



# Band Alumni Newsletter

October 4, 2006

## Homecoming 2006 Saturday Nov. 4

Dear Alumni:

Wow! What a change Fall 2006 has brought to the UCA Marching Band! We have a new Director of Athletic Bands and Associate Director of Bands, Mr. Steve Smyth from Oklahoma State University. Steve has come in like a tornado and is initiating the band into their new roll

in Division IAA (how he got here this summer makes a great story). Energy, enthusiasm, SWEAT, and WORK describe the atmosphere and work ethic of the band this fall. I encourage you to come see the band at homecoming and meet Mr. Smyth. Dr. Young and I assist Mr. Smyth with the marching band, but still maintain our usual roles

within the band department. The creation of an Athletic Band Director position is the first of several changes that you'll see over the next several years involving the UCA Band. Exciting times!!!

See you November 4,  
Ricky Brooks



## Homecoming Schedule:

Parade	<b>3:00</b>
Tailgate Meal	<b>3:30</b>
Alumni Band Rehearsal	<b>4:40</b>
Tailgate Concert	<b>5:15</b>
Enter Stadium	<b>5:30</b>
Football Game UCA vs SAU	<b>6:00</b>
KKY TBS Unity Ceremony	<b>After game</b>

## Introducing Athletic Bands Director

Dear Alumni:

My name is Steven Smyth and I am the new Associate Director of Band/ Director of Athletic Bands at UCA. I grew up in Iowa, then attended Iowa State University for my undergraduate degree. After college, I taught high school band at Dowling High School and Lenox Public Schools for a total of six years. Last May, I finished my Masters in Wind Conducting at Oklahoma State University. This summer I was married to my wife, Kelsey, and we are very pleased to be at the University of Central Arkansas.

The 2006-2007 UCA Bear Marching Band is making a few changes, as well as strengthening our traditions. We are in the midst of our athletic department's move to Division IAA, and are adjusting very

quickly. Some changes include: an extended pre-game, multiple shows, increased involvement in the game-day activities, a four-part vocal Alma Mater, and Tailgate and "5th Quarter" concerts every home game. The students are very excited about these changes and I hope you will be too. Not to worry, the traditional YUCA Bear and other cheers and chants are all staying and will be more visible.

On our November 4th show, we will take another step towards our Division I status. On Homecoming, we will debut our second complete show of the year! We are going to be moving to a multi-show concept for next year and the students wanted to add another for this season also. Therefore, we are doing a "Couch Potato Show", based around music com-

monly related to activities that a typical "couch potato" does. The show will include many of the TV sports themes, video game themes, and cartoon themes from South Park and The Family Guy. Our students are thrilled and we think this show will be exciting for us, the alumni, and especially our UCA Student Body.

We have some great Homecoming activities planned involving the Alumni Band, and look forward to you joining us and filling both me and the students in on the fine traditions and past stories of our band's history.

Thank you and I look forward to meeting you in November!

Steven Smyth

Associate Dir. Of Bands  
Athletic Bands Director

## Fall Band Events:

- Arkansas Open Marching Contest, October 28
- UCA vs. Augustana, Nov. 11 1:00
- Jazz Band Dance, Nov. 18 8:00-Midnight, East McCastlain
- Jazz Ensembles Concert, Dec. 4, 7:30 p.m. Reynolds
- Fall Symphonic Bands, Dec. 5, 7:30 p.m. Reynolds

## Updates:

Russell Langston, after 30 years of serving on the Faulkner County Fair Committee, was named Grand Marshal of the 2006 Faulkner County Fair Parade. The theme was "Music Through The Ages" and instead of working, lining up bands at the parade, Russ got to ride in front in a convertible!

Marie Porkorski is teaching at Forrest City Junior High.

Matt Holt and wife Beth are in San Antonio expecting a boy in November.

Blake and Melissa (Southall) Marsh have moved to Wynne.

Jeff Robinson is now the Trumpet Instructor at UAFS.

Dallas & Leigh Taylor are living in Sherman Oaks, CA.

John Armstrong is teaching at Bartlett High School and living in Hutto, TX.

John Joyner is teaching at West Junior High in West Memphis.

Blake Arrington is a clarinetist with the Air Force Band in Washington, D. C.

