

THE MARCHING VIRGINIANS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

July 2002

FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's that time again - time of excitement and anticipation for the coming football season and to begin making plans for Homecoming 2002. Our group is ever-growing. Each year we average about 100 new alumni. This year, 73 graduates joined the Marching Virginians Alumni Association, which now stands over 1600 strong. And with numbers like that comes strength to help support the MVs even more.

Last March the MVAA board met in Blacksburg to make decisions about the future direction of the organization. We discussed various ways MV alum can get involved. You will find details and many options in this newsletter.

For example, you can support the new MVAA-sponsored *Spirit of Tech* award that has been established for outstanding citizenship, or you can support the campaign for an endowed professorship to protect the future of our organization by ensuring that we always have the highest caliber of leadership (read more about that in Dave's message).

Since life can become more involved when you get older, our annual get-together becomes even more important to help you keep in touch with your college friends. See the "Top 10" reasons why you should join us this year and return the enclosed registration form. You can print additional forms (for your friends) from the MVAA web site - www.spiritoftech.com. And while you're there, register for the email list - no "spam" - only updates on Homecoming and MVAA activities.

Finally, I encourage you to join us for the MVAA annual meeting on the MV field. Game time will be uncertain for quite a while, so check the website before the event for the exact time. It is important that you attend since we will be having the election of officers. Since this will be my last Homecoming as President, I'd like to thank everyone for giving me this opportunity to lead such a tremendous group. I look forward to seeing you at Homecoming 2002!

Stay in Touch!
Betsy Rose
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MVAA Sponsors Travel Awards

Two current members of the MVs are taking part in music seminars this summer with the support of Travel Awards from the Marching Virginians Alumni Association. Chris Fraker and Thomas Galyen will participate in intensive musical training that will undoubtedly benefit their entire sections when they return to campus in the fall.

Chris Fraker, a senior Music Performance major from Richmond, is attending the Domaine Forget Music Academy in Montreal to study tuba. Initially a math major at Virginia Tech, Chris began taking private lessons during his freshman year and ultimately became a music major. A student of Jay Crone, Chris has played in the MVs throughout his career and served as Executive Officer during the 2000-2001 academic year. He has also been a member of the Wind Ensemble, Symphony Band, Pep Band, Orchestra, and Blue Ribbon Brass.

Thomas Galyen, a junior Music Education/Performance major from Midlothian, is attending the Leigh Howard Stevens Summer Marimba Seminar 2002. An outstanding percussionist, Thomas is the third Galyen brother to attend Tech to major in music (you may know Danny and Tim). He has served as rank captain in the percussion section of the MVs for two years and is an active member of virtually every ensemble on campus. In addition to his outstanding percussion work, Thomas has distinguished himself in the third clarinet section of the University Wind Symphony!

Your contributions make these awards possible!

VISIT THE WEBSITE

www.spiritoftech.com/mvaa

Jim Davis continually updates and revises the information available to you on the MVAA website. Visit often for the latest news from Blacksburg, events in your area, and alumni mailing lists.

Greetings from Blacksburg

Although Mike's Grill is closed, avoiding the myriad construction projects across the campus and region seems to keep us occupied. We're planning a busy fall with eight home games and plenty of new activities. The new main entrance at the southwest corner of Lane Stadium will provide us with a natural venue for the introduction of pre-game concerts. We play games on four different days of the week this season, including two Sundays, a Thursday and Wednesday – and we don't play a Saturday game until mid-October! Wow – how things change!

Several special events are planned for the fall and we're looking forward to your presence on campus. You'll certainly want to be here when we announce the *Spirit of Tech* award at Homecoming. In addition, alumni will once again serve ice cream to the band during Band Camp and we are finalizing details for the Rick Blood dedication (see other article).

The MVAA Board met in March and continue to expand the alumni presence during the year. We've invited three alums to visit the band – Mark Haston, one of our first drum majors, will be here early in the season to greet the band, followed by Betsy Rose (president of the MVAA) and Bonnie MacCubbin (first president of the MVAA).

I often hear alumni ask how they can help. We're fortunate that the university takes good care of the MVs. We're moving BACK to the old field (now inside the track), and the Athletic Department has been instrumental in getting our new tower approved/built and the entire move facilitated. Repairs were completed on our 25th anniversary sousaphones this spring, and the daily-use sousaphones also had maintenance work done. Although our woodwinds are next on the purchase list, we're in good shape in most regards. Our percussion equipment is in excellent condition thanks to corporate support from Yamaha, Sabian, and Vic Firth. We purchased new PA equipment last year, and our golf cart has made transportation of equipment less of a concern.

