

POWER & CLASS

FOR ALUMNI & FRIENDS OF THE MINUTEMAN BAND
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST

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HOMECOMING ISSUE



As time goes by...

The elegantly sweet sound of the campus carrillon filled the campus air as forty-one newly installed bells joined "Old Aggie" – the clock chime – in the Old Chapel clock tower.

In June, members of the Class of 1954 returned to campus, many for the first time since graduation. Amongst these alumni were 6 members of the Women's Drill Team, a legendary group of gals who, from 1946 to 1970, entertained crowds with their precision marching.

After the annual alumni meeting which serves as the unofficial kickoff to Reunion Weekend, a group of "Gray Ladies" (gray being the color of their uniforms) reminisced what life at UMass Amherst was like in the '50s, and marveled at the wonderful changes the campus has seen.

During rehearsal for the evening's festivities, **Kerstin Becker '96** greeted drill team members and their husbands on behalf of the band. Kerstin and the drill team alumni compared her newly published tome with memories that seem to recall events of last week.

"What an amazing accomplishment," many remarked.

Following rehearsal, on a tour of the Mullins Center, drill team member **Jean Flaherty Prendergast '54** and her husband recalled fond memories of campus, comparing facilities of the day to the amenity-rich arena now home to Minute-

man Basketball and Ice Hockey.

The Predergasts had driven to Amherst from their home in Cleveland, missing the group tour given the night before.

"[This] was an organization that was the talk of every New England campus where they appeared," recalled drillmaster **Clem Burlingame '54**.

With clean white gloves and smart atten-

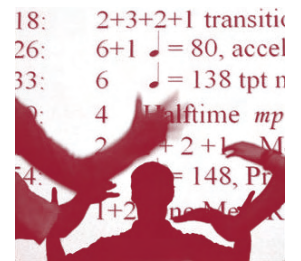
tion in their salutes, these women, now past the age of 70, proudly marched on stage (during a lively class banquet) to a recent Minuteman Band recording of "Fight Mass" – a rendition unlike the one they remembered so fondly.

Their energy and love for our alma mater shows the pride in and the traditions of the Power & Class go back through the generations.

Summer Stage

The Minuteman Band family enjoyed a usually busy summer. The George N. Parks Drum Major Academy saw over 3,000 enthusiastic band members at locations across the USA.

Thom Hannum's Mobile Percussion seminar teamed up with DMA at UMass Amherst, teaching the ins and outs of percussion performance.



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Not to be outperformed, UMMB alumni and staff wowed Drum Corps International crowds: **Michael Klesch '90G** provided his trademark "Klesch Chords" arrangements for Carolina Crown and The Colts, while **Nick Angelis** and **Jim Ancona '92** led the Spirit and Santa Clara Vanguard drumlines, respectively. The Madison Scouts drumline surged back to prominence performing arrangements by **Colin McNutt** and **Iain Moyer '99**.



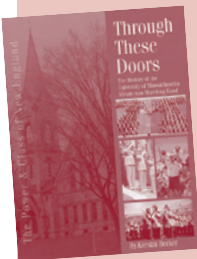
Homecoming Weekend

Come back to campus, come ignite your spirit—your UMass Amherst spirit—as you reconnect with old friends. Homecoming events include a special concert by alumnus **Bill Cosby** and the traditional Alumni Barbecue and Halftime Show.



> More details inside...

Celebrate Band History



Introducing *Through These Doors*, the chronicle of the Minuteman Band. This quality hardcover book, written by **Kerstin**

Becker '96, features 210 pages of history plus a full-color photo insert.

> Order at oldchapelpress.com.

Commemorative uniform pillows are available for \$250.

This limited-edition keepsake, made from the former red uniforms, is available with the white or black sash. All proceeds go directly to the Band Building Campaign. Get yours now before they're gone!

> Call (413) 545-3410 to order.



Band Notes

UMass Amherst Band Alumni lead the class again! Nearly 11% of Band Alumni are members of the UMass Amherst Alumni Association. Alumni at-large number 6%. Go UMass! 🎵 This season sees a renewal of the **Boston College** series. Be there with the band October 2 as the Minutemen clash with the Screaming Eagles 🎵 **Members of the Minuteman Band** are starring in a demonstrational video to teach Bands of America Honor Band members from across the U.S. the marching technique of the Power & Class. This 400-piece band will march in the 2005 Tournament of Roses Parade.) 🎵

Bookmark www.umass.edu/band/ today for the latest band news and performance updates.



Multiband Pops

Fine Arts Center - October 1

Come celebrate the spectacular sights and sounds at Multiband Pops' 30th Anniversary Show.

> Order tickets online at umass.edu/fac/.

Band alumni, come afters to

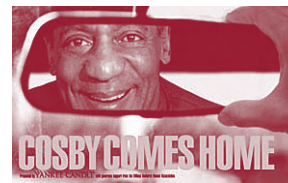


Cosby Comes Home

Mullins Center - October 29

A block of tickets has been reserved for Band Alumni.

