

The Auburn University Alumni Band Newsletter

Fall 2013

Message from the Alumni Band President

Greetings Auburn band family!

I would like to invite all our Auburn alumni band family to make plans to attend the 27th annual Alumni Band Reunion on October 12th, 2013 for the homecoming game against Western Carolina. The October 12th date should make the weather mild, but warmer than the previous reunion's November dates.



The reunion is a great time to renew old friendships, retell old stories, relive the days of our youth, and make new friends as well. I believe all the attendees from past reunions will concur—when the drum major whistle sounds, and we march onto the field playing “War Eagle”, we become 18 years old again!

The Auburn alumni band now has its own Facebook page. In less than two weeks we have more than 1,000 members! Join our page, post your pictures from your old band days, and catch up with friends from the Auburn band.

We are living in a very exciting time in the history of our Auburn band. The new band facility fund-raising project is well under way, with more than \$2.8 million raised. The alumni band board of directors has challenged the membership with a goal of raising \$1,000,000 for this project. We ask every member to pledge \$500 over a 5-year period (only 27 cents/day!) to show the current student band that we support them, and are committed to building this facility. On the reunion registration form you will see a separate line item designated for this project. There will also be pledge forms available at the morning practice on October 12th. Please join the board of directors in committing to this worthwhile project.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the reunion!

“On to Vic’try! Strike up the band!”

Ben Morris ‘81

President AUMB Alumni Association

A Note from the Head Drum Major

Hello Band Alumni!

My name is Madison Argo, and I am one of the drum majors for the 2013-2014 Auburn Marching Band. This year there are three other drum majors that I have the pleasure of working with: Emily Gray, Paige Lenssen, and Gerritt Keaton. Emily and I are both seniors in Music Education, Paige is a senior in Finance and English, and Gerritt is a junior in Business.

Of course, everyone is anxious to see what our new head football coach, Gus Malzahn, is bringing to Auburn this year. We are hard at work preparing for what will undoubtedly be an awesome and exciting fall season! We have been working all summer and could not be more excited for all the things we have planned. The theme for the first show was “Celebrating 50 Years of Bond” as we featured popular tunes from the James Bond series. Later in the season the AUMB will be working on a Broadway show and another Military Appreciation show.

We sincerely hope to see you all at the Alumni Band events on October 12th as we take on Western Carolina! If that is not possible, hopefully you will have a chance to come out and see the band at some point during the season. Finally, we cannot thank you enough for your outstanding contributions to our band program. Without you, we would not be where we are today.

So, again, thank you and WAR EAGLE!

Sincerely,

Madison Argo



Message from the Director of Bands

**The *TWENTY-SEVENTH*
AUBURN UNIVERSITY
MARCHING ALUMNI BAND
REUNION will be held on**

Homecoming, Saturday, October 12th, Auburn vs. Western Carolina. Mark your calendar and make those hotel reservations NOW! The AUMB is on campus and working hard. We hope you'll join us on the field this fall!

The Auburn University Band program continues to grow, with a record number of students reporting to the AUMB's preseason camp this year. They learned fundamentals as well as pre-game and the first halftime show. More importantly, they learned what it means to be a member of the Auburn band family, and forging relationships that will be part of their lives during their time at Auburn and beyond. After marching and playing evaluations, cuts were made to determine the final 380 members of the 2013 AUMB.

The Auburn University Band Department has one returning Graduate Assistant: Aaron Toft (University of Kentucky), and we welcome new Graduate Assistants: Daniel Fischer (Ottawa University), Tim Greene (South Carolina State University), and Alison Webeler (University of Northern Iowa).

In February 2013, we hosted the 22nd Annual High School Symphonic Honor Band Festival, which brought 250 high school instrumentalists to campus. In addition to that festival, we hosted our Middle School Band Festival. Also, this summer, the student chapter of the National Band Association, along with the AU Bands, hosted several successful summer band camps.



Rick Good
Director of Bands

We continue to have opportunities to showcase our program. The Symphonic Band traveled to China in March 2012 with the US-China Cultural Foundation. They performed concerts in Beijing, Xuzhou, Jinan, and Shanghai. This was an incredible opportunity for our students, both culturally and musically. They performed in some amazing venues, and the audiences couldn't get enough! We played several encores for a crowd of over 2,000 at an outdoor concert in Jinan. Needless to say, that was an experience none of those students will forget.

Recently, the AU Symphonic Band accepted an invitation to perform at the College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA) Southern division Conference at the University of North Florida in mid-March 2014. I am very proud of the hard work our students put in to be selected as 1 of 8 collegiate ensembles to perform at the conference. The band will be touring several Florida high schools, and we hope to see some Florida alumni at those concerts. Check our website later this fall for details.

See you on October 12th, and War Eagle!

Dr. Rick Good
Director of Bands, Professor of Music

AUMB Alumni gear for sale!