So, what can you do? I suggest that you think about the past and the future of this band. As we approach the 30th anniversary in 2004, I'm reminded that we aren't getting any younger. With Abby and Mandy both in college and Scott beginning his sophomore year in high school, Charlotte and I are living proof of this fact.

The MVAA Board has extensively discussed the manner in which this group can affect the band in the future. The new *Spirit of Tech* award is a direct result of those talks. The next step, in my mind, is clear. I believe we should insure the future of the MVs by protecting the leadership. I believe we should endow the leadership position.

Why an endowment? An endowment will help to attract a strong pool of candidates for the position in the future. It will create a prestigious position within the university community. It will enhance the financial package the university can offer to a prospective candidate. Most importantly, it will demonstrate the commitment and appreciation of the alumni to the band.

In the coming months, the MVAA will announce a campaign to fund a \$250,000 Endowed Professorship in Music to support the Director of The Marching Virginians. Our goal will be to complete the campaign by the Fall of 2004, in time to announce the endowment at the 30th anniversary celebration. Because of other development projects on campus, we will not begin an actual fund drive for several months.

This is not about me. Rather, it is about the future of the Marching Virginians. In proposing this to the MVAA board and presenting it to you in this format, I've continually asked myself several questions - Where will the band be in 2015? Will your kids be in the band in 2015? What can we do to insure the continued success of the MVs?

We are indeed thinking big - not a bad thing for this band or this organization. If you have questions and concerns, please let me know. I believe this is the right path for our alumni to insure the continued success of the MVs.

I hope you have a great summer! Join us this fall as we continue to celebrate *The Spirit of Tech!*

The Marching Virginians Alumni Association Mission Statement

- To foster a spirit of interest and cooperation among band alumni toward the University.
- To support The Marching Virginians and its director.
- To encourage acquaintance and fellowship between alumni and current band members.
- To strive for greater recognition of The Marching Virginians.
- To be constantly alert for, and to stimulate the discovery of, potential talent in high school band members for The Marching Virginians.
- To create good will for The Marching Virginians.
- To encourage respect for the high standards that The Marching Virginians strive to uphold.

MVs to Honor Rick Blood

On November 2 at the VT vs. Pittsburgh game, the MVs will pay tribute to Richard Blood (electrical engineering '87). Rick was a member of the MVs during his Virginia Tech career. He was Virginia Tech's only confirmed alumnus to have died in the September 11 attacks.

During pregame, the MVs will dedicate the presentation of the Colors to the Blood family. A brief on-field ceremony will include members of Rick's family.

Ed Gillikin is coordinating this event. Please contact Ed if you have any questions. (804) 741-0218 home e-mail: kedgillikin@msn.com

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

The MVAA has secured a block of rooms at the Wyndham Roanoke Airport Hotel for Homecoming weekend, Friday, October 18, and Saturday, October 19. For reservations, call the hotel directly at 540-563-9300 and mention the Marching Virginians block. Cost is \$89 (plus tax) per night for Friday and Saturday. Space is limited, so make your reservations now!

Top 10 reasons to attend Homecoming 2002!

10. To experience 11,000 new seats with the MVs directly in your face!
9. To catch up with old friends and re-acquaint yourself with your mouthpiece.
8. To experience the revival of the old practice field with a NEW tower.
7. To see if you can still do *The Hokie Pokie* without hurting yourself!
6. To watch your kids dance *The Hokie Pokie* with you!
5. To be part of history!
4. To celebrate 25 years of great music and great leadership!
3. To have FUN!
2. To honor 25 years of great music and great vision!
1. Because you NEED to be here!

New MVAA-Sponsored Award Established

A new award will be presented at the Bandquet this year, sponsored by The Marching Virginians Alumni Association. *The (named) Spirit of Tech Award* will be a \$1000 award given to a band member who has demonstrated outstanding citizenship and dedication during their career as an MV. In order to be considered for the award, students must have participated in the MVs for at least four years and will be required to submit an application. Dave McKee and Jay Crone will submit up to five finalists to the MVAA Board for a final decision.

Betsy Rose, President of the MVAA, will make the initial presentation of the award at the Bandquet in January 2003. The award will be named at Homecoming 2002 (yet another reason to attend!)

If you are interested in contributing directly to this award, please contact Dave.

