



ALUMNI BAND NEWS

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UCLA Alumni Band – Celebrating 35 Years of providing music for UCLA Athletics, Alumni, and football fanatics

June 30, 2011

2010 – 2011 RECAP

CELEBRATE A SUCCESSFUL *ALUMNI BAND YEAR*

A note from UCLA Athletic Director Dan Guerrero:



“My association with UCLA started in the 1960s, and although I played baseball, you could find me at the Coliseum every Saturday the Bruin football team played a home game. I realized then what I now know so well – what makes a game into an event and what transforms a sport into entertainment goes way beyond punts, points, and passes. It’s a combination of athletic performance, music, spirit, association, and competition that coalesce to define atmosphere. And I know I speak on behalf of Bruins everywhere who are appreciative of an organization that contributes so well to the atmosphere and ambiance of our football games and so many other Bruin events – our Alumni Band.

To Joel, Ed, and all the leaders in between, and to current and former members of the Alumni Band, a hearty thank you. I’m already looking forward to September and the start of next season, at which time I will listen and smile with gratitude at the volunteer musicians so dedicated to this University.”

~ Dan Guerrero

The Alumni Band did have a successful year due in large part to each of you who contributed your time (and playing) to our events. While football is still the dominant activity, our success is so much more.

Let us review the year.

BRUIN FOOTBALL HOME EVENTS

We began with our annual Rehearsal/BBQ at the ‘Hirsch Castle’, played at 6 home games at the Rose Bowl and finished it off with the Spring Football Scrimmage at UCLA.



Annual Rehearsal and BBQ August 28, 2010

This annual event allows us to read new tunes, practice more familiar tunes and get together for great camaraderie after rehearsal with a potluck BBQ. Families are encouraged to come and enjoy swimming and otherwise have a fun time.



**vs. Stanford University
September 11, 2010**

The first game of the season is always exciting and this was a conference game against Stanford University. Prior to each game the Alumni Band performs a pre-game concert in the Fan Zone at the Rose Bowl, including a set with the Spirit Squad.



**vs. University of Houston
September 18, 2010**

The first win of the season makes everyone feel better, especially against a top ranked team. It was only the beginning of becoming the champs of the state of Texas.



**UCLA Day at the LA County Fair
vs. University of TEXAS
September 25, 2010**

What a fun event this turned out to be. The UCLA Recreation Department organized the event. We played at the UCLA venue and watched our Bruins surprise Texas once more in Austin.



We will be at the Fair again this season on September 24th with this year's victims being the Oregon State Beavers.

**vs. Washington State University
October 2, 2010**

Our place in the stands at the Rose Bowl is marked out for all to see. Each band member and their guest receive free admission to the game.



**2010 UCLA Band Reunion
Homecoming**

**vs. University of Arizona
October 30, 2010**

Over 165 Band Alumni participated in the 11th Biennial Band Alumni Reunion on Saturday, October 30th at halftime of the UCLA vs. Arizona football game. The Halloween theme, featuring a medley of "Ghostbusters" and "Thriller" along with the UCLA Band and the Band Alumni wearing Halloween costumes, was well



received by the Rose Bowl crowd.

Despite a massive storm that rained all night and early

morning, the skies cleared just as the rehearsal began at 9:00 AM.

The Distance Award was presented to Peter Dames, who came all the way from Veldhoven, the Netherlands, and the Representative from the Earliest UCLA Class was presented to three band alumni – tuba player Peter Barrett, piccolo player Paul Hill (Alumni Band member) and Drum Major Kim Strutt, who all were in the UCLA Band in the 1950's.



vs. Oregon State University
November 6, 2010

During our pre-game activities, we play for the Football team as they 'walk through' the Bruin fans from the team buses to their locker room at the Rose Bowl.



vs. u\$ç
December 4, 2010



We sometimes stroll through the tailgaters to provide music and cheer to Bruin fans, as shown here, with the u\$ç pre-game revelers.

Spring Football Scrimmage
April 23, 2011

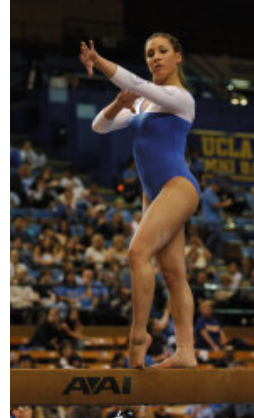
We were invited to play at this year's Spring Scrimmage at Drake Stadium and enjoyed providing entertainment for the many fans that attended this preview of the 2011 Bruins.



WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

01/09/11	PAC-10 Showcase
02/21/11	vs. North Carolina State
03/06/11	vs. Georgia and Arizona
03/19/11	PAC-10 Championships

Now we get into our season with Women's Gymnastics. And who but the "Official



Band of UCLA Gymnastics" would help the Bruins to another PAC-10 Title and a 2nd

Place finish at the NCAA – and doing this with some major injuries? With returning veterans and highly regarded recruits, we can expect more championships to come.

