



ISU Alumni Band

SPRING 2016

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **June 2-9**
ISUCF'V'MB Travel to France
- **Sept. 11**
8th Annual Golf Tournament
- **Oct. 29**
Homecoming 2016 vs Kansas State

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Homecoming 2015 Wrap Up

Greetings!

I want to thank everyone who attended the 35th reunion last year. We had our gathering at the newly expanded Johnny's in the Hilton again. It was a great crowd, good food, and an excellent surprise visit from the Varsity Band. I plan to have more board and presidents pins for people who weren't able to get them this year at next year's event.

I'll get bad part out of the way first - game day parking. It was out of our control, and we as a group adapted well on the fly. The miscommunication was addressed with the Iowa State Center staff and should not be an issue for future events. Hopefully

everyone who got a ticket was able to get it voided. Let's hope for less rain next year! The board is working on some ideas on how to get word out faster to everyone to minimize future issues.

Now on to the fun - for the second year we were situated in the stadium seats, but there was a lot more stadium this time! In 2016, we will try to streamline the play list in the stands. Our show was perfect as always, and the combined band was able to produce enough sound to probably cause hearing damage in the lower part of the stadium. A shut out of Texas was icing on the cake for a day perfect weather in our brand new stadium.

Our first try for electronic elections was a learning experience for everyone involved. At our meeting on January 2, the board decided to continue electronic voting, but improve publicity and have paper ballots available on Saturday. We want to be sure everyone has a chance to participate. If anyone has any questions about running for office, responsibilities of board positions, or homecoming comments and feedback feel free to reach out to Erin or myself.

Remember, October 29th, 2016 for our 36th reunion!

Go Cyclones!

-Chris Colvin, President



A note from the President



Which Big XII Alumni Band not only had a perfect score marching at Homecoming, but also had an excellent Pep Band Season?!

Iowa State!, Iowa State!

Thank you all for a great 2015! Our first board meeting of 2016 was held on January 2nd following the Twister Sister victory and pep band season closer. I want to thank the board all for their hard work and would like to welcome our new members.

There still is no news on a replacement for the VEISHEA parade, but President Leath's spring semester message included approval of the parade returning in the next academic year. We will keep an eye for future details as they are released and keep you informed.

Our next event will be a summer pep band practice/ potluck/ board meeting this summer. We are coordinating the exact date with the Music Department, but look for an

announcement of a July date. This will be our second time with the summer rehearsal, so if anyone has further comments from last year's please let me know. The 8th Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for the Sunday after the victory over Iowa, so also mark that on your calendars.

Homecoming 2016 will be October 29 against Kansas State. The board is hard at work lining up venues and President-Elect Erin Kalkwarf is chairing the Friday Night committee. We will be working together to coordinate our Saturday schedule with the Music Department as soon as kickoff is announced. We have a list of lessons learned from 2015, but remember, we don't control the weather or kick off time.

A few other updates.

- Creation of forum with the our fellow Big XII Alumni Bands so we can exchange information on challenges and help each other out. We've just

started, but it has been fun and informative so far

- Watch for a survey of the whole membership to gather information about expectations for both support of the varsity band as well as our own ongoing fun
- An updated constitution will be submitted for approval at the Homecoming business meeting and it will be published in the fall newsletter for review prior to voting at

Please feel free to contact me with questions or ideas. Posting the Alumni Band Facebook group has turned out to be a great way to quickly communicate with a large portion of the membership as well as share photos and videos.

Go Cyclones!

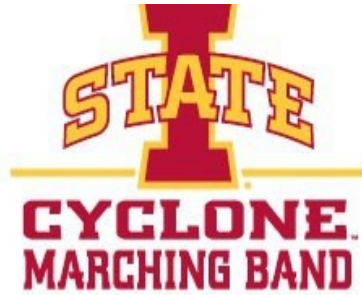
-Chris Colvin
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 2015-2017 President



ISUCF'V'MB to travel to France

This summer, select members of the Cyclone Marching Band will be in Normandy, serving as the lead ensemble for the D-Day commemorative events.

The band received this invitation from the U.S. Director of the D-Day Victory Parade. The band is humbled and grateful to be honored this opportunity, through which the students will witness a sacred place in our country's history.



