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## Dr. John Mohler Receives UMBAA Lifetime Achievement Award

By Roger Garrett '83 Clarinet Professor & Director of Symphonic Winds, Illinois Wesleyan University

On November 3, the Symphony, Concert, and Marching Bands each presented spectacular performances at the Band-O-Rama concert. A particularly special moment was when Dr. John Mohler, Professor of Clarinet Emeritus, was honored by the UMBAA with their Lifetime Achievement Award. Prior to attending U-M, Dr. Mohler served as Principal Clarinetist and Soloist with the Marine Band. Dr. Mohler earned three degrees from University of Michigan, and served as professor of clarinet from 1962 to 1994.

The award citation states, in part: In recognition of your outstanding participation in and loyal service to the University of Michigan Bands throughout a distinguished career as a performer, teacher, and mentor. The gifts of pedagogical perception, musical insights, and personal warmth remain the hallmarks of your teaching for generations of your former students. The contributions you and your students made to the various UM Bands as performers also set a very high standard for clarinetist around the country as well as for our current faculty and students. Through the years, your humble and sincere demeanor inspiring served those with whom you worked and enabled them to perform at a level worthy of our best traditions.

During his years at U-M, Dr. Mohler chaired the Winds/Percussion Division, performed in the faculty quintet, performed in the Toledo and Plymouth Symphony Orchestras, performed recitals locally and on tour, and was thoroughly dedicated to his students. It is significant that many of his former students currently perform professionally or teach at universities around the country. Indeed, over 20 former students showed up in Salt Lake City, UT and performed on stage for him when the International Clarinet Society presented a similar Lifetime Achievement Award only a few years ago. Congratulations John Mohler!

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President Sherry Chisholm presents the 2012 UMBAA Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. John Mohler



# ALUMNI BAND PLAYS WITH RHYTHM

## 2012 Blast From The Past

By Salo Korn '65

Grey skies and rain were constant during our annual homecoming "Blast" but there was no gloom in Ann Arbor. How could there be? Having one more chance to march and play in that special stadium put a smile on every returning alumni face. Old friends were reunited and new friendships with future alumni were created. The final glow was from the football team shutting out the University of Illinois by the score of 45 to 0.

Blast 2012 started Friday evening with the annual UMBAA barbecue and Alumni Band rehearsal conducted by UMBAA Director John Wilkins, who was his usual energetic self, firing us up and reminding us how long it has been since some of us played our instruments. The annual UMBAA business meeting started Saturday morning at the

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relatively relaxed hour of 9:00 AM by President Sheri Chisholm with over 350 in attendance. Members Rich Alder, Gail Ferguson Stout, and Garry Straffon were honored for their years of selfless, dedicated work on behalf of UMBAA. UMBAA owes these three a huge debt of gratitude. In addition, a Special Citation was presented to Dr. Jeff Grogan in recognition of his “meritorious service to the University of Michigan Bands as Assistant Director of the Michigan Marching Band, and as Interim Director of the Michigan Marching Band, as well as his advocacy for music education throughout the United States.”

Three 40-year anniversaries were honored at this year’s Blast. 2012 celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Title IX legislation, which resulted in the 1972 band being the first to include women. Three of these women, Marjie Janson Harcourt, Carolyn Good Kibbe, and Gwen Matheys led the band across the field during our pre-game ceremonies. In addition, 2012 was the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1972 Super Bowl Band and the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of “Bullwinkle” written by Albert Ahronheim. While written for a cartoon show, Ahronheim’s arrangement is still played at most football, hockey, and basketball games and still causes students to dance with “antlers” on their heads. Former Drum Major Albert Ahronheim is also the arranger of *Calyptors*, *Hoover Street Rag*, the universally played *Let’s Go Blue* and led the Alumni Band at this year’s Blast. If that wasn’t enough, 2012 was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Jerry Bilik’s *Temptation*.

In addition to the usual attendees, John Bacon, author of *Three and Out: Rich Rodriguez and the Michigan Wolverines in the Crucible of College Football* was in attendance. Mr. Bacon is in the process of writing a new book on college football and wants to include the band’s

perspective, and spent the morning interviewing band alumni for stories for the book.

