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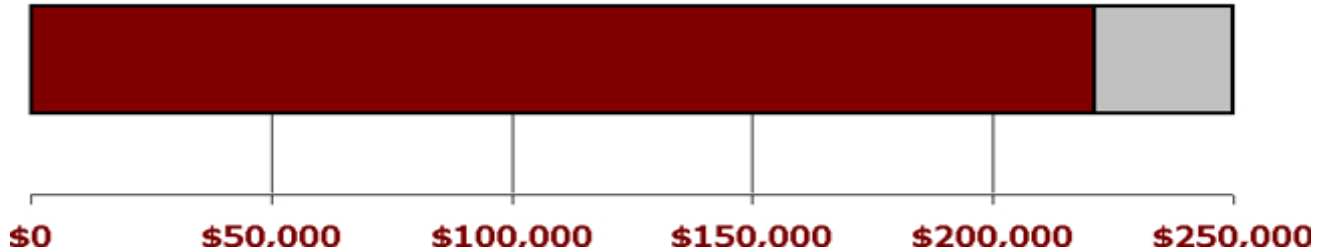
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THE MARCHING VIRGINIANS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

August 2004

Marching Virginians Endowment Campaign

Currently at **\$220,828 (88% of Goal)**



ENDOWMENT UPDATE

As this newsletter goes to press, the MV Endowment Campaign is moving toward a successful completion! As of today, we have topped the \$220,000 mark. With your generous support, we have raised over 88 percent of our goal! We have received gifts and pledges from 140 alumni, families, and friends, and 20 companies have made matching gifts.

The complete list of contributors to our campaign will be included in the commemorative pressbook that you'll receive at Homecoming.

The MVs are indebted to Evan Bohnen, Director of Development for the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, for his tireless efforts on your behalf. His guidance, outstanding professionalism, and enthusiasm have been noticed by all of us working on this campaign. A note from Evan is included in this mailing.

If you want to have your name on the MV Wall (Ed Gillikin will unveil the plans at Homecoming), you'll want to make your commitment as quickly as possible. We are optimistic of announcing a fully-funded endowment at Homecoming. Get involved! Get on the wall!

LEVELS OF GIVING

Place your name on the wall! Built adjacent to the MV tower, The Marching Virginians Endowment Wall will recognize those whose contributions support the future of The Spirit of Tech. Your name will be engraved on a plate acknowledging your support at one of the following levels:

Platinum Spirit of Tech level - \$10,000 or more

Gold Spirit of Tech level - \$5000-\$9999

Silver Spirit of Tech level - \$1000-\$4999

Orange Spirit of Tech level - \$500-\$999

Maroon Spirit of Tech level - \$250-\$499



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Greetings from Blacksburg

The past twelve months are simply a blur! The 2003 band was a thrill – right up until the decision not to take them to the bowl game. Ever gracious, University President and Mrs. Charles Steger held a reception for band members in April to thank them for their service and look ahead to bowl trips of the future! 36 pep band members enjoyed spring break (and the Big East Tournament) in the Big Apple at the conclusion of basketball season! During the spring, we held “Dinners with Dave” in Richmond and Nova, visiting with over fifty alums in those regions. Your MVAA board had a productive weekend in March and this organization continues to support the MVs in countless ways! The groundwork they continue to develop is impressive and appreciated beyond measure.

Summer, where have you gone? I’ve enjoyed visiting with many alums as we’ve moved toward the successful conclusion of our endowment campaign.

I’ve enjoyed catching up with your personal and professional accomplishments and seeing families grow and prosper! It is also great fun to celebrate EVEN MORE second-generation MVs! Provided auditions are successful (no pressure here!), we’ll have FOUR second-generation MVs on the field this fall. What terrific pride you must feel!

AND NOW, we get to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the band in October! What a thrill to take part in the largest assembly of musicians ever to cover Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. You can elect to sit on the sideline, but why would you? Each of you worked hard to make this anniversary happen – be a part of the celebration!