Here is a note from Head Coach Valorie Kondos Field:

"UCLA Gymnastics is extremely proud to be affiliated with the UCLA Alumni Band. My hope is that our team can bring the same unwavering enthusiasm and passion to their performances that the Alumni Band brings to every Gymnastics meet. GO BRUINS!"

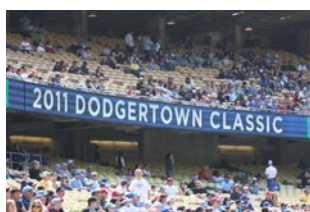
~ Miss Val"



BASEBALL

March 13, 2011

We performed at the 2nd Annual Dodgertown Classic baseball game vs. u\$ç at Dodger Stadium.



TOBERMAN CENTER GALA

April 9, 2011

The band performed at the Toberman Neighborhood Center's annual gala, which this year honored former Bruin great Bill Walton. This is always a fun



event. It started out with pizza dinner provided by Bill and Joyce Sharman, followed by performing at the event. Afterwards, we got to spend time with former basketball stars Bill Walton, Jamaal Wilkes and Lucius Allen. UCLA Athletic Director Dan Guerrero, former player and head coach Walt Hazzard and Hall-of-Famer Ann Meyers Drysdale were also in attendance.



*The Heart of a Champion
A Lifetime of Helping*

April 15, 2011

Dear UCLA Alumni Band,

Your dedicated passion made Toberman's Gala an overwhelming success AND added just the right amount of heart and soul. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to you all for the triumph of this special evening.

Kristy

Gloria Kellner
you are appreciated & loved!

Thanks!
Cindy

SPECIAL KUDOS

First, to you all who have used the on-line check-in for our gigs. It has made life a lot easier for our Music Director, Joel, and our President, Ed. Thank you to Harry Schned for making this available on our website, www.uclalumiband.org, managing it and also being our V.P.

Thank you to Rochelle Kellner, our Treasurer, and her check-in and Rose Bowl gate crew. Thanks also to Tom Drouet, retiring librarian, Carmen Rexach, membership, Marty Campman, properties (all the drinks at the Rose Bowl), Rebecca Panman, secretary, Carlos Sandoval, webmaster, Tony Solorzano, festivities, Leonard Auslander and Shirley McCombs Swayne, photographers, and Paul Hill, communications.

Also, to all you board members for helping to make the band function.

Joel Fierberg and Ed Hirsch are the ones who make the band go, and work with University officials, so we can have this wonderful opportunity to support our favorite school with our music.

Second Generation UCLA Marching Alumni Band Member by Luanne (Langevin) Olson UCLA '79

30 years after graduating from UCLA (1979) – in December, 2009, I was working with (*my son*) Andrew, a Senior at Whittier Christian Senior High School, to put together his audition CD for his UCLA Freshman pre-screen audition.

In January 2010, I was hand carrying the CD to Schoenberg Hall and got lost trying to find the Undergraduate Advisor's Office. I stepped into an open office to get directions, and the person standing in the office was Jennifer Judkins. Wow – she was the TA when I was in the Band, and she remembered my name!

With a notebook and CD that included pictures of Andrew playing his trombone with the Alumni Band, and a wonderful recommendation from Joel Fierberg in hand, Jennifer walked me to the Undergraduate Advisor's Office, and let me know that if Andrew had any trouble getting in as a trombone player, to let her know and she would help me with a Band appeal. Andrew had great grades, wonderful test scores, and an awesome 10-minute audition. He not only was accepted at UCLA, but he was offered a Marching Band Scholarship.



And, the rest, as they say...is history...

In the Fall, Andrew marched into the Rose Bowl and marched his first show ever in any marching band. Imagine having never marched before...and having your first show be with the 250-member UCLA Marching Band in the Rose Bowl! Mom watched from the stands



with the Alumni Band through a borrowed pair of binoculars, and if you looked closely you could see the tears of joy and pride! (These were amazingly captured in a photo by Shirley McCombs-Swayne.)

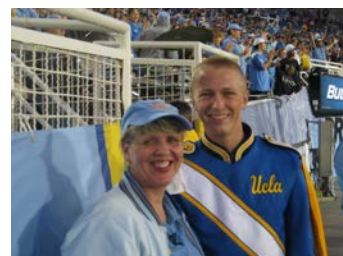
Mother and Son marched together this fall in the Homecoming Marching Band Thriller Show with Andrew in the bright orange Tigger costume, and became one of the first 'second generation', Mother and Son, to march in a show together in the Rose Bowl.



In November, Geof Strand wanted to introduce us to the Alumni Section, and brought us up on the podium during the 3rd Quarter of the football

game.

Andrew and his brother Matthew (trumpet) have grown up with the UCLA Alumni Band, and have been at the football games since they were infants. Andrew first played his trombone with the Band when he was in 7th grade, and continues to play with us even today. Andrew may have been the first player to graduate from the UCLA Alumni Band, and become a UCLA Marching Band member! We are so proud!!