Treasurer's Report

Ann Marie Gillikin, treasurer

Beginning Balance (10/01)	\$ 3,729.77
Deposits:	\$ -0-
Expenses:	
Returned Check Fee	\$ 5.00
Total Expended	\$ 5.00
Ending Balance (5/31/02)	\$ 3,724.77

Giving to The Marching Virginians

Financial support from alumni and friends of Virginia Tech is essential to maintaining the quality of a Virginia Tech Education. The Office of University Development is the fund-raising arm of Virginia Tech.

Over the past few years, The Marching Virginians have enjoyed rapidly increasing support from alumni, family and friends. In the year 2000, the band received over \$16,000 in support from alumni, in the form of one-time gifts, pledge payments and matching gifts.

This support is critical to the growth and educational development of the band, particularly in supporting equipment purchases and extended travel opportunities for the MVs. The formalization of the Marching Virginians Alumni Association (MVAA) several years ago was a direct result of interest expressed by band alumni to support the organization.

The best way to contribute to the band is an outright gift to the Virginia Tech Foundation. You should send a note with your check or make a notation directly on the check that you want your gift designated to **The Marching Virginians**. If you respond to a direct mailing or phone solicitation, a percentage of your gift reimburses the Office of University Development for expenses incurred in the solicitation.

For further information, please contact:

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Daniel Palmer, Assistant Director of Development, College of Arts and Sciences, 540-231-8739

The Marching Virginians 2002 Schedule

AUG	16-24	Band Camp
	25 (Sun)	Arkansas State (<i>Halftime</i>)
SEPT	1 (Sun)	LSU (2:30 pm) (<i>Halftime</i>)
	12 (Thur)	Marshall (<i>Pregame</i>)
OCT	19	Rutgers <i>Homecoming</i>
	26	Temple <i>Band Parents Day</i> (<i>Halftime</i>)
NOV	2	Pittsburgh (<i>Pregame</i>)
	20 (Wed)	West Virginia (<i>Halftime</i>)
	30	Virginia (<i>Pregame</i>)

2000-2002 MVAA Board

Betsy Rose, President
David Sielaty, President-Elect
Cindy Stephenson Bowman, Secretary
Anne Marie Gillikin, Treasurer
Jim Davis, Technology Officer
Clay Davis, Member-at-Large (74-79)
Ed Gillikin, Member-at-Large (80-84)
Chris Bovee Wilson, Member-at-Large (85-89)
Dave Whiteside, Member-at-Large (90-94)
Emily Poti, Member-at-Large (95-99)
Mike Day, Member-at-Large (2000+)

Vic Stewart, Ex-Officio (Past President)
David McKee, MV Band Director

In recent months, the MVAA installed two new Members-At-Large – Emily Poti (1995-99) and David Whiteside (1990-94). Thanks to both of these folks for their service!

We will have elections at Homecoming 2002. President-Elect David Sielaty will be installed as the new president. We are soliciting nominations for several positions, including President-Elect. Check the website in the coming weeks for further details.

Whatever Happened to? ? ? ?

The XO's were much more difficult to track down than the Drum Majors (must be that "working behind the scenes" mentality). Here's updated information on those marvelous contributors to the MV's who I had contact with:

Paul Willard, 1975-76 – After finishing Tech in 78 I worked in the area for a short time before my entry into the US Air Force. I spent a career working with missile systems, (it's a key not a button) negotiating contracts for purchasing aircraft, communications equipment, and all kinds of stuff. I spent time in California, Colorado, Texas, Arkansas, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Ohio. A few quick trips on exchanges to Britain and Japan. Got my Masters Degree from U. of Arkansas and another from Webster U. in St. Louis. I married a few years after graduation and have three children, Lindsay, 16, Adam, 13, and Alle, 9. Alle and Adam live with me and Lindsay lives with her Mother. I divorced shortly after leaving the service and moved back to the Roanoke area as it provided a safe place to be a single parent with small kids. The bonus is we go to all the Tech games. The kids love the area and are true Maroon Hokies! I am teaching school now and in spite of all it takes I love it. When things settle down I might work on a Ph.D. from Tech. Right now still trying to keep up the kids, school, and life. Over the years I have managed to visit Tech at least once a year. It's been great to watch the program grow with the band and the football team. Of course I was a Hokie when Hokie wasn't cool! Now everyone want's to be one and they are crowding me at the ball games!!!!