John Paul Wilson (with wife Marty) and Sara Mickey (with husband Brian) will be attending UCA Homecoming as directors of the SAU Band.

John Sketoe & wife Beth are proud parents of Gracie (20 months) and Lexie (4 months). John is Safety Coordinator for Hoosier Transit.

Chris and Sherri Davenport are in Wiesbaden, Germany where Chris has switched from 'copters to 'planes.

Jonathan & Jennifer (Sims) Taylor are in St. Louis where Jonathan is an editor at Elsevier and Jennifer is studying for an MFA in Historic Preservation at Savannah College of Art & Design.

Robin & Carol Jean Ratliff are teaching in Heber Springs.

Scott & Christy Head are expecting a son in October. Christy is teaching music at Crystal Hill and Oak Grove Elementary Schools.

Karen Irby Belciglio is now an empty-nester with one son in college and the other a working actor in New York.

Ricky Ward is teaching in Sapulpa, OK.

Robert & Monica (Birdwell)

Meadows are both teaching in Blytheville.

Stephanie Lamar is teaching French at Conway High East.

Anthony Williams is in Memphis studying for a DMA in Trombone.

Eve Hoffman is teaching in Green Forest.

Brian Pearson is teaching in Piggot, AR and got married this summer.

Kevin Culwell got married in September and plans to move to Fayetteville in January.

Nick Williams is teaching at Rosebud and he and Alicia (Manion) are proud parents of twins, Andrew Guy & Amelia Ruth. Nick is playing with the Heber Springs Jazz Band and Alicia is adjunct instructor of flute at Harding Univ.

Chris & Sarah Holt are teaching at Greene County Tech in Paragould.

### \$\$\$Phonathan Results\$\$\$

#### Band Alumni General Fund \$590

**Frances Thomas \$125**

**Pat Hasty \$355**

**Homer Brown \$980**

**Russell Langston \$395**

**Brandon Hawk \$2,500**

**Thanks!**

#### Scholarship Fund Balances:

Homer Brown Fund	\$27,354.16
Russell Langston Fund	\$11,445.00
Pat Hasty Jazz Fund	\$3,189.83

Thanks to your contributions, there will be 2 Homer Brown scholarships and 1 Russell Langston scholarship awarded this fall in the amounts of \$600 each.



**Vote!**

Band Alumni Officer & Board Elections will be held at the rehearsal at Homecoming Nov. 4

## Band Alumni Board & Officer Elections

### Current Officers:

**Pres. Hughie Craig**

**Vice Pres. Daniel Williams**

**Sec. Jan Cunningham**

**Treas. Jackie Lamar**

**Historian, Jimmy Bryant**

**Web Designer J. R. Thomas**

**Board members: Margaret Shook & Mary Corder**

The Band Alumni Board met in June to discuss revision of the by-laws and officer structure. New officers and board members must also be paid members of the UCA Alumni Association. The new officer structure and board structure will be for single-year terms. There will be 4 permanent board positions created & historian and web positions will remain filled with the same volunteers.

### New Officer Slate:

**Pres. Judy Harkrider**

**V.P./Pres Elect, Mary Corder**

**Sec./Treas. Beth Howard**

**1-year Board terms: Cherie Flowers, Nick Williams, Tim Show**

**Perm. Board members: Jan Cunningham, Margaret Shook, Hughie Craig, Jackie Lamar**

# Welcome Half-Century Club Members!

October 4, 2006

In 1956, Milton Trusler was chairman of the ASTC Music Department. Howard Groth was the Choir Director, Ralph Atkinson was the Band Director, Carl Forsberg directed the Orchestra, and Jean Adams and Mrs. W. Little taught other music courses.

My how we've grown!

Some of the inductees into the 1956 Half-Century Club include John Lowman, Richard & Etha Jane Parker, Wendell R. Dorman, Martha Spinks, Kalb, Patty Robbins Harrison, Murray Modlin, and

Virginia Jones Watson. Unfortunately, Mr. Clitus Ivie is no longer with us.

We hope that you and others will enjoy the Homecoming Brunch and will join us at the tailgate for the UCA Band and Alumni Band.

