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## Sugar Bowlin' in N'awlins!

By David Riva, MMB Tuba, ENGLISH/COMMUNICATIONS

Ask any MMB member from the class of 2012 – the last four years of Michigan Football have not been easy to swallow. So as my fellow tuba players and I gathered around the TV at the end of the season for the Bowl Selection Show, our placement in a BCS game seemed absolutely surreal.

Preparing for the trip with a four hour rehearsal a few days after Christmas hardly seemed like a burden with the anticipation of warm weather, Cajun cooking, rich culture, and an eleventh win to the football record.

Stepping off the plane and onto the tarmac at the New Orleans Airport was a “moment” as we shed our winter coats and rolled up our sleeves. The weather was ideal our entire time in NOLA – not too hot, not too cold, and a complete absence of precipitation.

Our performances for the upcoming days would include a Michigan-themed block party, a

Sugar Bowl-sanctioned pep rally, a couple of tailgate gigs the day of the game, and – of course – pregame and halftime at the game itself.

Surprisingly, we were allowed to play the entirety of our traditional pregame routine, a deep contrast to last year’s Gator Bowl where we weren’t allowed to play any of it. For halftime, we brushed up on the Techno/Rave Dance Party Show that we had played at the Under The Lights game against Notre Dame earlier in the year.

The show included *"What Is Love/ Till The World Ends," "Harder Better Faster Stronger,"* and *"Heaven/Everytime We Touch."*

To meet the time constraints set for us, we had to cut one song entirely from the original show and shorten another song. Additionally, some new drill was added for a seamless transition between tunes. In New Orleans, we practiced at Tad Gormley

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Rehearsals at Home



Flying South!



Home Away From Home!



AFTER

Sugar Bowl photos courtesy of MMBPhotoVideo, Rodney Arthur, Veronica Long, Erick Miller, Shekinah Reser, David Riva, and Arthur Shih

# BOWLIN' IN THE BIG EASY

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Stadium, about a ten minute bus ride from our hotel in the French Quarter.

Aside from an unforgettable gameday performance in one of the most awe-inspiring indoor sports arenas in the country (although no match for the Big House, of course), it was the block party a couple days before the game that will always hold a special place in my memory. As you know, the MMB is notorious for a little thing we like to call "hurry up and wait." It's basically self-explanatory, but it involves the entire 300+ body of members standing or sitting idly in one location and then being alerted to immediately spring into action and be ready for whatever comes at us next. In perhaps its most ridiculous manifestation to date, we were gathered in the lobby of the hotel and proceeded to sprint down the sidewalk, across Canal St. – one of the busiest streets in the French Quarter of New Orleans – where traffic was stopped for us, and then were told we had to squeeze into a space way smaller than we needed that would severely distort our standard concert arcs. The space turned out to be slightly more accommodating than expected, and hearing Team 132 captains and coach speak in addition to Dave Brandon and Frank Beckmann made for an authentic Michigan experience that pumped up all in attendance.

The city of New Orleans was a gracious host, but it took me at least a day to fully appreciate their Southern hospitality. Our

first meal in the hotel was a famed 'Po-Boy,' but everyone joked that it was nothing more than a couple pieces of bread with meat between. As we ventured out into the city, though, our culinary explorations led us to delicious dishes including gumbo, jambalaya, piroquettes, crawfish, alligator, and (of course) beignets for dessert.

As far as tourist attractions in New Orleans, it wasn't as much about specific monuments or buildings, but rather an overall feeling created by streets filled with breathtaking architecture and jazz music that made it easy to understand why the city's nicknamed *The Big Easy*. We took a steamboat cruise, and I went to the aquarium and took a trolley ride on my own time. Strolling the French Quarter was



THE FRENCH QUARTER SHOWS SOME MAIZE & BLUE PRIDE



CAFÉ DUMONDE BEIGNETS!

ultimately my favorite activity, though.

I'm sure no one really needs a full game recap, but from my perspective, watching the ball go through the uprights in overtime prompted one of the most

euphoric moments in my entire life. We may not have deserved the win, but it felt darn good walking away with one!

As is true with anything related to the MMB, the best part about the trip was being able to do everything in the company of great friends, excellent leadership, and unending support from alumni and fans. Go Blue!



WAITING....WAITING....WAITING....WAITING....WAITING....

# Homecoming 2012



## SAVE THE DATE! 1972 Reunion October 13, 2012

By Rich Alder, '69

Greetings from the University of Michigan Band Alumni Association and the Michigan Bands.

Incredibly, 2012 marks forty (40, XL) years since the momentous 1972 season. That year was significant on two counts - it was the first year in which women participated in the Marching Band, and, after being cheated out of a Rose Bowl trip following a heartbreaking loss in Columbus (which would have probably been overturned with modern replay rules), two-thirds of us did make it to LA to participate in Super Bowl VII.

