



Iowa State University Alumni Band

Spring 2015 Newsletter



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Homecoming 2014 Wrap-Up

Greetings Alumni Band. I want to thank all of you again for joining in the fun of the 34th reunion! The biggest change for 2014 was moving Friday night into Johnny's in Hilton. We had a great crowd, good food and ample parking. Now I'll get in my first plug for this year's 35th reunion on October 31st. In 2015 our Friday night event will again be held at Johnny's.

Gameday went very well; we could not have asked for a better game time. The weather was also as nice as if we'd ordered it ourselves. In what I suspect is a temporary change, we sat stretched out in the farthest southern seating. It was a good seating experience, but did hurt our sound quality some. Looking ahead to this year's 35th reunion on 10/31 (plug #2) we don't know where we will be. Check out <http://www.jacktricestadium.org/construction-cam> for live progress on the new south end zone. Steve Smyth's goal for the next few years is to largely reuse drill from year to year with minimal adaptations for a few years to see how that will integrate musically with the larger halftime experience, and allow for easier practices, especially for those 11:00am games. We will find out this year (10/31, plug #3...) how well it will work.

Please follow our Facebook page and post more photos and videos from last Homecoming. Also, keep an eye out for information on upcoming events and for the 35th reunion (#ISUCFAMB35 on October 31? Plug #4)! If you have ideas on how to improve the experience please contact me (email, Facebook, letter, drone landing on my lawn) or any board member. We are all ears!

Go Cyclones!

Chris Colvin, President-Elect



These smiling faces have been to all 34 reunions. Will they see you this year?

Alumni Pep Band

Never get a chance to play in Pep Band at ISU? Did you play, but are longing for a chance to re-live past Hilton Magic? Then the ISU Alumni Pep Band is the group for you!

The Pep Band plays several times a year, usually covering for the Varsity Band at volleyball, women's, and men's basketball games during Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. While we don't often hold separate practices, and we tend to focus on some oldies but goodies, we are always on the lookout for music from "your era."



We had a great season with an awesome turnout this year, including our annual Family pep band event for the volleyball game over the Thanksgiving weekend. Our Cyclones went 6-0 over the games we played for this year, and part of the credit goes to all of our participants.

If you did not get a chance to participate this year, look for our upcoming Pep Band events to be announced on Facebook and next fall at the 35th Annual Homecoming Reunion.

Socks for Varsity Seniors

As we have for the last few years, the Alumni Band once again provided a parting gift to all of the 2014 ISUCF'V'MB seniors. Many of you will recall that the graduating seniors leave their shoes on the field, marching off in their stocking feet. Despite the wonderful weather on Senior Day, snow, slush and puddles



riddled the sidelines, making a pair of warm dry socks much appreciated! Along with the socks, a flyer was attached to promote upcoming Alumni Events, including Pep Band, the Golf Outing, and next year's 35th Annual Reunion.

Congratulations to all 49 of our newest Alumni Band members!

Call for “Music Notes”

As our Alumni Band family grows – 49 new members added this fall – it becomes harder to keep up with everyone. Looking ahead to the 35th reunion, let’s foster our family experience by sharing life events with each other. Life milestones, awards won, or a new job are all things your band family would love to celebrate with you! Simply submit the following to notes.isuamb@gmail.com:

1. Your Name
2. Your Graduation year
3. Music Note you would like shared
4. Share on Facebook? (yes or no)

For example:

1. Emily (Eastman) Worthington
2. 2011
3. I got married in October!
4. This may be shared on Facebook.

Look for notes from your bandmates in upcoming Alumni Newsletters and on the Alumni Band Facebook page.

Alumni Band Golf Classic

The 6th Annual Alumni Band Classic had great weather for the 40 participants last fall! It was the best turnout yet for the 18-hole tournament. All proceeds from the Classic continue to support your Varsity Band in all of their endeavors. Get an early start and mark the calendar now for the 7th Annual Classic on September 13, 2015.

Contact your Board

Alumni Band Facebook group: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/4765189247>

Music Notes submissions: notes.isuamb@gmail.com

Upcoming Dates:

- September 13, 2015
 - 7th Annual Alumni Golf Classic
- October 31, 2015
 - 35th Annual Reunion; Homecoming game vs. Texas

350 for the 35th

There has been a challenge set to have 350 Alumni Band members participate in the 35th Annual Reunion, set for October 31, 2015. It is time to get those yearbooks out and start contacting those who haven’t been back lately! If that is you, dust that instrument off and mark your calendar for October 31st. 350 for the 35th; let’s make it a reality!