The UMBAA “Senior Band” joined MMB on the field in the Big House in a performance of George Gershwin’s classic *I’ve Got Rhythm*. The groups joined forces on *I Want to Go Back to Michigan, Calyptors, Temptation, and War Chant*.

#### SPECIAL THANK YOUs:

UMBAA would like to thank Dr. Scott Boerma, Dr. John Pasquale, Maggie St Clair, the Graduate Staff and the incredible MMB Equipment Staff who made our Homecoming possible. In addition, a special thank you to UMBAA Executive Board members Garry Straffon and Dave Aguilar for their work in organizing, handling registrations, music folders, and numerous other details in order for this event to



Chuck, Anna & Albert Ahronheim took the field together at Blast From The Past 2012

take place. Thanks to Matt Miller for organizing the Friday evening barbecue. Thanks to Linda Ridley for making totally delicious cookies for 150 people. Thanks to John Wilkins in his 21<sup>st</sup> year as alumni band conductor. Finally, thanks to all the rest of you, too numerous to name, who helped to put this reunion together.

# OF WOMEN AND BULLWINKLE — a Homecoming Retrospective

By Richard Alder, '69

In the forty-first week of the fortieth year since Title IX became the law of the land, slightly more than forty members of the 1972 Michigan Marching Band returned to Ann Arbor for Homecoming on October 13, 2012. As proclaimed across the front of the bright yellow shirts they wore, it was a time to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of both women and Bullwinkle in the MMB.

Of the original eleven women to march in the band, six sent their condolences, but three were able to take out instruments and march out on the field. Those included the entire 1972 women's alto sax section, Gwen Matheys and Marjorie Jansen Harcourt, plus Carolyn Good Kibbe who fulfilled a life-long dream and

marched with her flute (in 1972 she had played alto horn). In one of the wonderful side stories of the day, Carolyn became very good friends with Doris McNabb, also a flutist and the oldest marcher in the Alumni Band. Doris played in Concert Band in the 1940's, but has become a Homecoming regular. Although she was not allowed to march when in school, it was very fitting to see her team up with one of the original female marchers.

The Bullwinkle tradition in the MMB began in the fortieth week of 1972 with the cartoon show, the first MMB arrangement written by Albert Ahronheim, who also began his three-year stint as drum major that year. Adding to the excitement of Homecoming, Albert returned for the first time in many years,

and many of his arrangements were played in the course of the day.

Prior to the morning meeting/rehearsals, videos were shown of the 1972 MMB performances at the Ohio State game and Super Bowl VII (Ironically, the star of the Super Bowl finale, Andy Williams, passed away less than three weeks before Homecoming). A special luncheon was held in the Coliseum after the morning rehearsal, and as the Alumni Band was announced at pre-game, they were led across the field by the forty-some members of the 1972 MMB, attired in their yellow shirts. As a side note, the most popular shirt size ordered was extra large. But that was to be expected. After all, XL is the Roman numeral for 40!



The first women in MMB return for their 40th Anniversary



# UMBAA CONCERT BAND

By Jeff Henderson '80

The UMBAA Concert Band recently concluded a successful 11th session by participating in a joint concert with the Campus and University Bands at Hill Auditorium on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Sixty-one members participated in the fall session spanning nearly 50 years of musical history at the U of M.

The band welcomed a new conductor, Jonathan Caldwell, for this and the upcoming winter session. Jonathan is a first year DMA candidate who received his Bachelors in Music and Master of Arts in Teaching from the University of North Carolina. He was a high school teacher for four years and then received his Masters in Music in Conducting from the University of Maryland.

This session's performance included pieces by Vasily Agapkin - *A Slavic Farewell* (1912), Frank Ticheli - *Loch Lomond* (2002), Gustav Holst - *Moorside March* (1928), Robert Russell Bennett - *Symphonic Songs for Band* (1957), and *The Victors*.

The Concert Band was also treated to special guest conductor, Professor Michael Haithcock. Professor Haithcock conducted *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* (Bach, 1716) and *The Pride of the Wolverines March* (Bennett, 1957). We wish to extend our sincere thanks to Professor Haithcock for his generous time and pushing us to increasing musical heights.

