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BAA STAFF CHANGES

Steve Pearson, *President*

The BAA Board of Directors and Officers would like to express our sincere thanks for the contributions of Christine Vanderford and Ranelle Maltas as Vice President and Executive Secretary/General Manager, respectively. Both of them made significant contributions for increasing the role of the BAA in supporting current needs of the band program at the University. Their contributions will be missed. Fortunately, the Board of Directors has nominated and elected two new officers to replace them. Your new Vice President is Jeremy Penn. He has served as Drum Major for reunion

weekend several times in recent years. Becky Wilhelm is your new Executive Secretary/General Manager, leaving her role as Recording Secretary. The Board of Directors hopes to be able to announce the new Recording Secretary at this year's reunion. We are also pleased to announce that Liz Riggelman has accepted an appointment as the Editor of the Belle Lyre, beginning with this issue. We express our sincere thanks to Christine and Ranelle, and welcome Jeremy, Becky and Liz to their new roles. Thanks to all for their service to the BAA and the UNL Band Program.



DUES INCREASE FIRST INCREASE IN OVER 20 YEARS

Your BAA Board of Directors has decided that because of rising costs and the desire to continue with the support of UNL Band activities, an increase in annual dues is needed.

Effective this Fall (2006) annual dues will be \$25.00 for an individual, or \$40.00 for a married couple who were both in band and desire a membership for each.

For all those who have begun installments of \$50.00 per year for a life membership the cost will remain the same, \$50.00 for 4 consecutive years, or a one time payment of \$200.00.

Anyone wishing to begin paying for a life membership this Fall (2006) may also become a life member for this price. (\$50.00 per year for 4 consecutive years, or a one time payment of \$200.00.)

Beginning in the Fall of 2007, the price of a life membership will increase to 4 consecutive annual payments of \$75.00

for a total of \$300.00, however, those persons deciding to make a total payment at one time may do so for only \$250.00.

The Board of Directors has agreed that these prices still remain a great bargain. Consider the fact that single game tickets on our reunion date will be \$55.00 or \$60.00 but BAA attendees will be admitted for a \$5.00 gate pass if dues are current. Consider also what annual dues are for other organizations to which you may belong. (Check out the UNL Alumni Association dues.) The last dues increase (from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per year) was more than 20 years ago, and it is hoped that this increase will continue to fund our programs for at least another 20 years.

Dan Michaelson
Treasurer, BAA

LEAVE IT TO TONY . . .

Although I could have called this column "Your alumni dollars at work," it lacked the zip of what's up there now. Those of you who are well acquainted with Prof. Falcone's penchant for scanning the wedding announcements in the Journal Star just to find funny name combinations ("Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald announce the engagement of their daughter, Ella, to Mr. Chad Vader of Newport, Rhode Island...") will not be surprised to learn that he has already dubbed your new purchase "The Ride of All Nebraska." That's right, no need to read it twice. Your alumni board has voted to expend a portion of your generous donations to replace the dead Cushman with a new Yamaha Pro Hauler 1000. Following in the wheel tracks of its decrepit predecessor, the "Ride" will haul plumes, percussion equipment, and the occasional injured band member to and from Memorial Stadium. Needless to say, the band staff is thrilled and the GTAs are eager to crank it up to 5 mph and see how she runs (that would be the official Director

of Bands' reminder that the on-campus sidewalk speed limit is 5 mph – please, no wagering to see who can make the shortest round trip from Westbrook to the Union). After many years of good service, the old Cushman will be returned to the Athletic Department for use in the free-weights area of the conditioning room. The linebackers have been looking for a more challenging alternative to traditional dumbbells, and this should do the trick. In all seriousness, your generosity is enabling the band to stay up-to-date and on track for another excellent season. Thank you!

Go Big Red!

Carolyn A.
Barber
Director of Bands

"The Ride of All Nebraska"
Yamaha Pro Hauler 1000



BAND ALUMNI IN SCOTLAND



Photo courtesy Edinburgh Spring Festival Web Site

Youth Music of the World has proposed a trip for the Band Alumni Association to participate in The Edinburgh Spring Festival in March 2007. This trip will be open to all Band Alumni Association members and their spouses. Youth Music of the World has created and operated performance travel programs for the past 20 years, and they come highly recommended by Nebraska high school band directors who have traveled with them in the past few years.

