



SYLACAUGA HIGH SCHOOL HALF MILLION DOLLAR BAND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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Experiences To Be Remembered

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After returning from an amazing trip to Orlando of marching and fun it was time to get back to work. The SHS Symphonic Band anxiously awaited the arrival of a busy concert season.

The band started back to work on January 4th, the first day of the second semester. David Simpkins had high hopes for the year and began the planning of appearances early. He had a well thought out itinerary including concerts, Honor Bands, and appearances through out the city by the 2007 SHS Jazz Band. The Symphonic Band's first concert was held at First Methodist Church on February 25th. The Jazz Band also performed several selections at this concert. The Symphonic Band's second performance was held at First Baptist Church on May 6th. The performances were well received with much applause by the numerous parents and alumni present.

SHS was very well represented in the Talladega All-County Band with 39 total students participating. Twenty-one participated in the high

school division and 18 participated in the Junior High band. The musical skills learned that weekend were carried on through the students back to the band rooms. The SHS Band and Jazz Band also planned to participate in the Blue Bell 100th Anniversary Event. Due to unforeseen weather conditions an executive decision was made for the band to not perform for safety reasons.

The most influential highlight of the Spring Semester was a trip to the Ritz Theatre in Talladega to see the world famous Preservation Hall performers. Preservation Hall has been one of the key inspirations in the advancement of New Orleans Jazz. This trip has influenced the music decisions for the upcoming marching season which everyone is sure to enjoy.

On behalf of the rest of the band students, we really appreciate the support of the Alumni Association.

Notes from the Band Director

Greetings from the Aggie Band Program! It is amazing to think that we have made it through another successful school year and that summer is practically over. We are now getting ready for the start of summer band rehearsals on July 9th. Coming off of an outstanding '06-'07 school year, the band program stands poised to take another step forward as a powerful force among high school bands. Our Nichols-Lawson Middle School Program is finally on solid footing and we see a lot of young, talented and eager music students getting ready to take their place in the Marching Aggie Band.

This year's Marching Aggie Band will be slightly larger than the two previous years. We look to march around 110 students. We have a fantastic senior class returning and some very capable rookies moving in. We will be young, but, extremely talented and enthusiastic. Our half-time show will be "A Tribute to New Orleans" as the band will entertain with a great collection of jazz and Dixieland favorites. The auxiliaries are already at work learning routines and planning color treatments / visual designs. Our pre-game show should also feature some new elements that I'm very excited about. I can't tell you what those elements are, though. You'll have to come to the home football games to find out what they are!

Our Alumni Band performance this year has been set for September 14, 2007. Further details are later in this newsletter. We hope you will participate.

Thank you so much for the support you give to our band program. Our students are constantly reminded of how much our alumni care about their success. It is with that sense of pride and tradition that we will be preparing for the coming season. I know you will be proud when you see the '08 Marching Aggie Band take the field.

David Simpkins
Band Director

News from the Band Alumni President

We are pleased to send our second SHS Alumni Band newsletter.

As you should realize this is a new organization with the stated purpose to be a support mechanism for the current band. Our second purpose is to be a social organization for our members and give them a chance to interact at least once per year. Our Alumni Band Fall meeting for 2007 will be on Friday, September 14, 2007 and details are later in this newsletter.

As mentioned previously the alumni associations' first major support for the current band is the creation of the website, www.shsband.net. This has already had a major impact on communication with students and parents. We invite you to visit the site regularly. One way the alumni can show support to the current band is to provide pictures of when we were in the band. If you will send your electronic images and pertinent information, especially names, to hnnunnelley@shsband.net, we will be glad to post them. We expect this will generate a great deal of conversation and interest.

The officers met in May to decide about spending any of our funds at this time. Based on the recommendation of David Simpkins, we have decided at this time to hold the funds because there will be a need for new band uniforms in the near future. We also offered to extend free membership to all graduating seniors for the first 2 years following their graduation. We further decided that due to the beginning nature of the organization we would keep the current officers intact for this year also.

Again as previously stated in our previous newsletter, we need more members. We feel word of mouth advertising is the most effective method of promotion for the association. Please tell your family and friends about the association. Please also invite them to the Alumni Band on September 14, 2007, even if they choose not to actually join the association.

Once again, thank you for your support.