Pattie McCubbin, 1978-79 - married Glenn Fowler in 1979; stayed at VT while Glenn finished his PhD in Electrical Engineering; living in New Jersey since, except for a 1-year stint in California; one daughter, Stephanie, who graduated from high school this year. Patty has been teaching nursery school since 1986.

Bob White, 1980-81 – married, two kids, new house, on the road a lot; still taking pictures for the MV's! See last newsletter for the complete story!

Denny Brown, 1981-82 - working in the nuclear business since graduation; owns a small nuclear quality/safety consulting company that keeps him on airplanes 40 weeks a year. Has been married for seven years with no kids. Currently living on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

Andy Kellogg, 1982-84 - Andy graduated in 1984 with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering. That summer he joined the Staff of Campus Crusade for Christ. It was there he met his future wife, Miss Catherine Belcher from The University of Connecticut. Andy began working in the Computer Services Office of the World Headquarters of Campus Crusade, located in San Bernardino, California, in April of 1985. One year later he married Catherine – 16 years ago this August. In 1989 Andy became a father to Kathryn Noreen (Kat). She's now 13. In 1991 Campus Crusade moved its World Headquarters to Orlando, Florida, and the three Kellogg's moved out of Southern California with much glee. In 1992 Andy became a father again, to Rebecca Elizabeth (Becca), now 10. In 1997 Andy left his position as Manager of Business and Data-Com Systems for the World Headquarters, and became the Director of Technology for the Campus Ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. That year Andy became a father for the third time when Rachel Andrea came into the world. She is a proud 4 _ years old. Just this month Andy has again changed positions within Campus Crusade, removing himself from the Campus Technology Team and likely taking a position in the Office of the President of Campus Crusade for Christ. Every now and then Andy pulls out his trumpet, mostly to amaze the girls and play for weddings.

Mike Eggleston, 1984-85 - married to Ramona for 10 years and has a six year old daughter named Olivia who will be starting first grade this fall; working for General Electric since graduation - currently manages a plant in Florence, SC that manufactures superconducting magnets for GE Medical Systems' MRI business; will start working on executive MBA at Duke this January. Actively plays the piano and sings in the church choir.

Kate Ziemer, 1986-88 After seven years in the corporate world, Kate returned to school to earn a PhD in Chemical Engineering; graduated from West Virginia University in 2001 and accepted an Assistant Professor position at Northeastern University in Boston. Currently teaching sophomores and pursuing research interests (and funding!) in the area of semiconductor materials and processing; still adjusting to life in "the big city", but loves New England, her students, and finding life a continuous adventure!

Rachel Townsend Cauley, 1990-91 - Rachel and Chris live in Boulder, CO, with five-year-old daughter Rebecca, and are expecting a son - probably as this newsletter goes to press. Rachel is a stay-at-home mom, an active freelance musician in the Boulder area and teaches 8-10 students.

Brian Williams, 1991-92 - recently married, working for GE Aerospace in Cincinnati

Pete Macedo , 1996-97 - After graduating in 1997, Pete earned a MA in Instructional Technologies in 1998, from VT, and is currently working on a PhD in the same discipline. In addition to his studies, he works as a consultant, focusing in product assessment and web-based instructional design. His PhD will focus on the educational uses of virtual environments. His continued enrollment gives him the privilege of playing tuba in the MV's for a 10th season. In addition to his studies, he spends his time pursuing the local cuisine of Blacksburg, and traveling as much as possible.

George Herrmann, 1997-98 - Graduated in 1999 and began teaching choir in Patrick County, VA. After a brief stay, he moved to Loudoun County, where he is preparing to open a new high school as the band director. He will also finish up a Masters degree in School Administration in July. He has a daughter who was born this past October; recently purchased a home in Winchester.

Elayne Williams, 1998-99 - After teaching band at Christiansburg Middle School for the past three years, Elayne has accepted a teaching position in Oak Park, California. She will begin her trans-continental trek this summer and begin working in the fall.

Mike Day, 1999-2000 - Lives in Leesburg, where he and his fiance recently bought their first house. He currently works for Freddie Mac in McLean, VA as a Senior IT Auditor. Mike has been busy of late preparing for his wedding on June 29th to Kristen Yorgey, a fellow MV from 1995-1999. Mike has served on the MVAA Board as the Member-at-Large for the graduating classes of 2000-200?.

Chris Fraker, 2000-2001 - completing his Music Performance degree. See other article about his summer music experience in Canada!

Gammy Pereira, 2001-2002 - Graduated in December and spent 3 months looking for a job. Now working as a sales account manager for US Airways in Crystal City and living in Alexandria.