

Quarternote



President's Letter

By Matt Hanley
UMBAS President 2010

Welcome to another year in the grand history of our organization! 2009 was busy with the move of the band from its 80-year home in Northrop Auditorium, the long-awaited return of outdoor football to campus at TCF Bank Stadium, a Farewell-to-Northrop and (unexpectedly) another set of Northrop Indoor Concerts. 2010 promises to be another busy year!

The consistent theme of our Society over the past decade has been growth. Membership now is over the 700 mark and as it grows so does our outreach to our Membership, University of Minnesota Band programs, and the community at large.

In 2005 we committed to supporting a new, ambitious scholarship initiative. Last year we achieved our goal of surpassing the required \$25,000 threshold to obtain the Presidential-match! A deep and heartfelt thank you goes out to all who contributed to this fund throughout the years! Thanks are also due to Charlie Smith for all of his work towards this end (see UMBAS 2010 Budget article).

We are also busy with a series of projects! Ellen Sorenson is heading up the project to find a replacement for the Lithograph given to 4th Year Marching

Band members as the print run of the original design has run out. New design proposals are being gathered and we hope to have the new design ready for the 2010 seniors.

We have a new Band Alumni Mentorship program that will provide our membership with a chance to enhance the experience and future career goals of band members by giving them a chance to get to know us better (see Mentorship article)!

Our Music Committee is coordinating the playing opportunities that we all enjoy and is also finding new musical and social opportunities (see Music Committee article).

We are also working with Minnesota Brass to get involved in the Drum Corps International events happening at TCF Bank Stadium July-14-17. The event needs a large number of volunteers to function and is a great chance to show-off our new home, support DCI and recruit (see DCI @ TCF article)!

We are the first Big Ten Band Alumni Society to be on Twitter ([@GopherBandAlums](#)) and we are evaluating our existing website, e-mail systems and new social networking tools such as Facebook to allow rapid communication and dissemination of late-breaking information.

Soon we will be kicking off
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School of Music

Performance Schedule

All concerts are at Ted Mann Concert Hall

Marimba 2010: Wind Ensemble

Thursday, April 29 - 4:30 PM

Jazz Ensembles I and II: A Salute to the Big Bands

Tuesday, May 4 - 7:30 PM

See www.music.umn.edu for updates.

Summer Concert Band

1st Summer Concert: Centennial Lakes in Edina

Wednesday, June 23 – 7:00 PM
Rehearsals on Wednesdays, May 26, June 2, 9 and 16

2nd Summer Concert: Bryant Square Park in Minneapolis

Tuesday, July 27 – TBA
Rehearsals on Wednesdays, June 30, July 7, 14 and Tuesday June 20

See www.skiumah.org for updates; e-mail info@skiumah.org to sign-up!

DCI Event at TCF Bank Stadium

Wednesday-Saturday, July 14– 17

Aquatennial Torchlight Parade

Wednesday, July 21 – 8:30 PM

Step-off time may be later. See www.skiumah.org for updates!

our busy summer schedule which brings us the chance to see old friends, make music together and give back to the University of Minnesota Bands that have given so much to all of us. I look forward to meeting friends both old and new in the coming year!

Alumni Mentorship Program

By Rob Atkinson
Council Representative

We are proud to announce the foundation of a Mentorship Program for the Concert and Marching Band programs! We believe that the unique relationships developed in the band programs along with the great variety of majors and careers held by alumni makes the creation of the UMBAS Mentorship Program a logical decision and presents an excellent outreach opportunity for our Society.

Not only can we provide guidance to band members, we can build a personal relationship between the Band Alumni Society and the Band Programs that will encourage graduates to join us in our mission in the future.

The program will include an opportunity for one-on-one

matching of mentors with mentees as well as group discussions and programs. This will provide another chance for alumni to give back to students currently in bands and for those students to gain valuable information and relationships and that will last beyond their time in the bands. Look for more information and Mentor recruitment this summer at www.skiumah.org, at various events and through other channels.

Music Committee

By Brad Olson
Music Committee Chair

With the many music events UMBAS participates in every year, we are looking to be more efficient than ever and find out what is important to YOU!