Henry W. Nunnolley, President

DUES NOTICE

This newsletter will constitute your statement for dues to the SHS Band Alumni Association. Annual dues for the period July 2007 through June 2008 are \$15.00 per member or \$25.00 per family. This association is open to both SHS alumni and friends. If you would like to donate more, as many members have, we will gladly accept with a smile and a thank you.

<i>2007-08 Officers</i>	
<i>President</i>	<i>Henry W. Nunnelley</i>
<i>Past President</i>	<i>Judy Ward</i>
<i>Treasurer.....</i>	<i>Carliss McKinney</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Sheri Smith</i>
<i>Director.....</i>	<i>David Simpkins</i>

Please mail your payment to:
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 Sylacauga, AL 35150

MATCHING GIFTS

We have been asked by some of our alumni about Corporate Matching gifts. The SHS Band Alumni Association is a private organization and cannot receive these type gifts. However the major purpose of the Alumni Association is to support the band and matching gifts can be sent directly to Sylacauga High School and designated for the Band. Please contact Henry W. Nunnelley at hunnelley@shsband.net for more details.

Band Fall Schedule

July 9, 2007	Start of Band Camp	
August 25, 2007	SHS Band Chicken Fry	SHS Lunchroom 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
August 31, 2007	Central, Coosa (4A)	Home
September 7, 2007	Anniston (5A)	Away
September 14, 2007	Talladega (5A)	Home
September 21, 2007	John Carroll (5A)	Away
September 28, 2007	Childersburg (4A)	Home
September 29, 2007	Marching Band Contest	
October 5, 2007	Moody (5A)	Away
October 12, 2007	Briarwood Christian (5A)	Home
October 19, 2007	Chelsea (5A)	Away
October 26, 2007	Benjamin Russell (5A)	Home
November 2, 2007	B.B. Comer (3A)	Away

Alumni Band

We note with regret the recent passing of one of our members, O. Dewitt Dodd. Mr. Dodd was a counselor at SHS for many years and will be missed.

Fall Alumni Band September 14, 2007

Our Fall meeting for 2007 will be on Friday, September 14, 2007. This will be the football game between SHS and Talladega. You are invited to play in the Alumni band, which will be playing the SHS Alma Mater and “Hail to the Varsity” as part of the pre-game show. There will be a practice on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. David Simpkins requests you provide your own instruments, with the exception of Tubas or Drums. Please contact him at 256-245-2506 email at simpkinsd@sylacauga.k12.al.us for further details. If you just want to socialize, we plan to have light refreshments from 5:00 p.m. to about 6:45 p.m. around the outside tables close to the band room and the band practice field. We will also plan to have a special alumni section behind the band for everybody to sit together.

We hope everybody can attend.