UCLA EXTENSION GRADUATION

ROYCE HALL

June 28, 2011

We finished our performing year by playing at the UCLA Extension Graduation held at Royce Hall.



Story by Charlie Yacoubian

WOW...what a blast it was to be on the stage at Royce Hall. Who would have thought the Alumni Band would ever play on the same stage as some of the finest musicians in the world? After the graduation ceremony, we played several songs in front of the fountain at the top of Janss Steps while the graduates, family and friends celebrated the joyous occasion.



Yes, the gig had an early evening call time that put it smack dab in the middle of rush hour traffic, but it was well worth it. We had comped parking, reserved parking spaces for band members, a private rehearsal hall/green room and food...plus the band got



Dear all members of the UCLA Alumni Band!

We loved your performance at Royce Hall for the UCLA Extension Graduation! Everyone (Deans, Directors, audience) commented on what a great job you did, the fun, and of course, the good music!

Sincerest thanks and appreciation from UCLA Extension!

*Helen Williams
UCLA Extension*

a nice check that will go into our scholarship fund ...the Royce Hall staff treated us like royalty. I hope we get invited back!! For those of you who missed this gig, it is a perfect example of a non-football/non-gymnastics (non sporting) event that is a whole lot of fun to attend...see you at the next gig.



2011-2012 MEMBERSHIP



It is time to renew your membership. Membership forms are posted on our website, www.uclalumiband.org. You may fill in the form on line, print it out and send with your check to Treasurer, Rochelle Kellner at (please respond before Aug. 27th):

1935 Radclay Dr
Walnut, CA 91789-3531

Dues are the same, \$45. Remember, this includes free admission to all home football games for you and a guest – a \$506 season ticket value (253 per ticket x 2).

There is also a line enabling you to contribute to our UCLA Alumni Band Memorial Scholarship. We have a goal of \$50,000 and need about \$5,000 more to fill our commitment.

NEW ALUMNI BAND SHIRTS

UCLA Athletics is providing us with new Adidas shirts which are scheduled to be available at the Band Rehearsal/BBQ on August 27th. If you qualify – when you have attended at least 10 of the qualifying events listed on the calendar at the end of this newsletter – you will receive a 2nd free shirt. But you must be a paid member for the 2011-2012 year.

NEW MEMBERS 2010-2011

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Instrument</i>	<i>Year(s) Graduation</i>
Eilenberg	Bryce	Sax	2010
Schwalbe	Randy	Trombone	1978
Theil	Gordon	Trombone	1974 & 1977

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order for Patty Costner's April 9th wedding to Perry Schweder. And they are expecting a baby on August 31st.

IN MEMORIAM



David Keyes:

UCLA Alumni Band member and longtime friend of all, Dave Keyes, passed away from a heart attack in January.

Maurice Weiss:

An original Alumni Band member and still very active this year, passed in November, 2010. Maurice was a 1957 graduate with BS in Finance.

John Maloney:

John passed away April 5. He was a 1987 Graduate with a BA in History and was a member from 2008 to the present.

Barry Bertram:

Barry passed away at 98 years young in May. He had been a member consecutively since 1987. He graduated in 1935 with a BA in Economics and lived the last several years in Oakland, CA.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Safier:

We had another loss in our family. The mother of Dave Safier also passed away in May.

We send their families our heartfelt condolences.



2011 Band Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent/Event	Location	TV	Call Time	Band Shirt Qualification
	01/09/11	Women's Gymnastics			Done	Yes
	02/21/11	Women's Gymnastics			Done	Yes
	03/06/11	Women's Gymnastics			Done	Yes
	03/13/11	Baseball Dodgertown Classic			Done	Yes
	03/19/11	Women's Gymnastics PAC-10 Championships			Done	Yes
	04/23/11	Football Spring Scrimmage			Done	Yes
	06/28/11	UCLA Extension Graduation	Royce Hall		Done	No
Sat	08/27/11	Annual Rehearsal/BBQ #	Hirsch Castle	NA	9:00 AM	Yes
Sat	09/10/11	San Jose State #	Rose Bowl	PT	4:00 PM	Yes
Sat	09/17/11	Texas #	Rose Bowl	ABC	12:30 PM	Yes
Tues or Wed	09/21/11 or 09/22/11	UCLA Day at Dodger Stadium vs. SF Giants ** #	Dodger Stadium	NA	TBD	No
Sat	09/24/11	UCLA Day at the LA County Fair @Oregon St * #	Pomona Fair Grounds	TBD	TBA	No
Sat	10/08/11	Washington St * #	Rose Bowl	TBD	TBD	Yes
Sat	10/29/11	California * #	Rose Bowl	TBD	TBD	Yes
Sat	11/05/11	Arizona State * #	Rose Bowl	TBD	TBD	Yes
Sat	11/19/11	Colorado * #	Rose Bowl	TBD	TBD	Yes
Sat	12/03/11	PAC-12 Football Championship* **	Home Site of Div. Champion with Best Overall Record	TBD	TBD	No

* Conference **Tentative # Click link to respond

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