> Call 1-800-UMASS-TIX by September 30. After-party to follow in CC 1009.



A New "Home" for Alumni...

Click on over to ummbalumni.org. The online home of UMass Amherst Band Alumni has been revamped. Bold, exciting photos and news features are highlighted. Be sure to visit often!

And be sure to stay connected:

Band Parents Information

www.powerandclass.info

Minuteman Band

www.umass.edu/band

Joining the Minuteman Band

www.umassband.com

Band Alumni email list – Join today, keep in touch!

groups.yahoo.com/group/ummb-alumni

You Were. You Are. UMass.

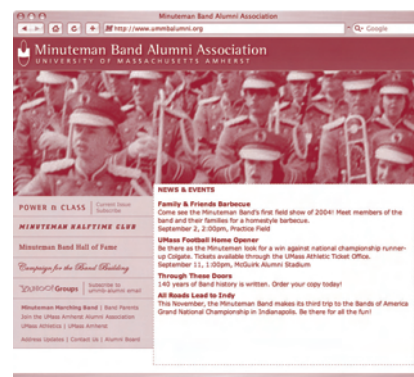
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2004 Homecoming Registration

October 29th and 30th • Time to reunite with old friends

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

Cosby Comes Home

Laugh with Bill Cosby '72M.Ed., '76Ed.D. at this benefit concert. Mullins Center, 8 p.m.
Tickets available at ticketmaster.com.

Band Alumni Reception to follow the concert, Campus Center 1009. Munchies and cash bar.

In September, you can register online
> ummbalumni.org/homecoming <
VISA, MasterCard and Discover cards accepted.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

Alumni Band Rehearsal

8 a.m. - McGuirk Alumni Stadium
(in case of rain: Student Union Ballroom)
Continental breakfast

Band Alumni Barbecue

11 a.m. - McGuirk Alumni Stadium

Minuteman Football vs. Richmond

1:00 p.m. - McGuirk Alumni Stadium
Alumni Band participants admitted free.
Call 866-UMASS-TIX for general admission tickets, or purchase online at umassathletics.com.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 22, 2004



CHECK HERE IF NEW ADDRESS

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NAME _____ CLASS YEAR _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

PHONE () _____ EMAIL _____

YES, I AM MARCHING IN THE ALUMNI BAND

INSTRUMENT _____

YES, I AM ATTENDING THE FRIDAY NIGHT RECEPTION

Do you need an instrument?

yes no

We advise you to make every effort to borrow or rent a horn.

ADULTS FOR BARBECUE _____ x \$10.00 = _____

CHILDREN FOR BARBECUE _____ x \$5.00 = _____

ALUMNI BAND SHIRTS _____ x \$15.00 = _____

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TOTAL \$ _____

NOTE: The red t-shirts have been retired for new, maroon polos.

If your spouse, partner or children are attending, please include their names on the reverse side of this form.

QUESTIONS?
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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
UMASS BAND. MAIL TO:

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AMHERST, MA 01003
ATTN: MICHAEL KLESCH

Upcoming Events



First Show and BBQ – Sept. 3, 3 p.m.

Practice Fields, \$5 all-you-can-eat.

Come see the Minuteman Band's first performance of the year and stick around for a family-style barbecue hosted by Minuteman Band Alumni.

Alumni Meeting – Sept. 11, 4 p.m.

Dickinson Hall, room 210.

Come discuss what we can do for the "Baby Band" before joining them in the traditional pre-game parade.

Band Day – Sept. 18, 1 p.m.

McGuirk Alumni Stadium, \$10 general admission

Come see the Minutemen take on Richmond with the support of a 3,000 member marching band!

> Visit umass.edu/band/bandday/ for more information.

Multiband Pops – Oct. 1, 8 p.m.

Now in its 30th year, come enjoy this special UMass Amherst tradition.

> Visit umass.edu/fac/ for ticket information.

Intercollegiate Band Festival – Oct. 10, 1 p.m.

Join the Minuteman Band in Allentown, PA for a spectacular display of college marching bands.

Family and Friends Tailgate Party – TBA

Families and friends of the Minuteman Band are invited to this down-home barbecue. The Band will perform a special concert.

> Watch your mail for a separate invitation.

Tailgate with the Band!

UMass vs. Colgate	Sept. 11, 6 p.m.
UMass vs. Richmond	Sept. 18, 1 p.m. (Band Day)
UMass vs. Delaware	Sept. 25, 1 p.m.
UMass at BC	Oct. 2, 1 p.m.
UMass vs. Maine	Oct. 30, 1 p.m. (Homecoming)
UMass vs. Hofstra	Nov. 20, 12 p.m.

> Visit umassathletics.com to order season tickets; Kickoff times are listed and are subject to change.

Homecoming 2004

October 29 & 30

See preceding page for Homecoming event information.



Ride to Indy

November 5-7

See the Minuteman Band perform for 30,000 enthusiastic fans in Indianapolis at the pinnacle of events for the nation's marching band activity.

> Visit umass.edu/band for travel information to Bands of America.



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