The McKees have had a busy summer. Charlotte and I enjoyed our second visit to Ireland, including hearing about 100 flute, accordion, pipe, and silver bands! Abby is playing flute in the Music Academy of the West in Santa Barbara and has one year remaining in her masters work at Rice University. Mandy will graduate from the College of William and Mary in May with an Art degree and plans to pursue graduate study in art education or art therapy. Scott will graduate next June from Blacksburg High School. He will likely study forestry and his schools of interest include Maine, Colorado State, and VT (no, we don’t get a discount!). While visiting schools this summer, we enjoyed catching up with marvelous alumni – Paul Shiffler and Kate Ziemer in Boston and Katie Corbin Walters in Fort Collins! FANTASTIC FUN!!!

After ten years of service to the MVs, Dr. Jay Crone will no longer be serving as Assistant Director this fall. Jay will be exerting more of his musical influence on our music majors. Dr. Patrick Casey, the new conductor of the University Symphonic Wind Ensemble, will be serving as musical mentor with the band in the coming season. We appreciate his support and I hope you will make every effort to make him feel welcome as he comes to Virginia Tech from Central Missouri State University.

With construction across campus, the ACC influence in athletics, and the words “performing arts center” being whispered loud each day, these are exciting times at your alma mater. Join us this fall! Please read and respond in a timely manner to the enclosed materials. You won’t want to miss a beat! See you in October!

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

The MVAA has secured a block of 100 rooms at the Wyndham Roanoke Airport Hotel for Homecoming weekend, Friday, October 15, and Saturday, October 16. This block will only be held until September 27.

For reservations, call the hotel directly at 800-996-3426 or 540-563-9300 or at

www.wyndham.com

Group members must identify themselves as members of the

Marching Virginians Alumni Association.

Cost is \$79 (plus tax) per night for Friday and Saturday.

**Check-in 3:00 pm, Check-out 12 noon
Space is limited! Make Plans Now!**

From the President

What a monumental year for the MVAA! This October marks two major milestones in the lives of the band and this growing group of committed alumni: the MV's 30th Anniversary and the first threshold in the Endowment Campaign. Please read this entire letter for details on the extended Friday night and post-game events that will make this year extra-special. It proves to be one of the most exciting yet, highlighting the **people** that have made this one of the most recognizable and appreciated groups on campus... YOU!

If you thought the fun, friendship and support of the band ended with your brief career in the MVs, think again. I want to remind you of the significant role you can play by providing a perpetual source of funds to support the band program for years to come. Your participation in the Endowment Campaign is simple, yet critical in the evolution of the MVs. I urge you to contemplate the longevity that an endowment creates for the band program and consider giving back to this great organization.

If you have already given, I thank you for your generosity and pledge to the future of the band.

If you are still thinking about giving or are unsure about whether your contribution will make a difference, I assure you every dollar is greatly appreciated. Your pledge can span five years, and can cost as little as "a lunch per week" to have your name added to the "Dedication Wall". Be sure to stick around after the game to see the unveiling of the wall design by our own "Chaka" Ed Gillikin!

The MVAA website, www.spiritoftech.com, is flourishing as a primary venue of information, communication, photos and other great stuff. If you are not currently enrolled to receive the latest Endowment Campaign, Homecoming and alumni activity news, I encourage you to visit and register. It is one of the main avenues to find old friends, make new friends, and get more involved with a rich part of your Tech experience. If you're like me, you'll find the flood of memories and forgotten good times come rushing back upon hearing from a former rank member or band mate.

I look forward to hearing from you over the coming months, and hope you will spend a weekend to honor the band and your friends at Homecoming this October. I know you'll be thrilled and enriched by the experience. See you this fall!

Go Hokies!

David Sielaty, Percussion, 1990

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Marching Virginians Endowment Drive Update

Congratulations on surpassing \$200,000 in gifts and pledges as you near your goal of \$250,000 for the charter Marching Virginians Endowment! As the 30th anniversary celebration of the Marching Virginians approaches this fall, I would like to congratulate and thank the many MV alumni, parents, and friends who have already pledged their generous support to the MVs.

If you have not yet pledged your personal gift to become a charter supporter of the MV Endowment, now is a great time to do so. All pledges are customized to fit your budget and can be paid over 3-5 years. You can receive more information (and a pledge card) on the endowment from one of our MV alumni volunteers, Dave McKee, or go to the MV website at www.spiritoftech.com/mvaa.

