

Dear UNM Band Alumni and Friends:

Greetings from the band office at UNM! It is my pleasure to greet you through this letter and invite you to the 7th annual UNM Alumni Band Event featuring the music of Michael Jackson!

First, I hope you will join me in welcoming Professor JD Shaw to our faculty. JD will be teaching horn here at UNM as well as assisting with the athletic bands. You may know him as a founding member of the Boston Brass or perhaps as the music caption head for the Phantom Regiment. I encourage you to Google his name and see what experience and knowledge he brings to UNM!

I'm happy to report that we continue to grow and improve the band program. Since your event last year, the Spirit Marching band has grown to 215 members! Making room for this number of students has been a challenge. We have made several purchases in an effort to equip an ensemble of this size. Thanks to funding from the President and Provost, we are the proud owners of 30 more uniforms, a new section of mellophones, baritones and a complete front ensemble. Our next project is to secure funding for 25 new sousaphones. Stay tuned!

A special thanks to the alumni band board and retiring president Derek Warren for their efforts over the past two years. Steve Snowden will be taking over the reins as specified in the alumni band constitution. The entire group will be selecting new board members at this year's event. If you have an interest in being more involved with our association, please call Steve at (505) 990 3240 or e-mail him at scsjrtuba@msn.com(.

You may be interested to know the SMB program of shows for the fall. This year our performances will include a "Tribute to Frank Sinatra," a "Celebration of America," the "Music of Michael Jackson," and a "Salute to the Band 'Journey.'" Care has been taken to ensure that all of our arrangements are of the highest quality, and have been prepared specifically for the Spirit Marching Band.

Now back to the business of this letter. The 7th annual Alumni Band Event will be held in conjunction with UNM homecoming on Friday and Saturday **October 23rd and 24th**. Our event will begin with a reception on Friday, October 23rd. Please meet us at the reception in the Student Union (6:00 pm) and then join us for a no host dinner at 8:00pm at Saggio's (pizza, Italian). The Saturday schedule is attached to this letter and includes rehearsals, a business meeting, lunch with the SMB, a halftime performance at UNM vs. UNLV, and, of course, the infamous UNM Alumni Band pre-game Prowl. The Board has adjusted the times and activities of the event, so be sure to look over the attached schedule. Also, anyone that would like to be a part of the event, but may not be able to physically participate in all activities is most definitely welcome!

Like last year, the registration for the event is \$10.00 payable to the UNM Bands the afternoon of the 24th. For your registration fee you will receive an official UNM Alumni Band polo shirt, admittance to the football game and access to all of the activities listed above. Please fill out the attached registration form and mail it to the address listed on the document. The SMB staff has requested that you send in your registration and instrument request form no later than October 16th. The sooner we receive your form, the easier it is to plan and equip the event. We hope you will join us this October! If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 505 277 4036.

GO LOBOS!

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