We also wish to thank Dr. John Pasquale for affording the Alumni Concert Band the opportunity to combine with the Campus and University Bands at their November concert at Hill Auditorium. It provides current students with a view into the future of what their musical life can be after

graduation.

Formed in 2009, the UMBAA Concert Band is a volunteer organization committed to providing a place for UM Band Alumni of all ages and abilities to gather to make music and to socialize.

**WE NEED YOU!** Please join us for our next session which will begin on January 31, 2013 and extend through April 18. Rehearsals are set for Thursday evenings from 7:30 - 9:30pm at Skyline High School in Ann Arbor. The winter concert will occur on April 21 at Huron High School also in Ann Arbor.

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 go to <http://www.umbaa.org/bands/concert-band>



UMBAA Concert Band onstage at Hill Auditorium

## Alumni Update listed by first year in Michigan Bands

**Richard Longfield, '53, MMB, Russian Tour Symphony Band, Symphony Band, Summer Session Bands** Having lived in Arizona since the '61 Russian Band Tour ended, I continue to perform in a variety of settings, teach privately and am the Director of a four week summer program - "MusicStart." For 12 years we've provided instrumental experiences in keyboard, band, strings, hand chimes and theory for beginning and intermediate youngsters in grades 2 through 8. Its terrific to be involved with developing the young ones again.

**Martin Amundson, '55, MMB** Retired from family practice in Bradenton, FL in 2002 currently have two grandchildren playing in the MMB.

**Loren Mayhew, '60, MMB, Russian Tour Symphony Band, Symphony Band, Wolverine Band** Loren recently participated in the amazing 2012 Return to Russia tour with 9 other members of the 1961 Russian Tour Band and their spouses.

**Sally Freese, '64, Concert Band, Symphony Band** I have moved into the phase of life that includes Medicare and grandchildren. Two beautiful granddaughters and a grandson on the way are the joy of my life. Unfortunately they all live out of state. In between visits to see our kids and grandkids, my husband, who I started dating when we were 16, and I continue to enjoy doing everything together. Retirement is not an option.

**James Hopper, '64, MMB, Concert Band** I have been a public school teacher for many years.

**F. Carl Daehler '66, MMB, Pep Band, Hockey Band, Symphony Band, Concert Band, Contemporary Directions**

Received DMA in horn performance from U-M in 1982. Served on the music faculties of U of Massachusetts; Eastern Kentucky Univ, Shawnee State University. Conductor of Portsmouth Symphony and Silent Film Concerts.

**Robert Hopper, '67, MMB** Ph.D. in clinical psychology specializing in Attention Deficit Disorder. Have lived in Boulder Colorado for 34 years.

**Regina Kane, '73, MMB, Hockey, Men's Basketball, Varsity** is very excited that her son, Trevor Dworetz, will be playing trombone for his second year in the U of M Marching Band!

**Philip Macy, '75, MMB, Varsity Band, Hockey Band** recently earned a Master's degree in Construction Engineering Management from Lawrence Technological University.

**Mary Haller '83, Symphony, Marching Bands** Winner of the 2011 "Hitsville" contest in Nashville and Berklee music's 2009 Paul Simon Celebrity Scholarship, Mary Haller is a songwriter living in the Boston area with her husband and daughter. With one foot in Boston and one in Nashville, Haller combines her musical background with her love of language in crafting songs aimed at the commercial country and pop markets.

**Alex Sirota, '89, MMB, Campus Band** We had a birth in the family, a baby girl born on March 9 2011. Liana is thriving little sister to my 12 year old son, Aaron, who just started 7th grade.

**Kelsey Berndt, '02, MMB, Hockey Band** I graduated from medical school in 2010 (Medical College of Wisconsin) and am currently a general surgery resident in Kalamazoo, MI.

**Jeremy Bronson, '02, MMB, Men's BB, Hockey, Campus** Managing social media on the digital marketing team at Meijer corporate headquarters in Grand Rapids.



**Mary Haller**



# Alumni Update

**Gabriella Harrison, '03, MMB** Since my U-M graduation 5 years ago, I have been utilizing my mechanical engineering degree at Navistar (aka International Truck and Engine) in various roles throughout our commercial and military truck groups. I have also started a wellness business because of my passion for helping others feel better about themselves. These two things have kept me very busy but not too busy to come back to Ann Arbor to watch my sister march in the MMB as a cymbal in the Drumline - her first pregame brought tears to my eyes and I knew I had to get back in the tunnel soon! I'm excited for my first Blast from the Past weekend!!