Who will now put the Marching Virginians over the goal...are our young alumni who will consider making Maroon (\$250) and Orange (\$500) pledges. I hope we will see a bunch of Maroon and Orange pledges over the fall months as we approach the MV's 30th anniversary and Homecoming festivities in October. As always, we will also celebrate more Silver (\$1,000) and Gold (\$5,000) pledges, too.

Everyone who gives or pledges \$250 or more to our charter efforts to establish the MV Endowment will be recognized "on the wall" that will be built next to the MV tower. This tribute will have some Hokie stone and will be available for all to view during practices and game day.

Please share the news with your MV friends and please consider your personal gift commitment to continue the proud traditions (and excitement) of the Marching Virginians!

P.S. I am available to answer any endowment or gift questions, too, at ebohnen@vt.edu or 540-231-8734. Evan Bohnen, Director of Development, College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

Alumni Ice Cream!

Are you a townie?

If so, we need your help with the MVAA Ice Cream at Band Camp. At the conclusion of afternoon rehearsal on Saturday, August 21, join other area alumni as we cool down those hot MVs after a full afternoon of marching, playing and learning their first show!

Catch us on the way to Fed-Ex

The MVs will take a few minutes to play for families, friends, and fans at Fair Oaks Mall in Fairfax enroute to the BCA Classic. Catch the MVs in the outer parking lot of Fair Oaks at 11:30 on the morning of August 28! The mall won't know what hit 'em!

Fall 2004!

Busy doesn't begin to describe the agenda for the 2004 Marching Virginians. After cranking it up for the BCA Classic in Maryland, the MVs return to Lane Stadium for four straight home games, followed by a trip to Wake Forest. During the week after Homecoming, the band will record their second CD! The month of November includes a trip to UNC-Chapel Hill and home games with Maryland and UVA. The Cavalier Marching Band will make their first visit to Lane Stadium in the chill of November. You won't want to miss that one!

And what are we doing musically? Music of Django, the Who, Styx, a classical show, and for Homecoming, the massive **1812 Finale** written by Uncle Jim for the 20th anniversary (wasn't that just yesterday?! You won't want to miss it!

THIRTY YEARS!

Regardless of when you were here, YOU ARE PART OF HISTORY! No matter how many (or how few) bowl games you attended, you remember the fun! No matter how many bus breakdowns you experienced, how many rainy rehearsals you endured, or how many times you danced the Hokie Pokie – YOU ARE PART OF HISTORY! Come celebrate the 30th anniversary of The Marching Virginians!

A terrific weekend is in the works! You can elect to be as busy or as sedate as you wish, but you won't want to miss –

**DID YOU GET OUR E-MAIL?
ARE YOU ON OUR E-MAIL LIST?**
GO TO: www.spiritoftech.com/mvaa
Be sure you stay up-to-date on MVAA activities, any schedule changes or big news by adding your email address to our list serve

Friday Night at the Wyndham – a chance to catch up with old friends, share memories, and listen to some great tunes played by alumni MV rock bands!

GAME DAY ACTIVITIES –

- You can drive or bus to the game
- You can march, march a little, or not march at all! We want you to participate!
- You can eat before the game! A box lunch is available.
- You can enjoy the post-game dinner and celebration in Rector Field House as we commemorate our 30th anniversary, the successful conclusion of our Endowment Campaign, the unveiling of designs for the Endowment Wall, and share remembrances of Roger Heath, the first director of The Marching Virginians.

Check the website (www.spiritoftech.com/mvaa) for updated information over the coming weeks. Jim Davis does a great job keeping information current so you can keep abreast of changes and additions. Although we suspect that the game will be played at 1 pm, with the control that television exerts we won't know the exact game-day schedule until ten days prior to the game.

Our deadlines are listed within the mailing and it is critical that you abide by those dates. We have a limited number of seats in the stadium and in the field house. Don't miss your opportunity to be part of history. Please read and respond as quickly as you can! Order your tickets with the enclosed order form TODAY! Encourage your friends to participate as well! Don't hesitate to call Dave if you have any questions, or check the website for updates and details!