To help the Music Committee identify needs, preferences, volunteers and resources, we would like your participation in a brief survey.

To access the survey, please visit the UMBAS website at www.skiumah.org access the survey directly by going to www.surveymonkey.com/s/RVWBSWH.

We appreciate your input and your feedback is very valuable to future events! If you have

any questions, please contact me at bradolson1@comcast.net

UMBAS 2010 Budget

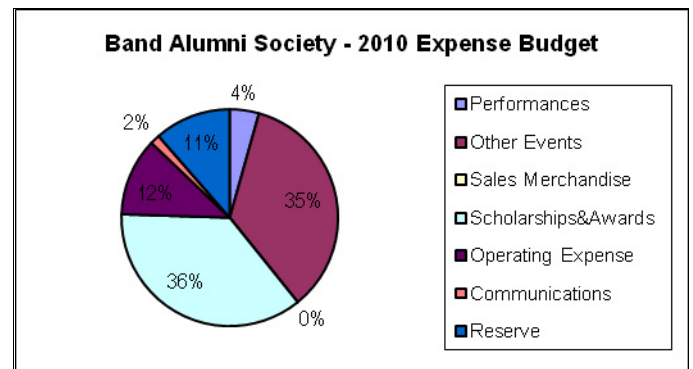
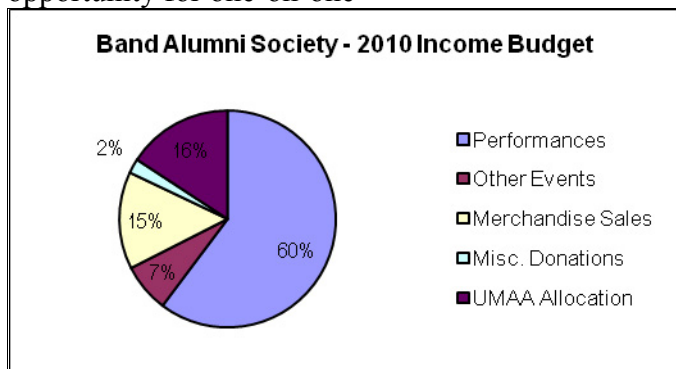
By Charlie Smith
Secretary and Finance
Committee Chair

The Executive Council approved the 2010 Budget at the February 2, 2010 meeting. Our 2010 Budget is balanced at approximately \$6,900 which is a bit smaller than recent years due to having completed our pledge to the Band Alumni Society Scholarship within the overall "Marching Into the Future" campaign (UMF #7793).

Our main source of income is the donations that we receive for our playing events, most of which come from University of Minnesota Athletics during the Fall season. Other important income sources are merchandise sales (i.e. shirts) and our UMAA Membership Allocation.

Our main expenditures are for events such as Homecoming and the Michael Jalma Scholarships given to Band students each year.

If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Smith or any Executive Council member. Thank you!



DCI @ TCF

By Bill Baumeister
Council Representative

Drum Corps International will hold a competition at TCF Bank Stadium on Saturday, July 17, 2010. Minnesota Brass, Inc. is the host organization.

Twenty-four of the top drum and bugle corps of North America will attend. This means between 3,000 and 4,000 musicians, color guard and support staff will visit the new home of the Pride of Minnesota. This is a recruiting opportunity the University of Minnesota bands should not miss. The Band Alumni Society would like to roll out the maroon and gold carpet for this event. Here's how you can help:

1. Minnesota Brass needs volunteers. Current band students and Band Alumni are encouraged to volunteer. Volunteers receive a DCI t-shirt and a wrist band for free admission to the event. Shifts are available Friday evening, July 16 and all day and night on Saturday, July 17. Check www.skiumah.org for available shifts and job descriptions. Then, contact us at info@skiumah.org so that we can send a list of volunteers to the organizers.

2. Attend the event! Tickets for non-volunteer types are available at the DCI box office: www.dci.org/tickets/. Then, show up in maroon and gold, University of Minnesota Band apparel and show your support for the Minnesota Band Programs.

3. Watch for more information at www.skiumah.org. We are

exploring additional ways to promote the bands during the event and during the System Blue Marching Band Skills Camp beginning Wednesday, July 14.