Want to get in style with all your AUMB gear before the big day?

All interlocking AU logos can also be replaced with the Alumni Band logo as well.

Check out our enclosed flyer for items and prices and contact Elise Munz at edm0003@auburn.edu to place your order.

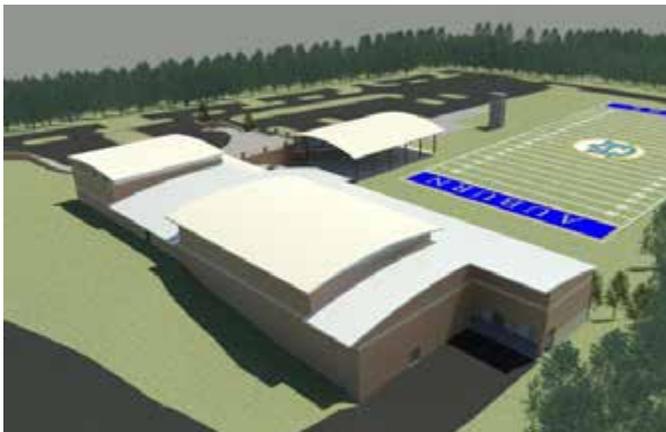


NEW BAND FIELD & BAND BUILDING

Now, more than ever, the AUMB needs your help in our pursuit of a Band Rehearsal Facility. The distance from Goodwin Music Building to our new field is approximately 1.5 miles. To date, we have raised \$2.8 million of the \$5 million needed, so we are more than halfway there! With your help, we hope to secure funding for this needed band building soon!

The Auburn Band has practiced in Goodwin Hall since 1974 and has since nearly doubled in size. As a matter of fact, in the past seven years alone the band has experienced a thirty percent growth in membership! Fewer than twenty percent of our band students receive any scholarship support, and most of the scholarships awarded are far less than \$1,000 annually. This year will mark the fourth year the AUMB uses the new band practice field, located off Samford Avenue on the west side of campus. Two years ago the band built a new state of the art pavilion for band members to have some shade from the heat and rain. Because of the band's continual growth, Auburn University is in the beginning stages of plans for a new Band Hall. A fundraising campaign is underway to fund the band project, which is estimated to cost \$11.5 million. These additions would allow us to provide an indoor practice facility with adequate space and a safe environment for the students during inclement weather.

When you support the Auburn Band program, you help our talented students from Jordan Hare Stadium to trips across the U.S. and around the World! We must look to the future of the Auburn Bands, always remembering to keep an eye on the past. The band is honored to represent this fine university through their performances and showmanship.



Coming to the Alumni Band Reunion?

We look forward to having you! Registration will be online again this year, through our partnership with teloga.com. Please register as early as you are able, so we can make all the necessary preparations to ensure that our 27th Alumni Band Reunion is a great experience for all! If you are not able to register online, please call our band office at 334-844-4166, and speak with our band coordinator, Sarah Ferguson.

If you have never been a participant in our Alumni Band Reunion, this is the year to join us. The Auburn University Marching Band is bigger than ever, and we're challenging you to make this year's Alumni Band the biggest yet! Whether you graduated in 1959 or 2012, we hope you will join us on the plains on October 12th!

AU Band Alumni will have a new opportunity this year: The Graduate School will be conducting tours of Hargis Hall, the former "music building" at Auburn. Check the last page of the newsletter for details.

Your first stop for information on any Auburn Bands event is our website, band.auburn.edu. You will find a calendar of events, descriptions of all our ensembles, a photo gallery, and regular news updates on our band program, including the Auburn University Alumni Band.

You are also free to e-mail us at band@auburn.edu or to call the band office at (334) 844-4166 if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Auxiliary members: If you'd like to get in touch with our Auxiliary staff, you can contact our "Tiger Eyes" coordinator, Kristina Cammack, at (334) 590-6013 or via email at kristina.cammack@gmail.com.

Drumline members: If you need drumline equipment, please check with your local high school band to see if you can borrow what you need. If you cannot borrow equipment, contact Dr. Doug Rosener, Assistant Director of Bands and Percussion Instructor, and request to use an AU instrument. You can contact Doug at (334) 844-4166 or via email at rosendb@auburn.edu.



Hargis Hall Tours for Band Alumni



The Auburn University Graduate School invites all band alumni to a tour and reception in Hargis Hall at 5:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 11th. Many band alumni will remember Hargis Hall as the "music building," a recital hall known for its good acoustics and cramped practice space. Come take a walk down memory lane and enjoy light refreshments in Hargis Hall after the tour! The event is free, but attendees are asked to register beforehand.

Registration can be completed online at: <http://aubandhargishalltour.splashthat.com>. We will link to the registration from the Alumni Band Homepage as well.

For questions, contact Chris Anthony in the Graduate School at cma0025@auburn.edu.

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