Scenes from 2007 Winter Concert Season



**All County Band
March 2007**



**Concert Band Seniors
Raymond Bailey
Joseph Barnett
Meagan Shingleton
Asia Ann Stone
David Simpkins, Director**

Alumni Band Members

July 2007

1941	J. Henry Moseley	1964	Jean G. (Gaitten) Covington
1944	Dr. Morris W. Hollis	1964	Mrs. Sheryl D. (DeCoudres) Barkalow
1945	Charles S. Crowther	1964	Joe (Joey) Serviss
1945	James M. (Jimmy) Hare	1965	Mrs. Marjorie M. (Mungall) Haigler
1945	Dr. John L. Fulmer	1965	Ms. Betty (House) Aarhus
1946	Jimmy T. Davis	1966	Jan S. (Serviss) Wallis
1946	Mary Sue McLain	1966	Mrs. Marilyn H. (Holt) Hardy
1946	Thomas Douglas Riggins	1967	Danny L. Williams
1946	Mrs. Betty Ruth (Jones) Piette	1967	H. Howard White
1946	Mrs. Glenda V. (Vinson) Ivey	1967	Ms. Jean B. Reed
1946	Mrs. June Lessley (Lessley) Atkinson	1969	Bill Hatcher
1947	George Richard Johnston	1969	Mrs. E. Gail (Lusk) Posey
1947	Mildred L. Campbell	1970	James M. (Matt) Hare
1948	Edwin McCoy Ray	1970	William H. Runge
1948	Dr. Harold J. (Jack) Morris	1970	Mrs. Alice Smith (Smith) Tylander
1949	Paul V. (Deke) Deason	1971	Doris E. Chandler
1949	Mrs. Peggy R. (Robinson) Fitts	1971	Mrs. Gloria K. (Knight) Campbell
1950	Donald E. (Don) Merkel	1972	Davida Belinda (Wood) Sanders
1950	Jeptha V. Greer	1972	Doyle C. Conville
1950	Patrick W. (Pat) Newby	1972	Tina A. (Murphy) Salter
1951	June (Simmons) Matthews	1972	Dr. Andrea K. (Kidd) Taylor
1951	Mrs. Dorris G. (Gentry) Stone	1973	Sue Ellen Johnston
1951	Mrs. Sara Jean (Stuart) Russell	1974	George (Parky) Allen
1952	Berkley L. Rish	1974	Vernon O. (Chip) McEwen
1952	Catherine G. (Grice) McEwen	1974	Henry W. Nunnolley
1952	O. Dewitt Dodd	1974	Judy (Murphree) Ward
1952	Mrs. Marie H. (Harris) Morgan	1974	Mrs. Cheryl (Large) Van Wagner
1952	Ms. Margie P. (Patterson) Sanford	1974	Mrs. Louise (Vaughn) Gambrell
1953	Robert W. McMillan	1974	Sheri (Dodd) Smith
1953	Mrs. Betty D. (Davis) Ward	1975	Jeff N. Patterson
1953	Mrs. Jill P. (Parker) Gillum	1975	Doug Sawyer
1954	Donald H. Allison	1975	Mark Whitehurst
1954	Gilbert V. (Gib) Stewart	1976	David Cochran
1954	Jamie E. Price	1977	Maury D. Gaston
1954	Mrs. D. Deon (Oswalt) Neighbors	1977	Mrs. Teresa B. (Bishop) Conville
1954	Mrs. Elaine (Caldwell) Mitchem	1978	Karen (O'Kelley) Allen
1955	Peggy M. (Murphy) Caldwell	1979	Kelley (Sawyer) Wassermann
1955	Robert E. Grice	1979	Rev. James K.(Jimmy) Schell
1955	William E. (Bill) Handley	1979	Tina Killgore Wagnon
1956	Earl Lewis	1982	Scott E. Collins
1956	Emma Jean Smith McCarty	1983	Carliss McKinney
1956	M. J. (Jef) Thurman, Sr.	1983	David Simpkins
1956	Ms. Penny (Atkinson) Young	1983	Mrs. Alice Lee Carter (Carter) Ruf
1957	Patricia (Pat) Hagan	1983	Mrs. Karen M. (McDonough) Blocker
1957	Mrs. Syble R. (Rowe) McBryde	1984	Jeffrey C. (Jeff) Cleveland
1958	B.E. (Sonny) Riggins	1985	Kim Johnson
1958	Mrs. Gloria H. (Hendrix) Allison	1985	Lynn Arnold Batten
1958	Ms. Janelle (Blackmon) Cadenhead	1986	Dawn Shenell Williamson
1959	Charlotte S. (Stallings) Strickland	1986	Donna Bowden Hay
1959	Roberta T. (Tomlinson) Jordan	1987	Dr. Leslie W. (Winters) Steele
1959	William M. Ferguson	1988	Mrs. Tracey A. (Arnold) Baker
1960	Betty T. (Thompson) Morgan	1989	Mrs. Martha A. (Hurston) Gautney
1960	Mrs. Janice (Blackmon) Menzies	1989	Mrs. Patricia G. (Gilbert) Massey
1960	Mrs. Nan E. (Wooten) Morrow	1991	Rebecca (Loftis) Atkinson
1960	Travis Wesson	1993	Kacie Orton Bratton
1961	CDR George C. Stewart	1994	Scott Williams
1961	Mrs. Barbara B. (Barnes) Johnson	1995	James C. (Chad) Reams
1962	Bettye Carroll Kreh	1995	Mrs. Melinda W. (Wadsworth) Neal
1962	Jane Coker Glasser	1996	Ms. Cammie D. Snowden
1962	Josephine Tomlinson Hall-Blackwell	1998	Mandy Thompson Reams
1963	Ernie W. Teaford	2000	Joshua L. Barnett
1963	Mrs. Sherry N. (Bonner) Arnold	2001	Casey L. House