The trip includes 7 days and 6 nights in Edinburgh, Scotland filled with sight-seeing tours and local culture. The trip will take place during the second or

third week of March in 2007 and will coincide with the Edinburgh Spring Festival. A concert band made up of band alumni will perform a short concert during the Festival. The estimated cost of the trip is \$2200-\$2400 per person and includes round trip air travel, ground transportation while in Scotland, hotel accommodations, breakfast each morning as well as dinner on most nights. There is more information about the Edinburgh Spring Festival on their website <http://www.edinburgheaster.co.uk>.

The Executive Board is currently working with Youth Music of the World on the details of the trip. If you are interested in going to Scotland and have not already contacted the board, please do so as soon as possible. You may either write us or contact us via the BAA website. Youth Music of the World will be sending out letters and contracts in the near future. We look forward to pursuing this exciting opportunity.

ELECTIONS FOR DIRECTOR POSITIONS

Three Director positions for the Band Alumni Association are open for election this year.

To be eligible, the nominee must be a current Life or Paid Sustaining member of the Band Alumni Association. The nominee must also be willing to serve a three year term and be available to attend meetings in the Lincoln and/or Omaha area. Meetings are held every two months.

The three Directors whose terms are up for re-election are Bill Beave (1963-64/1974-77, tuba), Rod Krogh (1985-89, trombone), and Nolan Schmit (1991-92, tenor saxophone). All three directors have agreed to run for another term.

If you or someone you know is interested in these positions, please send your nomination to the Band Alumni Association; PO Box 83012 ; Lincoln, NE 68501-3012. You may also submit nominations online via the BAA website. Each person nominated will be contacted to verify he/she is willing to serve on the Board. Each nominee will be introduced at the annual business meeting on September 2 and the election will be held.



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2006 REUNION SCHEDULE

Friday, September 1

Pep Rally at Wick Alumni Center

All alumni and their families are invited to attend the Pep Rally at the Wick Alumni Center at 1520 R Street, Lincoln, beginning at 6:30 pm. This is a family-friendly casual cookout. Cost is \$15 per individual, \$9 for children 3-12, and free for those 2 and under. Leave the babysitter at home and bring your children to the party. After all, they too, will be future band alumni someday!

Saturday, September 2

Indoor Rehearsal at Westbrook Music Building

All marching alumni are required to wear an all red shirt, khaki pants/shorts, with white socks and shoes to perform at the football game on Saturday. Please be sure you wear comfortable shoes and bring the sunscreen. Westbrook Music Building will open at 7:30 am for check-in where you will receive your registration packet which includes your music, charts and field pass. If you purchased a football ticket, you may also pick it up here. Anyone who reserved an instrument with Craig Falls may pick it up at this time in the Cage in the basement of Westbrook. We will begin the day at 8:00 am with an indoor rehearsal at Westbrook Music Building, room 130, to learn our music and get a review of the schedule for the day. Flagline members will go to Memorial Stadium after they receive their registration packet to meet with the captain/rank leaders of the current flagline to learn the routine while the band rehearses indoors.

Field Rehearsal

Following indoor rehearsal, we will meet with the current band at Memorial Stadium at 10:30 am for field rehearsal. Here we will practice the entrance and exit from the field for half-time as well as practice our music with the current band. This rehearsal should last about one hour. You will be on your own until we meet back at Westbrook Music Building for a final rehearsal at 12:30 pm.

Business Meeting and Rehearsal

At 12:30 pm we will meet back in room 130 of Westbrook Music Building for our annual business meeting and a final rehearsal of the music. There are three Board of Director positions open for election. We will need all attending alumni present to vote on these positions. Following the meeting and rehearsal, we will line up in front of Westbrook Music Building to march down to Memorial Stadium. We will play Band Song and Hail Varsity as we march into the stadium at Gate 3.