**Ryan Allen, '04, MMB, Campus Band, Blue Campus Band** I am in my second year of teaching middle and high school math at the American School of Santo Domingo in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

**Catherine Castellana, '05, MMB, Campus Band, Men's BB Band** I completed my master of social work degree while being a GSI for the MMB in 2009-2011. And currently, I work as an academic counselor in the Department of Athletics.

**David Aguilar, '05, MMB, Hockey Band** I've been living in Ann Arbor and volunteering on video crew for the MMB.

**Peter Keros, '05 MMB, Men's BB Band, Women's BB Band, Campus Band, Maize Campus Band, Blue Campus Band** I am currently a second-year law student at the University of Michigan. Haven't done any bands since starting law school, but might try to do Campus Band next term.

**Lisa Matlen, '05, MMB, Maize Campus Band, Blue Campus Band, Men's BB Band** I am in my fourth year of medical school at the University of Michigan. In March 2013, I will match into a five-year residency position in the field of pediatric neurology



## IN MEMORIAM DAN KOVATS '49

Dan was actively involved with music throughout his life. He was a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Music and as a student, participated in the marching band, university symphony and various other musical activities. He began his professional multifaceted musical career as an educator in the Grand Rapids Public School System, and retired in 1992 from GVSU. During his career, Dan directed The Grand Rapids Youth Symphony Orchestra, played viola in The Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra, was a clinician and adjudicator for MSBOA, and arranged and composed a wide variety of musical pieces. While retired, he became an active member of the viola section of the Holland Symphony Orchestra. One of Dan's great pleasures was his work with students at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp.

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## 2012 UMBAA Scholarships

The University of Michigan Band Alumni Association Scholarship was endowed in 2002 by the members of the University of Michigan Band Alumni Association to support scholarships in the Michigan Bands programs. We are proud to present our 2012 UMBAA Scholarship Recipients:

### **Madelin Aiken**

Flute, sophomore, performance and music education, Londonderry, New Hampshire

### **Micaela Acomb**

Saxophone, junior, performance and music education, Birmingham, Michigan

### **Jenifer Bizzotto**

Piccolo, Senior, Ann Arbor, Michigan

### **Michael Brown**

Alto Sax, Senior, Brighton, Michigan

### **Peter Brown**

Percussion, Bass, Senior, Ada, Michigan

### **Allen Chen**

Piccolo, Junior, Northville, Michigan

### **Tyler Fox**

Percussion, Bass, Junior, Midland, Michigan

### **Kelsey Galang**

Alto Sax, Junior, Rochester Hills, Michigan

### **Daniel Grohnke**

Trumpet, Senior, Lambertville, Michigan

### **Lauren Haylo**

Oboe, senior, performance and music education, Williamsburg, Virginia

### **Jonathan Jones**

Tuba, sophomore, performance, Houston, Texas

### **John Larson**

Percussion, senior, music education, Pickerington, Ohio

### **Peter Nesbitt**

Trombone, senior, performance and music education, Grand Ledge, Michigan

### **Chris Plaskota**

Euphonium, senior, performance and music education, Naperville, Illinois

### **Ryan Reynolds**

Bassoon, first year masters, performance, Alpena, Michigan

### **Zachary Salander**

Horn, Junior, St. Johns, Michigan





## THANK YOU TO OUR MEMBERS

*“It was such an unexpected thrill for my name to be called and I consider it a great honor to be given this scholarship.” ~Peter Brown*

*“I was thrilled to hear my name called. I am extremely flattered to have been noticed and chosen as a worthy recipient. This scholarship will be very helpful toward my educational expenses.”~Kelsey Galang*

*“This award helps relieve a great deal of financial stress on my family and help get through college with less debt than expected. Thank you so much for your contribution to my education and my musical endeavors. My only hope is one day I can join the UMBAA and produce this kind of scholarship for another member of MMB.”~Tyler Fox*

