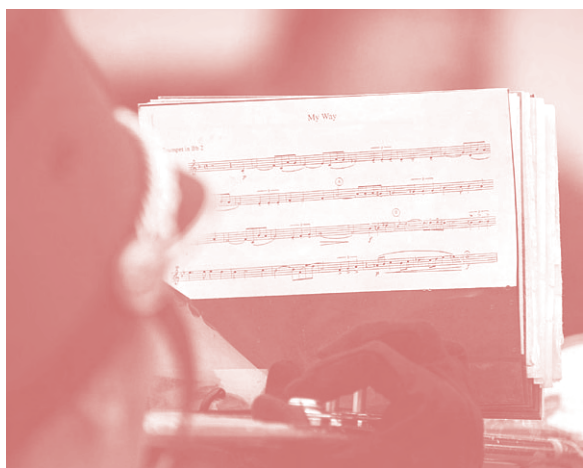


POWER & CLASS

FOR ALUMNI & FRIENDS OF THE MINUTEMAN BAND

SPRING 2004



Celebrating Success

And the Band goes on!! We have just finished a fine Concert Band Concert, and today, our first official act of the 2004 season: Drum Major Auditions.

Before we know it, we will start hearing the drums, we will welcome the new freshmen, carrying their luggage to their rooms. It will be time for pushups, bus travel, gym floors, a little rain, a little mud, and another great season for the UMMB.

As I begin to plan for another season, I think of the great students that I have had the pleasure of working with for these past three decades. I am still often astonished with what you have developed, and what you have maintained over the years. I hope you had an opportunity to see the band this past fall. Great sounds, great showmanship, great movement! They continue to set the standards for college bands in the region, and beyond.

As we move ahead, we are planning for another visit to Bands of America in the fall. Both times we performed for BOA in the past, it lifted the band to new heights. Perhaps many of you could join us in Indianapolis for another "grand" appearance. We look to another highlight for the fall season: A return to Boston College! That should be an experience! (From what I hear, tickets

will be tough to get. I recommend you call 617-552-4622 for ticket information). Don't forget to join us for Homecoming. Seeing many of you on that day is one of the highlights of my season. Have a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing you soon.

With Pride,
George N. Parks

PASs It On...

For the third consecutive year, UMass Amherst and the Minuteman Band played host to Percussive Arts Society's Day of Percussion.

This event is a great opportunity for teachers, students, and enthusiasts to learn from each other about repertoire, techniques, schools, programs, and much more. Percussion Day is also a great chance to strengthen the link between UMass Amherst's percussion program and other schools in the area.

A day-long program included clinics by talent far-ranging in the percussion world, from high school education to theatrical percussion.

The day's events concluded with a concert featuring the UMass Percussion & Marimba Ensembles.

Big Noise



Band alumnus **John Leonard '02** plays with the Alumni Hoop Band Jan. 3 at the 1st Annual Big Schnozzola. Over 40 alumni turned out for lunch and the game.

Did I Wear This?

Commemorative uniform pillows are still available for \$250. This limited-edition keepsake 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.



Be a UMass Advocate

If you live in Massachusetts, there is little chance you've missed all the media coverage surrounding the fiscal problems facing the Commonwealth and the University.

Your actions count. Please contact your Massachusetts state representative and senator to convey your support for the University.

Things you can do

Join the UMass Amherst Alumni Association at umassalumni.com.

Respond positively to media coverage with a letter-to-the-editor.

Volunteer for the Alumni Admissions Council. Encourage talented students to choose UMass. Contact Jaqui Duca at 413-545-0222.

Be informed. Sign up for the *UMass Amherst Advocacy Update* at umass.edu/actnow.

Make a donation. All areas of the University—including the Minuteman Band—need your support. Give online at umass.edu/development.

**Go! Go-U! Go-U-Mass!
Go UMass!**

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Band Notes

The Minuteman Band accepted an invitation to perform at the **2004 Bands of America Grand National Championships** in Indianapolis. The band appeared at BOA Grand Nationals in 1993 and 2001. 🎵 New to the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade in 2005 is an all-new, 400-piece BOA Honor Band. Minuteman Band director **George Parks** was tapped as the Honor Band's inaugural leader. 🎵 Band alumnus **James Ancona '92** co-authored *Up Front*, a guide for pit percussion. In addition, Jim has created a signature mallet line with Innovative Percussion, Inc. He is the assistant director of the University of Delaware Blue Hen Marching Band. 🎵 Sadly, Minuteman Band Hall of Famer and one-time Metawampe Drum Major **Bob Bertram '49** passed away in December at the age of 81. He was buried in Nova Scotia.