Game and Performance

Kick-off for the game is at 2:30 pm. When not performing, the Alumni Band will sit on the sidelines on the East side of the field. We will work with the Band and Athletic departments to be able to play a couple of pep songs during the game, but please be aware this may not be possible. Each game is scripted to the second on when a vignette is played on Husker Vision to when the band can play a song. You will be notified at the pre-game rehearsal if this has been made possible.

If you pay your membership dues and registration fees by August 19, you will be guaranteed a marching position on the field during half-time. If registration and/or payment is late, you will NOT be able to perform on the field and must perform from the sidelines. Please be aware that because of increased security at all University events, only performing alumni will be able to sit on the sidelines. Performing alumni will be issued a lanyard with a field pass with their

registration packet. YOU MUST WEAR YOUR FIELD PASS AT ALL TIMES! Any person sitting with the Alumni Band without a field pass will be asked to leave immediately by Memorial Stadium Security. Non-performing alumni, spouses, children or guests MUST pay for a ticket and sit in the stands. As a reminder, when you participate with the Alumni Band, you agree to abide by the bylaws of the UNL Band Alumni Association, Inc. and the rules of the University of Nebraska–Lincoln relating to conduct in Memorial Stadium. If you fail to follow the University rules, you could be asked to leave the stadium. In addition, you could jeopardize your membership status in the Band Alumni Association and your ability to participate at future events. Please note that the University of Nebraska–Lincoln reserves the right to examine the contents of any container brought into the stadium. The following items are prohibited: alcoholic beverages or controlled substances; coolers, large bags and backpacks; noise makers; glass bottles and cans; video cameras; banners/flags on poles; open umbrellas.

Post-Game Party

Following the football game and performance, all alumni and guests are invited to the post-game party at P.O. Pears. Cost is FREE! You can't get any better than that! Munchies will be provided and a cash bar is available. Please come join the fun and say your last goodbyes until next year.

Deadlines

The registration deadline is August 19, 2006. Registrations postmarked after August 19 must pay a \$20 late fee to participate. NO registrations will be accepted after August 26, NO walk-ins allowed and NO phone reservations. Because of security concerns with the handling and safety of money on game day, we are no longer able to accept payment when you arrive. PLEASE help us out in meeting the deadlines. These deadlines are not just for us, but for all departments involved in the planning and preparation of this reunion. The deadline dates are necessary for processing all memberships and reunion registrations. We also must meet a deadline with the Band Office for the arrangement of music and charting of marching members and with the Athletic Department to ensure we have enough seating on the sideline for the game. All alumni registered by August 19 to attend the reunion will receive confirmation with the schedule and exact times either by postcard or e-mail after the August 19th deadline. You can always check our website as the schedule is posted there. To receive a full refund on the Reunion Weekend activities, you must contact Dan Michaelson (Treasurer) no later than August 30, 2006. Please remember that membership dues are non-refundable.

Hotel Reservations

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hampton Inn Airport (1301 West Bond Circle) for September 2-3. The cost is \$99/night plus tax. Those interested my call direct at 402-474-2080, 1-800-Hampton or e-mail inknb_hampton@hilton.com. Be sure to mention that you are with the UNL Alumni Band. The block of rooms will only be held until August 2.

Football Tickets

Board member, Russ Swanson has secured tickets for the game. The tickets cost \$55 each and are available to all non-performing alumni, spouses, children or guests. There is a limit of one ticket per alumnus. Alumni attending, but not able to perform may reserve two tickets. The tickets are in the stands and are not accessible to the Band Alumni area. Tickets are limited and are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. If you want to ensure you have a ticket for your guest, please register early. We will contact you only if we are unable to fulfill your ticket request. Otherwise your tickets will be available for you to pick up at the Friday night Pep Rally or at the check-in at Westbrook Music Building Saturday morning. Any tickets not picked will be sold to the public. Since we do not receive the tickets until one week before the game, we are not able to mail them in advance.

IMPORTANT POINTS

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- Register early to ensure football tickets for spouses and family members



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