## New Faculty

A native of Russellville, Kentucky, **Dr. Paige Rose** (Instrumental Music Education) completed her Bachelor of Music Education degree from Louisiana State University in 1994. While there she served as drumline section leader for the LSU Tiger Marching Band, and performed with Star of Indiana Drum and Bugle Corps. Rose taught for seven years at Jennings High School in Jennings, Louisiana, where she served as director of the marching band, concert band, jazz band, percussion ensemble, and color guard. Rose completed the Master of Music Education degree in 2002 from McNeese State University. Afterwards, she returned to LSU in to pursue her doctorate in music education.

**Kelly Johnson** (Professor of Clarinet) is a native of Clinton Missouri. After receiving a BME degree from Central Missouri State University she went on to Arizona State University for her MM and DMA degrees in clarinet performance. She lives in Conway with her husband Todd (band director in the Conway school system) and her son Aaron. Kelly was previously Professor of Clarinet at Arkansas Tech University.



## Join Your Classmates: The Year of The "6"

Welcome 2006 graduates: Alison Moore, Jeff Robinson, Holly White, Dustin Seaton, Chris Holt, Jamie Miller, Marie Pokorski, Cara Brewer, Christina & Cody Bruce, Michael Williamson, Brandon Alanis, Brandon Evans, Christy Kuiken, & Josh Knight.

1996: Jeff Bass, Chad Lambert, Joel Linn, Stephanie Murray, Kelli Stobaugh, Jonathan & Jennifer Sims Taylor, and Dianne Surbrier Welch.

Elizabeth Adkins, Clif Blasingame, Don Buffaloe, Vickie Gibson, Kenneth & Sharon Hawk, Flournoy Humphries, Sally Loretz, Jimmy Leach, Steve & Sandra Martin, Jimmie Miller, Bucky Staggs, Mary Stoecker, & Steve Sudduth.

1976: Tom Atkinson, Dennis & Edith Bonge, Janet Cagle, Judy

Henry, Mike Stracener, Beth Howard, Chuck Perry, & Ben Wiley.

1966: John & Carolyn Bullock, Lura & Tommy Campbell, Thomas & Brenda Hollis, John & Kay Knight, Gail & Elizabeth Robbins, Carl Rubly, Margaret Nabors Shook, Loyd & Cathy Williams, Larry & Eileen Woods.



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## 40th Anniversary Banquet

The year was 1967, the Epsilon Beta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi, and the Gamma Tau Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma were installed on February 17. This spring, KKY and TBS will honor this milestone of their 40th anniversary at UCA with a special banquet. The celebration will be on Saturday, February 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

Calling all charter members and KKY & TBS Alumni! The current chapter members would like to invite you to attend this event. For more details, please contact: Jason Edwards, President of EB, at bounty\_killer47@hotmail.com

Or Laura Pokorski, President of GT at laurapo2@hotmail.com

Formal invitations will be mailed with RSVP information prior to the event.

The historians of each chapter would like to get each of you to send a note of your fondest memories from your time of membership to collect in a memory book, along with some biographical information.

### UCA Band Alumni



Join the UCA Alumni Association! For every Band Alum who joins the UCA Alumni Association, the Band Alumni gets \$2.00. The expenses for the homecoming tailgate will be paid for by your UCA Alumni Dues and from the UCA Friends of Music. Thanks!



**Join us before the game at the Band Alumni Tailgate on the football practice field.**

**The Alumni Band will perform at the Tailgate Concert with the UCA Band. Alumni are also welcome to play with the UCA Band in the stands.**

**Please RSVP to help us plan for the food. Also, please send your name for the guest list to get into the game. We no longer have guest tick-**

### Keep us updated:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduating Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

You may mail this form in to:

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Yes I plan to Attend Homecoming 2006

Yes I plan to attend the tailgate

Yes I will need an instrument, specify \_\_\_\_\_

Here is my contribution to the (check one).

Band Alumni General Fund

Homer Brown Scholarship Fund

Russell Langston Scholarship Fund

Patrick Hasty Jazz Scholarship Fund

Frances Thomas Trumpet Scholarship

There are a limited number of Band Alumni Shirts available. T-shirts are \$5.00

Sweatshirts are \$17.50. If you have a shirt, please wear it to Homecoming, if not, then wear your purple!