Congratulations, Seniors!

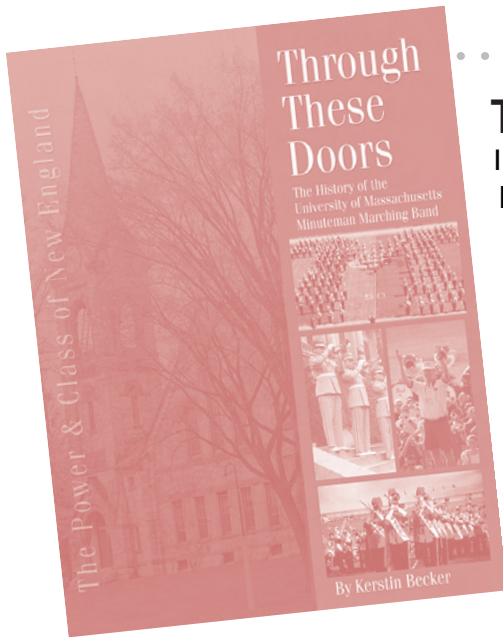
With each passing year and each toast of Cold Duck, the Band Alumni family grows stronger. Bandos who celebrated their senior seasons in 2003 are:

Meredith Aalto
Megan Adams
Seth Adams
Sarah Barsamian
Kelley Bentley
Erin Byrne
Donald Clough
Justin Cole
Evan Doyle
Ben Feder
Sarah Fillmore
James Flynn
Denise Gaven
Sarah Gentry
Mike Gormley
Evren Gunduz
Sheryl Harding
Joe Heffernan
Justin Hiller

George Howe
Sally Johnson
Christyne Kane
Dave Kay
Kathryn Kennedy
Mark Legatic
Robert Leatherbee
Joshua Lehmann
Jess Lemieux
Jeff Lindequist
Brian Mandrik
Kristin Meinhofer
Debbie Morais
Richardson Morataya
Elizabeth O'Malley
John Pacheco
Katie Perry
Tyrone Pugh
Chris Rapacki

Adriana Rawlins
Zoë Reid
Mark Richardson
Glenn Robertson
Bob Rogers
David Ryan
Shelley Sabin
Madeline Scheintaub
Nastaran Shams
Christopher Slipp
Emma Thomas
Christopher Vale
Katie Van der Kloot
Bonnie Wellington
Ben Williams
Katie Williams
Tiffany Williams





Through These Doors

Imagine 320 brightly-uniformed students whooping and hollering across the gridiron. Sunlight reflects on polished brass instruments, colorguard members toss sparkling flags, excitement fills the air. The director lifts his baton, the music swells and consumes the audience as the band plays and moves in ever-changing patterns.