*“I walked into my audition at Revelli Hall thinking how wonderful it would be to become part of such a revered and storied program, but no one could have prepared me for the unforgettable experiences and the lifelong lessons I have taken away as a member and leader of the band. I am very honored and grateful to receive an UMBAA Scholarship. The day it was presented also happened to be my 20th birthday, and thus served as a moment I will always remember. Thank you. I know that this award will help me greatly in my future endeavors at U-M.”~Allen Chen*

*“Thank you SO much! It truly means the world to me! Forever & Always Go BLUE!”~Zachary Salander*

*“It is with a heart full of gratitude and fondness that I thank you and the UMBAA for your generosity in honoring me with a scholarship. I am touched that this recognition notes my leadership and contributions to the band which has been my great privilege to serve. As a student who has had to find a way to afford every cent of my education, this assistance is more humbly accepted than I suppose you realize. With love, thanks, and pride, Go BLUE!”~Mike Brown*

# UMBAA Special Presentations



President Sheri Chisholm presented three special awards at Blast 2012 to longtime Executive Board Officers Rich Alder, Gary Straffon, and Gail Ferguson Stout. President Chisholm was able to keep the presentations a surprise with the able help of spouses (UMBAA members all)!

Jane Larson Alder and Rich Alder, Board Member and former Membership Secretary



Mary Finley Straffon with Gary Straffon, Past President and Membership Secretary



John W. Stout with Gail Ferguson Stout, Past President and *MFanfare* Editor

# YOU OUGHTA BE IN PICTURES!

By Kristy Penney '94

Last summer, many of you who participated in the 2012 UMBAA survey asked us about band photos. You wanted to know where to find them, and wondered if more alumni photos could be made available. We listened! And here are the answers to your questions.

## MMB Photo Video

Every football Saturday you see them: the lucky photographers on the field with the MMB. They've got video cameras, tiny cameras clipped to tubas, zoom lenses, you name it. What you might not know is that they are at the morning rehearsal. They are in the press box. Every season, they are in the sky above The Big House and Ann Arbor. If the MMB is there, so are they. They are the hardworking team behind MMB Photo Video.



According to Tim Demske (Video Team Coordinator), MMB Photo Video was formed in 2009 because the band “needed a better way to reach MMB members, family, friends and fans.” Their photographers, many of whom are MMB Alumni, have been taking photos of the band since the 1970s. More recently, to meet the changing needs of the band, MMB Photo Video has actually split into two businesses. “Michigan Marching Band Photography” is dedicated to photos. “MMB Photo Video” offers recordings of the MMB as well as other concerts and events (including the UMBAA Concert Band performances).

The Michigan Marching Band Photography website

([www.umichbandphotos.com](http://www.umichbandphotos.com)) hosts photos as early as the 2000 season. While most of the photos are of the MMB, photos of other athletic and campus bands are also available. Each photo purchased from their site supports the equipment and technology purchases for the volunteer crew. To keep up with what's new, you can follow them on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/umichbandphotos](http://www.facebook.com/umichbandphotos)) or on Twitter (@umichbandphotos).

When you visit their website to browse their photos, make sure you have plenty of time. Their website currently hosts 63,000 photos. And counting.

## Photos by Dick Gaskill

Dick Gaskill is a very familiar face around the MMB for over 53 years! Dick started photographing the MMB for the Michigan Daily, while he was a student at Michigan. But his career as a band

photographer didn't truly begin until his own brother Tom (an MMB and Symphony Band member) introduced Dick to Dr. William Revelli. Tom asked Dr. Revelli if the bands needed a photographer and Dr. Revelli said yes. That was the beginning of a beautiful friendship. In Dick's own words, he “just can't give it up.”

Fourteen Rose Bowls. A Super Bowl. The 1984 World Series at Tiger Stadium. A month in Europe with the Symphony Band in 1984. You name the place, Dick has been there, photographing the Michigan bands. Even though in 1997 he limited his coverage to only band events in Ann Arbor, that doesn't mean he is any less busy. Dick is something of a “Band Historian.”

He has been entrusted with over 87,000 negatives (from 1953 through today), over a million prints, 30,000 digital files and more. His website ([www.dickgaskill.printroom.com](http://www.dickgaskill.printroom.com)) is home to many photos from 2001 through today. Photos from before 2001 can also be found on the site, albeit in more limited numbers. The older photos found on the site are the ones that personally interest Dick or that have been requested by alumni “when they want to recall past times when they were in the Band.” There is even a gallery of Michigan Band drum majors since 1913.