The Roanoke Airport Wyndham Hotel

All guests will make reservations directly with the Hotel at local phone number (540) 563-9300, toll-free number 1-800-996-3426, or by contacting Wyndham at www.wyndham.com, on an individual basis, identify themselves as members of the group “Marching Virginians” to receive the Group rate.

Friday Night at the Wyndham is a cash-bar event, with musical entertainment by two MV-alumni rock bands. A great time to relax, catch up and enjoy the mountain of memorabilia (including lots of Bob White pictures) we’re shipping to Roanoke!

Transportation/Parking

Avoid the parking challenges of Game Day in Blacksburg. Take the bus round-trip right from the front door of the Wyndham! If you drive to Blacksburg, you’re on your own for parking!

Food

A box lunch is available prior to the game. The cost is \$6 and includes a sub, chips, cookie and drink. It will be served on the field!

Game Tickets

We have a block of 1300 tickets, so don’t delay in placing your order! \$37 per ticket, and everyone must have a ticket!

30th anniversary post-game celebration

Join us in Cassell Coliseum for dinner and our 30th anniversary program. Hear from Jim Sochinski, Harry Price, Dave McKee, Tony Distler, and others. Hear about the Endowment campaign, the Endowment Wall, and celebrate the day with families and friends.

Instruments

We have a limited supply (percussion, flags, tubas, a few trombones and horns). Please indicate your needs on the order form.

Attire

You’ll receive your 30th anniversary t-shirt when you get here. The rest is up to you!

To march or not to march?

Three options – the full show will include the run-on into the state of Virginia, Superman, the abbreviated version of Carry Me Back, as well as the Hokie Pokie and the 1812 Finale. If you’re not up to that, select the second option – you’ll join the block for the Hokie Pokie and the finale. The third option is sitting in the stands (boo!)

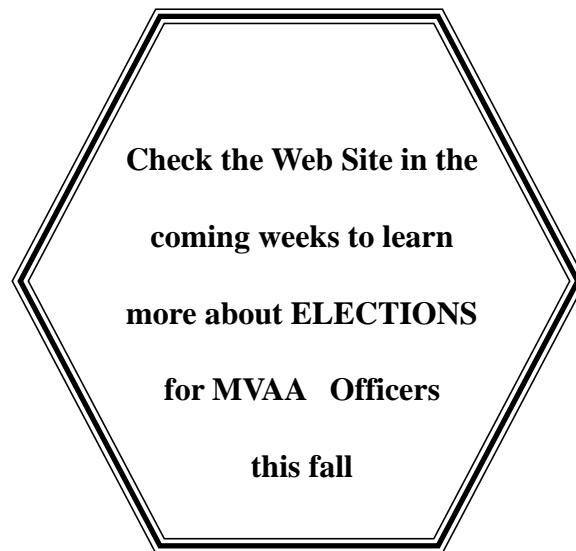
Music

Field music will be on-line prior to the event. You can actually download your part and practice if you wish!

Saturday, October 16 – GAME DAY

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

7:15	Load bus, Wyndham Roanoke Hotel
7:30	Depart for VT
8:15	Arrive at field - light refreshments, organized
9:00-10:00	Alumni band rehearsal
10:00-10:30	MVs join rehearsal
10:30	Lunch (box lunch available)
11:45	MVs warm up and march to stadium
12:00	MV Alumni march to stadium
12:15	MVs in the stands
1:00	Kick-off – VT vs. Florida A & M
5:00-7:00	Post-game dinner/reception/presentation
8:00	Bus departs for Wyndham Roanoke Hotel
9:00	Bus arrives in Roanoke



THE MARCHING VIRGINIANS 30th ANNIVERSARY
October 15-16, 2004

Return this form with your check payable to

MARCHING VIRGINIANS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

By September 15
(remember, tickets may sell out earlier!)

Ann Marie Gillikin
3021 Nicosh Circle, #1201
Falls Church, VA 22042

Questions?

Please contact Ann Marie at
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703-849-8009

On-line registration via Pay-Pal is also available. Check the
website for details.

Check the MVAA website for updates and further information:
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