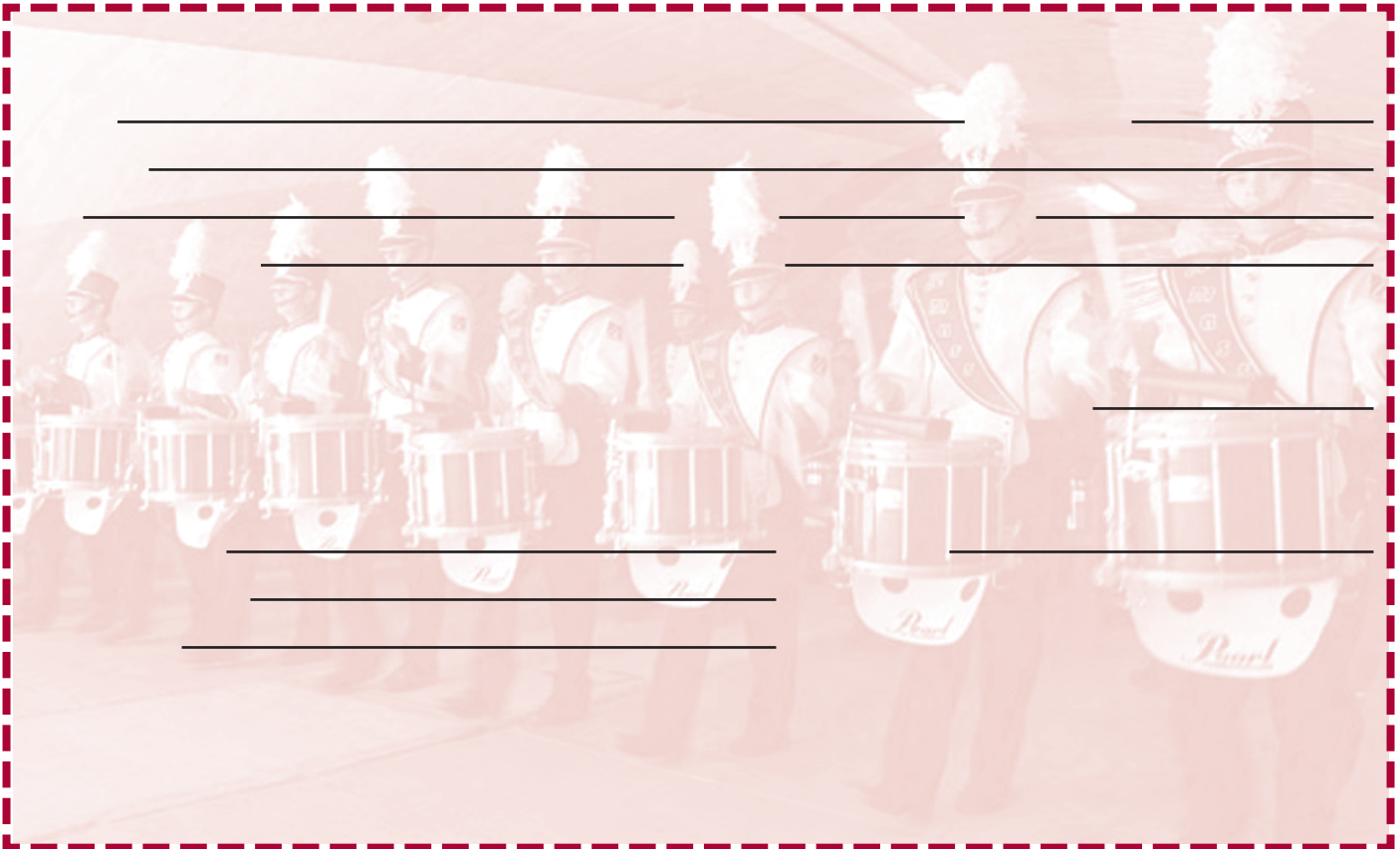
Introducing *Through These Doors*, the forthcoming chronicle of the Minuteman Band... coming this May. This quality hardcover book, written by **Kerstin Becker '96**, features 208 pages of history and photos.

> **Order yours today at oldchapelpress.com**

Support the Minuteman Band

By making a gift to the Minuteman Band, you continue a proud legacy. The band is without a doubt UMass Amherst's largest and most spirited student organization. Play a role in the continued success of a cherished campus tradition. **Go UMass!**

Please ask your employer about gift matching opportunities.



Upcoming Events



Color in the Cage – May 8, 1 p.m.

Now in its 18th year, join the UMass Colorguard and area high schools in this celebration of color and movement. Curry Hicks Cage.

Mobile Percussion Seminar – July 20-24

Students are encouraged to develop mental and physical aspects of percussion performance.

> www.percussion.org for more information

George N. Parks' Drum Major Academy – July 20-24 (UMass)

Conducting, marching skills, teaching techniques and leadership ability are some of what students learn at DMA.

> www.drummajor.org for information and locations nationwide

Multiband Pops – October 1

Mark your calendars and be part of this proud UMass tradition! *Due to a special benefit concert by Bill Cosby Home-*

Homecoming Weekend 2004

Save the Date – October 29-31

Homecoming Weekend will be here faster than you know.

Don't miss the excitement!



Stay Connected

Band Alumni email list – *Join today, keep in touch!*
groups.yahoo.com/group/ummb-alumni

Minuteman Band Alumni Association
www.ummbalumni.org

Band Parents Information
www.powerandclass.info

Minuteman Band
www.umass.edu/band

Recruiting Season Is Here!

Parents, friends, band directors... Know high school seniors who've been accepted to UMass Amherst? Encourage them to come and join the Minuteman Band! Share your memories of the Power & Class!

> www.umassband.com for recruiting info



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