



**SYLACAUGA HIGH SCHOOL
HALF MILLION DOLLAR BAND
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**
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Aggie Band Marches in to a New Season

by Carol Sprayberry and David Simpkins

The Sylacauga High School band has had an exciting fall and winter involving several appearances, festivals, parades, and performances. Their season began the first week of school on August 12 with the Chamber of Commerce Crazy Daze. This event kicked off first semester of school with weekly appearances at football games showcasing songs “Back in Black,” “Pretty Fly,” and “Let’s Groove.” On September 30, the band participated in the Lake Guntersville Marching Band Festival, coming home with all superior ratings. The majorettes received “Best in Class.”

The month of December found the marching band involved in three parades. In the Sylacauga Christmas parade on December 2 they won “Best Band” award for the second year in a row. Then on December 5 they marched in the Talladega Christmas parade. The Christmas season was culminated with the Orlando Citrus parade on December 30, nationally televised on ABC

affiliates during the New Year’s Celebration prior to the Capital One Bowl and Champs Bowl both in Orlando, Florida.

The student body was impressed with the public debut of the SHS Jazz Ensemble at the Black History Month program on February 8. The jazz ensemble was definitively a breakthrough for the band programs at the high school. Their quality of performance could be compared to some of the best jazz bands around. They performed at the Symphonic Band Winter Concert on Sunday, February 25, and will again at the Symphonic Band Spring Concert on Sunday, May 6, both at First United Methodist Church.

The band has strong leadership this year including Alesia Williams, drum major, and the following section leaders: flute—Keyona Scott and Meaghan Shingleton; clarinet—Alesia Williams; alto saxophone — Jerry Saylor; trumpet—Joseph Barnett; trombone—Wesley

Sims; tuba—Ben Lamberth; baritone—Baxter Bozeman; percussion —Matt Jennings, Darius Owens, and Wynn Campbell; head majorette—Julie Annah Conley; head color guard—Ajike Player; and at-large section leaders—Raymond Bailey, Clisby Wilson, James Olden, and Landon

Wakefield. As a result of this leadership in the band program under the direction of David Simpkins, the SHS marching, symphonic, and jazz bands have become a venue to showcase the musical talents of many of our students.

New from the Stands by the Band Alumni President



We are pleased to send the first 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. As a new organization we have some challenges in getting started; however the good news is we have received dues and other contributions from approximately 120 individuals and families from 12 states. Total contributions to date are in excess of \$2,700.00.

The alumni association's 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.

Please mark your calendars for the Spring Band Concert to be held May 6, 2007. We also hope to have a combined alumni dinner and

student awards presentation during May 2007. As plans are finalized, we will be letting you know. Please check the website for updates.

WE NEED MORE MEMBERS. You can read the current list of members elsewhere in this newsletter. If you do not see a friend or relative you feel should be a member, please feel free to pass a copy of this newsletter and encourage them to join. Annual Dues are \$15.00 for individual or \$25.00 for family.

Once again, thank you for your support.

Henry W. Nunnelley, President

2006-07 Officers	
<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>

SHS Alumni Band Financial Statement Income Statement	
Dues and Contributions	2,750.00
Interest Income	2.66
Total Revenues	2,752.66
Postage and Mailing	1,341.00
Web Hosting Expense	214.80
Total Expenses	1,555.80
Net Income	1,196.86
Balance Sheet	
Ending Balance.....	1,196.86
Beginning Balance.....	0.00
Net Cash Gain	1,196.86



CRAZY DAZE Rocked with the Half Million Dollar Band

Scenes from 2006 Fall Season



Homecoming Parade



Darlin' Devil Majorettes



Sylacauga Silks



David Simpkins – Band Director
Catie Simpkins – Band Front
Brandon Brown – Volunteer Assistant Director
David Hall – Assistant Band Director

Alumni Band Members

February 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	1965	Mrs. Marjorie M. (Mungall) Haigler
1945	James M. (Jimmy) Hare	1965	Ms. Betty (House) Aarhus
1945	Dr. John L. Fulmer	1966	Jan S. (Serviss) Wallis
1946	Jimmy T. Davis	1966	Mrs. Marilyn H. (Holt) Hardy
1946	Mary Sue McLain	1967	Danny L. Williams
1946	Thomas Douglas Riggins	1967	H. Howard White
1946	Mrs. Betty Ruth (Jones) Piette	1967	Ms. Jean B. Reed
1946	Mrs. Glenda V. (Vinson) Ivey	1969	Bill Hatcher
1946	Mrs. June Lessley (Lessley) Atkinson	1969	Mrs. E. Gail (Lusk) Posey
1947	George Richard Johnston	1970	James M. (Matt) Hare
1947	Mildred L. Campbell	1970	William H. Runge
1948	Edwin McCoy Ray	1970	Mrs. Alice Smith (Smith) Tylander
1948	Dr. Harold J. (Jack) Morris	1970	Mrs. Jane (McKinnon) Vaughn
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	1971	Mrs. Carol (Horton) Sprayberry
1950	Jeptha V. Greer	1972	Davida Belinda (Wood) Sanders
1950	Patrick W. (Pat) Newby	1972	Doyle C. Conville
1951	June (Simmons) Matthews	1972	Tina A. (Murphy) Salter
1951	Mrs. Dorris G. (Gentry) Stone	1972	Dr. Andrea K. (Kidd) Taylor
1951	Mrs. Sara Jean (Stuart) Russell	1973	Sue Ellen Johnston
1952	Berkley L. Rish	1974	George (Parky) Allen
1952	Catherine G. (Grice) McEwen	1974	Henry W. Nunnelley
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. (Hurst) Gautney
1960	Mrs. Janice (Blackmon) Menzies	1989	Mrs. Patricia G. (Gilbert) Massey
1960	Mrs. Nan E. (Wooten) Morrow	1993	Kacie Orton Bratton
1960	Travis Wesson	1994	Scott Williams
1961	CDR George C. Stewart	1995	James C. (Chad) Reams
1961	Mrs. Barbara B. (Barnes) Johnson	1995	Mrs. Melinda W. (Wadsworth) Neal
1962	Bettye Carroll Kreh	1996	Ms. Cammie D. Snowden
1962	Jane Coker Glasser	1998	Mandy Thompson Reams
1962	Josephine Tomlinson Hall-Blackwell	2000	Joshua L. Barnett
1963	Ernie W. Teaford	2001	Casey L. House
1963	Mrs. Sherry N. (Bonner) Arnold		