3	4	5	6 
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Sign up for upcoming gigs on our website at <http://www.hmbaa.org/pepband-sign-ups/>
and check out our full calendar!

JULY 24th | Alumni Band Jam Session, 3PM, Don James Center

JULY 29th | Torchlight Rehearsal, 7PM, E9 Parking Lot

JULY 30th | Torchlight Parade, 5PM, Buses depart from north side of Hec-Ed

AUGUST 6th | Bothell Landing Gig, 7PM, Picnic dinner provided prior to the gig!

AUGUST 21st | Golf Tournament! Sign up for our annual golf tournament here: <http://www.huskybandgolf.org/>

SEPTEMBER 1st | VA Game Rehearsal, 6:30-9:30PM, Location TBD

SEPTEMBER 2nd | VA Game Rehearsal, 6:30-9:30PM, Location TBD

SEPTEMBER 3rd | VA Game Rehearsal, 6:30-9:30PM, Location TBD

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