Opportunity to join them in France - To anyone interested in the Families/Guests trip to France, the information and registration

have been posted to our website. The dates for the trip are June 2nd - June 9th, with a London extension from June 9-12. If this is something you want to be involved in, please check out the information [here](#).

If you have questions regarding the trip, please direct them to the travel agent indicated in the information. The travel agency will be able to handle any inquiries you may have.

Save the date! 8th Annual Golf Tournament

When: September 11, 2016
Where: Veenker Memorial Golf Course, Ames

12:15pm Registration and Lunch; 1:00pm Shotgun Start

4 Person 18-Hole Best Ball, Lunch and Cart

Open to everyone!

- Individual \$60, each
- Team \$240
- Current ISUCF'V'MB Member \$45, each
- Current ISUCF'V'MB Team \$180
- Hole Sponsorship \$50

Register [online now](#) or watch for registration form to sign up by mail.

Registration Deadline: August 31, 2016

Hope to see you there!

-Kelli Huser and Liz Juchems



Socks for Seniors 2015



Pep Band Recap

The 2015-16 Alumni Pep Band season was another fun one! It started off very early this year with a summer practice session! What do you mean “we don’t need no steenkin’ practice”? That may be true as an individual, but it’s hard to add new music as a group without it!

So we got together for an hour and a half practice session on July 18th and coupled that with a potluck lunch. It was a great time, gave us an opportunity to start to include some recent varsity alums in the group and set the stage for adding a few songs to our repertoire. In fact, some of that music is available [online](#).

The music is in the Pep Band folder and the password to log in is *gocyclones!* We encourage you to go online, check out the music and let’s try and add these to the books for next year!

The first event of the year was a VB match on the same day as the TCU football game as the Cyclones also took on the Horned Frogs at the net. Since the Varsity Band had another engagement that same day, the Alumni Band was asked to fill their shoes. Despite being few in numbers, we still played well and cheered them on to a not-too-tough 3-1 victory!

The next game was supposed to be a WBB tilt against the New Orleans on

Sunday, November 22nd, but “travel problems” prevented the Privateers from making the trip to Ames. The game was not rescheduled.

Our first men’s contest of the season for the Alumni Pep Band was against the Chattanooga (“Choo, Choo!”) Mocs, as part of the Emerald Coast Classic. The ECC was a tournament the Cyclone eventually won in Destin, Florida. What’s a Moc you ask? Check out this [link](#) to answer that interesting question. While the Cyclones were never able to completely derail UTC, they still worked hard for an 83-63 win.

The schedule tweaked again when the VB match against Baylor was moved up to November the 24th. But that didn’t faze the pep band or the Cyclones as we were able to send three very successful seniors out on a high note (rim shot) with a 3-1 win over the Lady Bears. Again, it was a strong performance by the band, despite the small numbers participating.

The first post-Thanksgiving game was on 12/20 and was a women’s basketball game against Alcorn State. (When did we add Alcorn as a state?) With the postponement of the New Orleans game, this was the first opportunity for the pep band to experience the new four-quarter women’s game format. The change-up in the foul counting and the addition of two more opportunities to play “ISU Fights” between quarters didn’t throw us too much, and in the end we were able to help “Celebrate” a Cyclone victory over

the Lady Braves 91-41.

The final (and very well attended by the pep band) men’s game was against Coppin (still not a) State. While it was a tad crowded in the percussion section, we still were able to work in a four-drummer rotation, which included a song or two with Steven Smyth at the set. As far as the game went, ISU jumped out to an early double-digit lead, led by 16 at the half, broke the 100-point barrier for the second time in the regular season and cruised to a 104-84 victory over the Eagles. Fan favorite Stuart “Stuuuuuuu” Nezelek even got into the action with two points. A good win for the Cyclones!

The ISU Alumni Pep Band closed out another perfect season with the January 2nd women’s conference game against Oklahoma State. Points were hard to come by, but thanks to “Kidd” Blaskowsky playing lock-down “D” on OSU’s top scorer Brittney Martin, the Cyclones earned a hard-fought 49-42 decision. The win marked the first time the Cyclones had beaten the Cowgirls after losing the four previous contests.

We encourage you to be on the lookout for information regarding another summer practice and hope you can help keep the ISU Alumni Pep Band playing at Hilton Coliseum by participation in our fun times!

GO CYCLONES!

-Jay Chapman

2015-2016 ISU Alumni Band Board Members



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