Every Michigan Band is special in its own way, but there are some that feel that extra ounce of pride. In 2009, we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the 1969 band which had some very important moments in the history of the band. Some of you already know about that, as, like me, you were in both groups.

Through a very concentrated effort, we had over 60 members of that band back in town for Homecoming, the largest single band participation in the history of the band alumni association.

We would like to try to duplicate that effort with the 1972 band. Homecoming will be on **October 13, 2012, against Illinois**. Please mark the date on your calendar and start thinking about attending. We have no special details worked out yet, but we are thinking about special stadium recognition and a post-game dinner as possibilities. Any thoughts are welcome, and assistance from those close to Ann Arbor would be appreciated.

Feedback is welcome. I will remain in contact and hope to hear from many of you over the next 10 months.

YUBA !!!

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MMB 1969-74

**BLAST FROM THE PAST**  
**OCTOBER 13, 2012**  
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# A Frozen Classic

## FROZEN DIAMOND FACEOFF 2012

Michigan Marching Band  
Cleveland—January 15, 2012



By Zachary Merentay '13 MMB

They called it the **Frozen Diamond Faceoff**, and they couldn't have picked a more accurate name.

Michigan's men's hockey team played that school down South in the first outdoor hockey game in the state of Ohio played at Progressive Field, home of the Cleveland Indians.

Early in the season, when the captains of the hockey team took the time to personally invite us all to come down and cheer them on, many MMB members couldn't wait to hop on the bus—an all-expense paid trip to Cleveland was a lucky ticket! Anyone available on January 15 got to go, and nearly 200 members took the trip. The day started out early, with members arriving at about 7 am, equipped with hand and foot warmers and instruments, for the 4 hour bus ride to Cleveland.

We lunched at the Hard Rock Café, where we were welcomed by the taste of cheeseburgers and the sound of Jack Johnson. We were lucky to encounter fans from that school down South for the first time that day.

We toured the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum, including exhibits, videos, and artifacts from rock and roll's greatest artists and influences. The museum had something for everyone to enjoy, from Michael Jackson's sequin glove, to Metallica's see-through guitar, to the Women of Rock exhibit.

Finally—game time. The Fanfare Band played at a small pep rally while the rest of us prepared to brace the 20-degree temperatures, packing on layer upon layer for maximum warmth. We were very glad to see the number of maize-n-blue faithful in Ohio to support the team, and it was obvious to see they appreciated us with each chorus of *The Victors*.



**THE FINAL SCORE!**

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The atmosphere in the stadium was electric as some fans even began getting a little 'chippy' with each other. The band was targeted with a few snowballs, but as the Wolverines built a commanding lead, the amount of snowballs and taunts directed our way subsided dramatically. The sun set and the temperature dropped lower, forcing us to rely on each other for warmth (band huddle!) but the team came through and made the cold a distant memory.

As the sun set on an evening of hockey the way it was meant to be played, we rejoiced in a 4-1 win for the Wolverines in hostile territory as the band froze our feet in the bleachers. The Michigan Faithful expressed their gratitude to us and wished us safe travels back to Ann Arbor as we headed to the buses, which were much quieter on the trip home as everyone was exhausted from a long but entertaining day, and we returned to Revelli Hall a tired but spirited group at midnight.

The MMB was lucky to have the opportunity to play at this historic event, and while the food and the museum were highlights, the great win by the hockey team capped off a spectacular day.

Thanks to Maggie St. Clair, Dr. John Pasquale, and all who helped us to the state down south; It was a wonderful trip full of great memories and school spirit! We'll never stop cheering on our Wolverines, no matter how cold we get! Go Blue!



IN BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND!



KEEPING WARM

# Alumni Update

MEMBERS LISTED BY FIRST YEAR IN M BANDS

**Roland Graham Hiss, '50** is an active Emeritus Professor of Medical Education, UM Medical School, and a Consultant to National Institutes of Health for diabetes education and outreach.

**Suzanne Conerway Campbell, '62** After graduation in '66, I taught choir at Brighton (MI) High School before going into Higher Education administration and Student Affairs at Eastern Michigan University, Mt. Holyoke College, University of Massachusetts-Amherst, University of Texas-Arlington, Texas Christian University and Tarrant County College in Fort Worth, Texas. I worked as a counselor for the Arlington Independent School District before returning to Michigan in 1995 where I worked for the Detroit Public Schools and Warren Consolidated School District. I retired from Warren Schools as a counselor in 2007 and currently live in Brighton, MI. where I am very active in church and the Brighton High School Alumni Association, serving as President.