Jalma Scholarship Winners Named

By The Scholarship Committee

Last Fall we reviewed 17 scholarship applications and interviewed some excellent candidates for the annual Michael Jalma Scholarships which will be awarded this month to the following two students:

Tharon Knowlton is a Music Education Major who plays saxophone in the Marching, Hockey and Concert Bands and is a Chamber Ensemble Coach for the University Bands. He plans to graduate in 2011 and to teach instrumental music at the junior high or high school level.

Ryan Larson is also a Music Education Major who plays percussion and plans to graduate in 2010. He has been a member of the Marching Band Leadership Team and a Campus Crusade Bible Study Leader for 2 years and plans to teach high school band or become a youth minister.

UMBAS Scholarship Fund Update

By The Scholarship Committee

As mentioned previously, we have reached our goal of \$25,000, sufficient to become an endowed fund and to qualify for a match on scholarship

payouts through the President's Scholarship Match Program.

We plan continue to pay into the scholarship fund and we will maintain our commitment to scholarships. Combined with the Michael Jalma Scholarships, this milestone significantly enhances our ability to provide this support to the band.

2010 Drum Major

By Matt Hanley
President

Drum Major Tryouts were held at the Bierman Practice Facility on Saturday, April 17 and for the 3rd consecutive year, Aaron Marks was named Drum Major for the University of Minnesota Marching Band. It will be Aaron's 5th year as a member of the band. Congratulations to Aaron on this accomplishment!

2010 Gopher Football Schedule

All Games Saturday, All kick-off times TBA except where noted

September 11 vs. **South Dakota**
September 18 vs. **Southern California**
September 25 vs. **Northern Illinois**

Big Ten Opener/Homecoming

October 2 vs. **Northwestern**
October 23 vs. **Penn State**
October 30 vs. **The Ohio State** –
7:00 PM
November 27 vs. Iowa

49th Annual Indoor Concerts

Concerts held at Northrop
Memorial Auditorium

Saturday, November 13 - 7:00 PM
Sunday, November 14 - 3:00 PM

A Letter from the Director

By Dr. Timothy Diem
Director, University of Minnesota Marching Band

Dear Alumni of the University of Minnesota Marching Band:

Greetings from the new home of the Pride of Minnesota, TCF Bank Stadium! The new facility is everything we dreamed it could be, and I hope that you are all able to visit sometime in the near future. Let me start by letting you know that the purpose of this letter is not to ask you for monetary donation (that being said, if you so desire...). Instead, we are on a mission to get information from you and hope that you can contribute to a few projects the Band Alumni Society and the current University of Minnesota Marching Band have on the table.

First, we begin with Mentorship. I am sure that you all remember those days of being at the U and wondering how your career will start and where it will take you. What we would like to build is a networking database where we could connect you with students that have the same education and career dreams as you did then and still have now. The Band Alumni Society and Minnesota Bands are working together to build a Mentorship Program that will connect current and former Band Members so that we can share experiences, wisdom, enthusiasm and guidance. We firmly believe that both sides will benefit from the exchange! Please consider participating in this opportunity and keep your eyes and ears open over the coming months as we start looking for volunteers to help some young people get a good start on their careers.

Another project we have in mind, now that we have a beautiful area to display things, is to create a “Where are they now?” section in our display areas. We would love to have an area with a photo of you during your time in the band, a photo of you now, and a short story about your time in the band, what it meant to you and what influence it had on your life after the Marching Band. If you have an interesting story or know of someone that would be of interest to former, current and future members we would love to hear about it. You can send us a letter or an e-mail and we can begin that project as well.

The third project we would like to start this year is a collection of photos and information of those that served in the military and the band. We try to do a military show regularly and I would love to be able to put on the big screen photos of former band members, one in their marching band uniform opposite one in their military uniform. If you are or know of someone that served in the military and the band please help us track down info and photos so that we will be able to salute those that have served our country.

Thank you for your efforts and we hope to hear from you!

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Check out the UMMB Facebook Fan Page: "[The University of Minnesota Marching Band](#)"

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