In addition to his website, you can find Dick's photos on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/rgaskill](http://www.facebook.com/rgaskill)). To keep up with what's new, or request something old, send an email to [rgaskill@att.net](mailto:rgaskill@att.net). He can provide copies of photos to those who are interested for just a nominal fee to cover expenses.

Visiting Dick's website is truly a musical journey through time and his emails will be a delight to find in your inbox.

## UMBAA Photos

In recent months, UMBAA has started a new website ([umbaa.shutterfly.com](http://umbaa.shutterfly.com)) dedicated to casual photos of our members and events. So far, this site is home to pictures of the 2012 Golf Outing, MMB New Member Lunch, Homecoming and the UMBAA Fall Concert Band.

Do you have photos from UMBAA events that you'd like to share? Please send them to us at [umbaaphotos@yahoo.com](mailto:umbaaphotos@yahoo.com) or post them on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/groups/102506447294](http://www.facebook.com/groups/102506447294)).

## More Goodies on UMBAA.ORG

Doesn't it drive you crazy when you know you've seen something on [UMBAA.ORG](http://UMBAA.ORG) but you can't find it? Well, there's a handy "search" feature. Just type a word or phrase in the Search box on the upper right side of the screen. You'll get back a list of "articles" that include the word or phrase. For example, you know that you saw something about being in the tunnel, but can't find the story. Type "tunnel" in the search box and hit Enter or click the magnifying glass. You'll get a list of articles with the word "tunnel" like this partial list:

### Search Results

#### Legends and Lore 1940-1949

Category: Content/Content

... high step, high pace precision cadence. In Ann Arbor, I shall never forget the feeling of coming out of the tunnel in the Big House and performing in front of more than 100,000 people!! Eugene Heffelfinger ... Sunday, 18 December 2011

#### Legends and Lore 1960-1969

Category: Content/Content

... The next morning, Dave, visibly ill and weak, made it through practice and over to the stadium. I remember our entrance from the tunnel very well. There were two twirlers, and the grass was a bit slippery. ... Sunday, 18 December 2011

If you found the article that you want, you can just click on the underlined words after the number to bring up the entire article.

The "Contact UMBAA" section was removed from the bottom of each page of the website. This section resulted in up to 50 "junk" emails being sent to the webmasters each day. To contact the webmasters, send an email to [umbaa-webmaster@umich.edu](mailto:umbaa-webmaster@umich.edu). If you need help creating a login, please indicate what you would like to use as your login (it doesn't need to be your umich unique id).



We need more stories for the "Legends and Lore" section from 2000 to the present. Please send stories to Linda Ridley at [lsrumbaa@yahoo.com](mailto:lsrumbaa@yahoo.com).

## From The President

Hello and Happy Holidays!!! As we are approaching the New Year ahead of us full of opportunity, it is also a time to look back and celebrate 2012.

Your University of Michigan Band Alumni Association (UMBAA) has accomplished a lot and has been very active. Our Alumni Concert Band continues to rekindle old friendships and performed their Winter, Spring and Fall sessions. We had the joy of partnering with the Campus and University Bands at Hill Auditorium this Fall that concluded with a reception with students and alumni afterwards.

Our Alumni Pep Band is in the middle of their winter fun playing at basketball and hockey games as well as going out afterwards for fun merriment. We also had a couple of groups gather together to enjoy Max Raabe and Wynton Marsalis performances in Hill Auditorium. Alumni, friends and family enjoyed chasing golf balls around this summer at the U-M golf course while raising money for student scholarships. We even had enough golf outing participants to have a shotgun start this year. Our Blast From the Past Marching Band

Homecoming celebrated the 1972 Super Bowl band and Title Nine while playing the football team onto victory against Iowa. We were thrilled to recognize four of our alumni during Homecoming; Rich Alder, Gail Ferguson Stout, and Gary Straffon with the first ever UMBAA Distinguished Service Awards and Jeff Grogan with a Special Citation.

