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# Auburn University Alumni Band, Inc.

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## President's Message

In last year's message I talked about the end of an era for the AU band with the retirement of Dr. Johnnie Vinson and the excitement associated with the anticipation of the beginning of a new era with Dr. Rick Good moving into the Director of Bands position and Dr. Corey Spurlin taking over the marching band with the continued assistance of Dr. Doug Rosener.

What a great year for the AU Band: The new uniforms, the incredible halftime shows, the solid silver brass section, that big characteristic Auburn Band sound, the bowl game performance, the honor marching band, and a trip to Ireland. And then it was time for the concert band season to begin, with the Auburn honor band weekend, the hosting of the Alabama all-state band, performances on and off campus, and ending with summer band camps. The Auburn band directors and staff did all of this and much more with overwhelming organization, hard work, and dedication. They should all be commended for a job well done. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity as the president of the alumni band to work with them over the past two years. I'm sure that I'm not the only alumnus who feels so proud of the Auburn University Bands.

I would like to end my term as president of the alumni band with a challenge to all of our members: Please donate to the alumni band "seed fund" that will go toward the construction of a new facility for the AU band program. We hope to raise enough money to send a message to Auburn's leaders: it's time for a new band facility.

The Goodwin Band Hall has been a beautiful place for the

Auburn Band to call home over the past 35 years. I'm sure that the thousands of band alumni who have passed through this hall would join me in saying "thank you" to the Goodwin family for the generous gift that James and Virginia Goodwin gave to the Auburn Band and Music Department. However, the Auburn band has outgrown this facility. It is bursting at the seams with storage rooms overflowing, an observation balcony pulling duty as a uniform storage room, and a rehearsal space that cannot house the entire band for rehearsal.

Many of you may remember that the current Goodwin Band Hall was built first and the construction of a new music department facility followed not far behind. Wouldn't it be a great feeling if this "seed fund" started a movement that leads, not only to a new band facility that many more generations of Auburn band students will enjoy, but also to a new performing arts facility? Information on how to donate to the "seed fund" can be found in this newsletter.

As I complete my two-year term as the alumni band president, I want to once again thank the Auburn Band directors and the band staff for all of their hard work in making our alumni band reunions such enjoyable experiences, and for making my job as president such an easy job. I want to personally thank Dr. Rusty Logan for all of his help. For those of you who don't know, Rusty is the person who keeps the Auburn alumni band up and running. Presidents come and go, but Rusty is always there, working quietly in the background, doing the work that keeps this organization thriving.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank the members of the alumni band board of directors, and all of our loyal membership. Please consider making a donation to the new building fund. I hope to see all of you at the reunion!

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## From the Band Office

The *TWENTYSECOND AUBURN ALUMNI BAND REUNION* will be held on Homecoming, Saturday, November 8<sup>TH</sup> (Auburn vs. Tennessee-Martin). The Board of Directors met in March to begin making plans for this event. Mark your calendar and make those hotel reservations NOW!

The Auburn University Band program has and will see many exciting changes in 2008-2009! In March the band traveled to Ireland to march in Dublin's St. Patrick's Day Parade. The band won several awards including most musical, most entertaining band, and Grand Champion in the Limerick Parade. In April, the Symphonic Band performed their program, *Phedre*, at the All-State Host concert with great success! Professional recordings are available through the band office. Also, this summer, Auburn University Bands hosted several successful

summer band camps. We are excited with this year's football home schedule: including LSU, UGA, and UT. The AUMB has two field shows being prepared for performance. The first is a Rolling Stone Tribute: including *Start Me Up*, *Jumpin' Jack Flash*, *Satisfaction*, *Wild Horses*, and *Paint It Black*. The second show has an Irish theme: including music from *Riverdance*, *Vertigo* by U2, and *Danny Boy*.

The Auburn University Band Department has two new Graduate Assistants: Ashley Gresko (Mansfield University) and Jeremy Logan (Louisiana State University). Allison Parker (Ohio State University), Dustin White (University of North Alabama), and Staci Wyland (Valdosta State University) are fulfilling their last year as GTA's.



*The 2007 Alumni Band marching into the Stadium for the Homecoming (Tennessee Tech) game.*

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*"...This is the Auburn University Band."*

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*Troy Carlton Henson  
AU Bands Graduate Assistant 1996-1998*

***! ATTENTION AUXILIARIES !***

Auxiliary coordinators for this year's reunion are listed below. Contact these persons for information on routine, etc.:

**Majorettes**

Rachael Miller  
205-261-3081

**Flags**

Ashley Gresko  
256-750-5269

**Dancers**

Sara Cothran  
205-541-5088

***DRUM LINE***

If you need drum line equipment, please check with your local high school band to see if you can borrow what you need. If you cannot borrow equipment from the high school, contact Dr. Doug Rosener, Assistant Director of Bands and Percussion Instructor, and request to use an A.U. instrument. You can contact Doug at (334) 844-3160. Please call before Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

***WEB SITE & E-MAIL***

The Auburn University Band's web site is updated frequently to keep everyone informed about band activities. You are invited to visit the band site at: <http://www.auburn.edu/auband> The web site also has a listserv feature where you can sign up to receive e-mail notices about Band and Department of Music events. This site also has a section for Alumni Band information.

***CAN'T MARCH? COME ANYWAY!***

If you are not able to march in the Alumni Band half-time show (or do not want to), that's OK! We hope that you'll plan to attend the reunion anyway. You can still play in the stands and visit with your old friends. That is what the reunion is all about!

***ADDRESS CHANGES***

Please send changes of address to:

Sharon Awtry  
Alumni Development  
317 South College St.  
Auburn, AL 365830

***AUMB DECORATIVE PILLOWS***

The Auburn University Marching Band will debut a new uniform on the field this fall, and that means that you can have a piece of history at home. The uniforms that the AUMB proudly marched in from 1995-2006 have been crafted into high-quality pillows, perfect gifts for your favorite Auburn Tiger fan. This offer is available only to current AUMB members and to band alumni. An order form with pricing information is included in the newsletter. Orders will be accepted in cash, credit card, or check.

***ALUMNI BAND OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS***

**President:** Todd Shiver  
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***Troy Carlton Henson***

**August 25, 1973 – August 15, 2008**

The Auburn University Band family has experienced a great loss this past month. Troy Henson, AU Band Graduate Assistant from 1996 to 1998, passed away on August 15, 2008 from leukemia. The service was held on August 17 at Ward's Funeral Home. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or your favorite charity. His obituary can be viewed at <http://www.accessnorthga.com/access/obituaries.php?m=detail&id=32335>