**Jean Moorehead Libs '72** Spent July, 2011 as a faculty artist at the 7th annual International Trumpet Seminar, Grand Valley State University. She adjudicated MSBOA Solo and Ensemble and Band and Orchestra district and State contest in 2011 and 2012, and has been named a Yamaha Performing Artist beginning January 2012! Jean got a new titanium hip in September, 2011, just in time to do a world premiere of the John Prescott *Sonata for Trumpet* with the Ann Arbor Pioneer HS Symphony Band this April!

**Joe Grekin, '87** and **Jenn McKee, '89**, brought another potential trombone player into the world: **Neve Rashana Grekin-McKee** was born July 7, 2011 - about 10 minutes after Jenn and Joe arrived at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor. (Yes, it was an exciting car ride.) Three year old sister Lily has been on cloud 9 ever since!

**Kristy Benz Penney '94** and her husband John are happy to announce the birth of their son **Isaac** in October, 2011. Their 3-year old daughter **Clara** is a very proud big sister.

**Mike VanBelle '98** and **Laura Carpenter VanBelle '97** are happy to announce the birth of our 3<sup>rd</sup> little Wolverine, **Samantha Ann**, born on November 27, 2011 in Ann Arbor, MI. Twin brothers **Michael** and **Matthew** (3 years) are very excited to have a baby sister. We are now living in Canton, MI. Mike was recently promoted to Supervisor at Ford Motor Company and Laura is being the best mama ever for our kids.

**EDITOR'S NOTE: THE U-M FRESHMAN CLASSES OF 2027 & 2029 ARE BECOMING VERY WELL POPULATED!**

## In **M**emorium

### FLORENCE CAVENDER

Florence Cavender died peacefully on December 22, 2011. For 50 years she was the devoted wife of Professor George R. Cavender, who preceded her in death in 2004.

**TOM GASKILL '58**, was a member of the 1961 Russian Tour band, and integral in introducing his brother, **Dick Gaskill**, to Dr. Revelli, thus beginning Dick's 60+ year career as Michigan Bands photographer. Tom's classmate, **Bruce Galbraith '58**, sends this tribute:

"We have lost our Contra-bass clarinetist, our Bass singer, and our good friend. Our ensembles won't be quite complete. Whether it was *Coney Island Baby* or *La Comparsa*, Tom played an important part in our music and our lives. He will be missed, but never forgotten."

RIGHT: A PHOTOGRAPH OF TOM, BRUCE AND DR. REVELLI BEFORE OUR RUSSIAN TOUR - THE DETROIT BOYS.

BELOW: A PHOTOGRAPH TOM SENT TO ME AFTER OUR LAST PERFORMANCE. TOM WAS OUR FOUNDATION—WHETHER AT OUR REUNIONS OR WHEN THE LIGHTS WENT OUT IN ISTANBUL.



### SUBMISSIONS for ALUMNI UPDATE:

News items of current activities are welcomed for the MFanfare. DEADLINES: Materials must be received by July 1 for FALL Issue, November 1 for WINTER ISSUE, February 1 for SPRING Issue, April 1 for SUMMER Issue. Submit online, via email or mail. Tell us what you've been up to so the rest of us know ...recent promotions, awards, positions, births, family, publications) This material is for publication; please be specific and brief.

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# UMBAA.ORG Website Changes



Linda Stone Ridley '73

Several new sections have been added to the website in the last few months:

- **FAQ** (Frequently Asked Questions) section can be found on the Welcome Menu.
- **Minutes from UMBAA Board meetings.** These are located in Members/Board/Meeting Minutes. Minutes have to be approved by the UMBAA Board before they can be put on the website. Older minutes are schedule to be added.
- **UMBAA Concert Band Concert Schedule (March 18)**

Please send questions, answers and band stories to [umbaa-webmaster@umich.edu](mailto:umbaa-webmaster@umich.edu).

[LOGIN @WWW.UMBAA.ORG](http://WWW.UMBAA.ORG)

In order to update your membership information or to sign up for the UMBAA Concert Band, you will need to login. The first time on the site on the Welcome page, scroll down to "Already a UMBAA member but need login information? Click here!" on the right side. Click on the link, enter your name and the email address that

you provided to UMBAA. If you are in our database and your first name, last name and email address match what we have for you, you'll get back two emails. One of the emails has a link that you'll need to click on to activate your account. After your account has been activated you can login using your email address and the temporary password emailed to you.

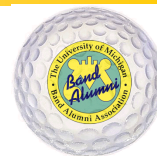
The website requires users to be logged in before seeing the Membership and Concert Band forms. If you are not sure what email address we have for you or have any problems creating a login, send an email to [umbaa-webmaster@umich.edu](mailto:umbaa-webmaster@umich.edu) including what band(s) you played in while at UM, your first year in the band, and the name you used when in the band.