Alumni also enjoyed listening to the University Bands during BandORama. During this performance we were honored to recognize alumni John Mohler with a Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to music and clarinet performance along with his dedicated mentorship and service as an educator to many students and band alumni. It has been another fun-filled year!

There are tons of ways to participate and join in the excitement. Consider attending SMTD Band performances on a regular basis. My favorite, the Collage Concert, is coming in January, where you are surrounded by musical snippets from every direction.

You can join the UMBAA Concert Band and perform or come enjoy our concert on April 21<sup>st</sup>. The Pep Band is also a fun way to reconnect with friends and have a chance to dust off our instruments.

Enjoy listening to Mariachi Vargas de Tecalitlan January 27<sup>th</sup> and Alison Balsom and the Scottish Ensemble April 20<sup>th</sup> at Hill Auditorium with other alumni and friends. You can participate in or volunteer in one of our other fun events. If you can't make it back to Ann Arbor, we would love to connect you with other Band Alumni in your area to simply watch a U-M event. We continue to look for volunteers outside of Ann Arbor to organize social or musical events in their area.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Musically Yours,

***Sheri Chisholm '91***



# Revelli Hall STORIES WANTED!

Revelli Hall opened in September 1973, making next year's BLAST the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that occasion. While the MMB of 1973 did not have a memorable trip to recall (they are most noted as the band that DIDN'T get to go the Rose Bowl after the 10-10 tie with Ohio State!), there were many great memories making the building their own that year. We will want to share those with everyone, but there are another 39 years of stories to go with it. If you have some favorite thoughts to share about Revelli Hall, please write them down and send them in - we'd like to put together a great memory collection for next fall.

Send your Stories to Gail Ferguson Stout, M Fanfare Editor at  
[mfanfare-editor@umich.edu](mailto:mfanfare-editor@umich.edu) or [gail@gailstout.com](mailto:gail@gailstout.com)



Fall, 2012: What is the most important thing to rescue during a fire drill? Dr. Boerma says "The Wolverine!" Well, OF COURSE!



Fall, 1972: The Drum Line with George Cavender



Christmas, 1982: Santa arrives.



Blast, 1981: Nicholas Falcone receives UMBAA Lifetime Achievement Award from President Robert Chartrand.

## New Faces on Your Exec Board

**Jason Townsend '96** is a Managing Director and Founder of Resonant Venture Partners, a venture capital firm based in Ann Arbor, Michigan that makes seed stage investments in companies developing cloud infrastructure, software and services. He has worked in the semiconductor and software industries since 1999, has been an active real estate investor since 2003, and was named to the Crain's Detroit Business 2010 "40 Under 40" List.

Prior to Resonant, Jason served as a managing director of the Wolverine Venture Fund's (WVF) student advisory board at the Ross School of Business. During his time on the WVF, the team conducted due diligence, invested in six companies across a variety of sectors, and had two exits - cementing the WVF's status as the most active and most successful university-based venture fund of its type in the country.

Prior to his acceptance at Ross, Jason began his career at Intel as a lead execution engineer, advanced to a technical sales engineer role, and ultimately became the youngest business development manager in North America. Concurrently, he founded a real estate investment company - the first of three startups he would lead as CEO.

Jason is a Wolverine at heart and holds both an MBA with High Distinction and a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering from the University of Michigan. As an undergraduate, he joined the Michigan Marching Band in 1996 and became one of the four cymbal players who played Temptation and War Chant during the step show every Saturday morning. Jason also met his wife, **Devonie '96**, in the tenor sax section and they performed together in front of 100k+ fans at Michigan Stadium for five years. Jason and Devonie each have multiple generations of families in Michigan and have proudly chosen to establish roots in Ann Arbor in order to continue that tradition.



Jason Townsend

**Tracy Rudd '03** is a newly elected member of the UMBAA Board of Directors and played piccolo in the MMB and Hockey Band from 2003 through 2007. She is active in the Alumni Pep Band and enjoys playing in the annual Homecoming Blast from the Past. Tracy is also the Vice President of Ritual for the Ann Arbor Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota. She lives in Ypsilanti Township with her husband, Brian Rudd (MMB trombone, 2003) and their Golden Retriever, Brady. Tracy is a Doctor of Audiology for Wayne State University Physician Group.



Tracy Rudd



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### Michigan Band's New CD Release

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