

POWER & CLASS

FOR ALUMNI & FRIENDS OF THE MINUTEMAN BAND

INAUGURAL ISSUE - SUMMER 2003



The Band Chronicles

Band alumna Kerstin Becker '96 has been hard at work putting the history of the band to paper. To be published next spring, the book will be a fine addition to any coffee table!

What is this colorful and illustrious group? Have they always been this big, this intense, and this exciting? Readers will learn about the evolution of the band from its earliest beginnings in the 1870s as the Morris Drum Corps of Massachusetts Agricultural College, to its current incarnation as "The Power and Class of New England," the Minuteman Band of the University of Massachusetts Amherst. From the growth of tiny Mass Aggie to the city-within-a-town of UMass Amherst, the band was there through it all, the trials and triumphs, proud to be part of campus life. Here, you'll read about the history of one of the most colorful and nationally-known collegiate marching bands.

Grad Tidings

With each passing commencement, the Minuteman Band says its good-byes to graduating bandos. The Class of 2003 had it extra special: Clarinetist and band manager **Matt Dunphy '03** delivered the student address: "This is



our beautiful, sweeping exit from one grand stage and our motivated, educated entrance onto an even grander stage: the rest of the world." Matt is off to The Catholic University of America to pursue a master's degree.

> umass.edu/commencement for full streaming video

Fall Preview

The Minuteman Band kicks-off the 2003 season with its traditional Summer Show & Barbecue on Friday, August 29. From there, the band heads to traditional performances at MICCA, Delaware and Allentown. This year, the band will be performing

at an all-new Bands of America regional show in Bridgeport, CT.

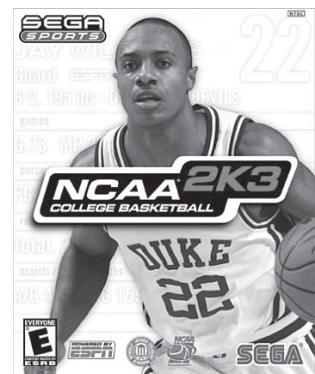
BLAST-off!

Wrapping-up their acclaimed U.S. tour, the cast and crew of BLAST and BLAST2: SHOCK-WAVE (of whom over 12 UMass Amherst students and alumni have been a part) are moving in new directions in teaching and performance. We wish them all well in future endeavors.

> www.blasttheshow.com for remaining 2003 tour dates

Play it Again

The Minuteman Hoop Band's rendition of "Fight Mass" has been licensed for inclusion on Sega Sports' *NCAA College Basketball 2K3*. See UMass face anyone from Fordham to Duke in the Mullins Center.



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. Volunteer your time or give online at umass.edu/development.

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

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Stay Connected

From UMass sports fans to band parents and alumni, **Friends of the Minuteman Band** are cheering on the **Power & Class**. Below are updates from each Friends group:

The **Minuteman Band Alumni Association** is enjoying much success following its reorganization in 2002. By sponsoring events for the Band, its alumni are finding ways to reconnect and bolster the Band's activities. To get involved email the Band Alumni Board at board@ummbalumni.org. **And be sure to register for the alumni email list.**
> www.ummbalumni.org

Minuteman Band Parents are helping in amazing ways from merchandise sales to online photo scrapbooks. Get involved today!
> www.powerandclass.info

Financial support through the **Minuteman Halftime Club** is growing! Maintaining the Minuteman Band's level of success gets expensive and every dollar counts. The band thanks YOU for your continuing support!
> www.umass.edu/band/htc/

Upcoming Events:

Summer Show & BBQ - Fri., Aug. 29, 4 pm

Join families, friends and the Minuteman Band for their annual first performance and barbecue dinner.

Halftime Club Reception - Sat., Sept. 20, 11 am

The Minuteman Band hosts this "thank you" luncheon.

Band Day, Sat., Sept. 27, game time 1 pm

Come to McGuirk Alumni Stadium to see thousands of high school bandos perform with the Minuteman Band.

Family Day Tailgate BBQ - Sat., Oct. 4, 11 am

We join UMass Amherst Family Day festivities with a pre-game barbecue for Band Parents.

Homecoming Weekend - Oct. 17-18

Perform "one more time" with fellow alumni and the baby band. Event information on facing page. More at ummbalumni.org.



Power and Class

Homecoming Weekend 2003

Band Alumni Registration

OCTOBER 17-18, 2003

Homecoming is here again! Reunite with old friends and see how the "Baby Band" is doing.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

8 pm - 29th Annual Multibands Pops

Concert, Fine Arts Center Concert Hall. For tickets, please call 800-999-UMAS.

Band Alumni Reception to Follow the Concert, Student Union Ballroom. Munchies and cash bar.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

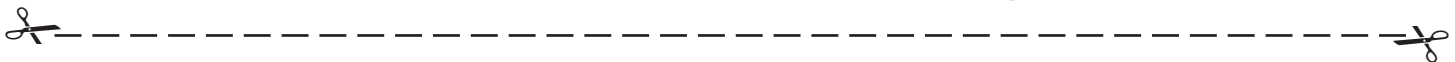
8 am - Alumni Band Rehearsal, McGuirk Alumni Stadium (in case of rain: Student Union Ballroom). Continental breakfast.

11 am - Band Alumni Barbecue, NW corner of McGuirk Alumni Stadium.

12:30 pm - Minuteman Football vs. Hofstra, McGuirk Alumni Stadium. Alumni Band participants admitted free. Call 866-UMASS-TIX for general admission tickets.

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

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 10, 2003



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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.

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ALUMNI BAND SHIRTS _____ x \$15.00 = _____

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

QUESTIONS?
PHONE: 413-545-3874
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
UMASS BAND. MAIL TO:

HOMECOMING 2003
273 FINE ARTS CTR.
AMHERST, MA 01003
ATTN: MICHAEL KLESCH

2003 Band Schedule

* *subject to change*

August 29 Summer Show & BBQ
August 31 Convocation
September 6 H - Central Connecticut State
September 21 ... Intercollegiate Band Festival, Allentown, PA
September 27 Band Day - H - JMU
October 4 Family Day - H - UNH
October 17 Multiband Pops Concert
October 18 Homecoming - H - Hofstra
October 25 Bands of America, Bridgeport, CT
October 26 MICCA Festival, Framingham, MA
November 1 H - Northeastern
November 8 H - Richmond

Pillows for Bricks

Alumni and friends of the Minuteman Band can now own a piece of band history! To benefit the planned expansion of the band building, we're offering this limited-edition keepsake. Pillows are available with the white or black sash. Call the Minuteman Band office today (413-545-3410) to get yours! The cost is \$250 and all proceeds go directly to the Band Building Campaign. Donors' names will



Be Part of It!

Join us October 18th for yet another fun-filled Homecoming. Events include Multiband Pops, Minuteman Football versus Hofstra, friends, laughs, good music and good food. Register today with the enclosed mail-in form, or register online at ummbalumni.org/homecoming.

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