[Login problems?](#)

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## SAVE THE DATE! UMBAA Golf Outing 2012

Sunday, August 5, 2012 is the tentative date for the 2012 UMBAA golf outing. Tee times, information about sign-up, costs, and more will be found in your Spring Issue of *M Fanfare*.



Sheri Moore, '91 President

**Hello!** 2012 is under way. The UMBAA Alumni Pep Band had a wonderful time cheering on our athletic teams while the students were out on Christmas and Winter Breaks. A large group of alumni had a delightful time going to January's Collage Concert featuring our amazing School of Music Theater and Dance. My breath is always taken away by the talent featured by our superb school! Another group gathered in February to jive at Hill Auditorium with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra, featuring Wynton Marsalis.

Your UMBAA Board has begun planning for next year. We look forward to continuing our favorite events, alumni pep and concert bands, the golf-outing, new member lunch, University receptions, and facilitating student scholarships. We are organizing social events, concert outings and other fun stuff! The 1972 Band reunion is underway; please see Rich Alder's article for details. We will be communicating more on our Facebook group; make sure to join us at

**UMBAA (U-Mich Band Alumni Association).** The Board meets on March 21, June 20, September 19 and November 14. We are always looking for help and would love to see you there.

Plan to reconnect and make some music at Michigan by playing in the spring edition of our Alumni Concert Band starting this April, or you can join in the fun cheering on the Softball and Baseball teams this summer in the Alumni Pep Band. The SMTD has 3 more Symphony and Concert Band concerts left to enjoy this year. We would also like to congratulate Professor Haithcock, recipient of the Arthur F. Thurnau professorship.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Musically Yours,

Sheri Moore

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# Alumni Concert Band Seeks New Members

The University of Michigan Band Alumni Association Concert Band (ACB) is seeking additional musicians for the Spring Session starting April 12<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals are Thursday nights at Revelli Hall in Ann Arbor with a concert on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, also in Ann Arbor. Come join in the fun with your fellow musicians!

Everyone who played a band instrument for at least one semester in a University of Michigan ensemble is encouraged to join. No auditions are required. To sign up or for more information, please email

[UMBAAConcertBand@umich.edu](mailto:UMBAAConcertBand@umich.edu).

Website link: <https://www.umbaa.org/bands/concert-band.html>

**ACB Winter Concert** Come and enjoy ACB's next concert on **March 18 at Huron High School** under the baton of Langston Heminway. ACB will present *Colonel Bogey* by Alford, *Incantation and Dance* by Chance, *Walking Tune* by Grainger, *American Riversongs* by LaPlante, *Wicked* by Schwartz, *Symphonic Dance No. 3 Fiesta* by Williams, and, of course, *The Victors!*

## Raising Funds for Area Kids

From *The Michigan Daily*

Denard Robinson in a nerd costume, live-action Angry Birds and numerous shirtless athletes entertained audience members at the 14th annual Mock Rock Student Athlete Variety Show at Hill on February 6. Members of the MMB and Dance Team performed in exhibition at the event.

Mock Rock is an annual charity variety show held by the University Student-Athlete Advisory Council, in which varsity student-athletes and athletic staff members perform skits and dance

numbers. The event raised more than \$85,000 for the Child and Family Life program at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, Student-Athletes Leading Social Change and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washtenaw County.

ESPN anchorwoman Dana Jacobson, a University alumna, emceed the show, and men's soccer coach Chaka Daley, M Club President; Mary Petrovich, Laura Hoke, wife of head football coach Brady Hoke; and Max Merget, brain cancer survivor and former Mott patient, judged the performances.

## Haithcock Named Thurnow Professor



Many Congratulations to **Director of Bands Michael Haithcock**, who has been named one of six recipients of an Arthur F. Thurnau professorship recognizing his outstanding

contributions to undergraduate education at the University.

Thurnau professorships recognize and reward a select group of tenured faculty members for their outstanding contributions to undergraduate education. Criteria for the award include a strong commitment to students and to teaching and learning, excellence in teaching, innovation in teaching and learning, a

strong commitment to working effectively with a diverse student body, and a demonstrable impact on students' intellectual and/or artistic development. The professorships are named after alumnus Arthur F. Thurnau. Recipients receive \$20,000 to support teaching activities, including travel, books, equipment and graduate student support.

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## University Bands Winter 2012

CONCERT BAND SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 7:30 PM HILL AUDITORIUM

ALUMNI CONCERT BAND SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 1 PM HURON HS

SYMPHONY BAND FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 8 PM HILL AUDITORIUM

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