And now… Michigan Technological University loudly–er, proudly–presents living proof of the Second Law of Thermodynamics!


That’s right ladies and gentlemen. This is the first edition of the Huskies Pep Band annual newsletter. This project has been in the works for a few months now, and were are proud to let you take the very first look.

Inside you will find pictures, articles, and other interesting pieces of information to keep you up to date on the activities of the band. We will be including reoccurring segments, such as the Legacy of Stripes, as well as featured articles written by members of the band themselves.

A few of us have scoured through every MTU annual since the 1930s and attempted to pull out names of former band members. The best way, however, for this to reach as many alumni as possible is to have you, the reader, distribute this to other band members you have kept in touch. Who knows, this might kindle up some old friendships (or flames!) that have been missing since your days as a member.

So, sit back, relax and enjoy, This is going to be fun. Don’t forget to print a copy and stick it in your bathroom for all of your guests to enjoy as well!

Matt Jones
Editor
3rd Year Concussion

A review of 2009-2010 Band Stats:

- Band Members: 243
- Largest Section: Concussion (47 members)
- Athletic Events: 56
- Community Events: 12
- Tuning: 104 dB (measured on podium)
- Fight Song: 129 dB (measured on podium)
- Student Directors: Kenny Barnt & Neil Wisniewski
- Semi-conductors: Chris Valliere & Drew Maki
Road Trip: A Grand Adventure

Following an energetic Bandarama! in the Rozsa Center on October 2, 100 members of the Huskies Pep Band squeezed into two busses and drove through the night to Grand Rapids, Michigan for the Battle at the Ballpark football game vs. Ferris State.

We arrived at Fifth Third Ballpark to crash the Alumni Tailgate Party and entertain faculty, alumni, and parents with classic tunes from our vast musical repertoire. At the tailgate, President Mroz fulfilled a lifelong dream of yelling “FIGHT SONG!!! 1…2…1…2…”

With drums a-bangin’, horns a-blarin’, and flaming ‘Rumpets a-flamin’, we led a parade of diehard Huskies fans to the stadium. The Huskies took an early lead - inspiring chants of “Sherman Ballpark! Sherman Ballpark!”

Our much anticipated halftime show brought Michigan Tech’s famed geekdom to a new level with a “Tribute to Internet Phenomena.” The show paid homage to the viral internet videos like “Chocolate Rain,” “Numa Numa,” and “Dramatic Chipmunk,” while taking jabs at Twitter, World of Warcraft, and Kayne West.

After the game, the Ferris State Pep Band joined forces with us for a post-game concert on the field. The high-energy music kept drawing encores and eventually security told us to leave because we were preventing them from locking up by keeping the crowd there!

Whether it is at home or on the road, we will always be “The Cream of the Keweenaw, The Pride of PastyLand, The Second Best Feeling in the World… Your Huskies Pep Band!”

Matthew Barry
3rd Year Alto Saxophone

Rob Smith shows off both his trumpet playing and pyrotechnic engineering skills at Fifth/Third Ballpark.
The Legacy Of Stripes: Genealogy, Huskies Pep Band style.

Ray Jorgenson ’87, trombone, is the father of Lydia Jorgenson, flute.

Howard Haselhuhn ’86, and Amy (Wolfe) Haselhuhn ’86, flute, are the parents of Stephanie Haselhuhn, concussion.

Melissa (Orr) Wojciechowski, ’89, trumpet, is the aunt of Liz Cloos, accordion.

Robert Aho, ’74, trombone, is the father of Anne Aho, concussion.

Greg Karlovits ’09, tenor sax and student director, is the brother of Spencer Karlovits, bass.

Have a family connection through the band or know of any others? Contact the editor at mrjones@mtu.edu with the names, years, and instruments so it can be included in the next issue.

Location, Location, Location!

If you attended a hockey game this past season you noticed some big changes in the John McInnes Student Ice Arena and SDC. Although the energy and atmosphere of the intimate feel we love at hockey games is as still there, the arena now sports a modern and unified look.

“When we decided to make improvements to the arena a high priority was to ensure that the atmosphere within the arena was kept intact,” says Suzanne Sanregret, Athletic Director. “Our goal was to create a modern atmosphere that was appealing to fans and was competitive with other teams in our league.”

Phase one and two of the renovations are complete and included new black and gold chairs, epoxy flooring, handicap accessible seating at ice level, 10 private suites, 4 group suites, and a wall of fame area on the west end of the arena.

If you are familiar with Michigan Tech hockey you will also immediately notice the band is no longer on the west end balcony. Instead, this space is now an open viewing area with a hockey wall of fame and new suites overhead, all of which provide fans with new types of social interaction. The decision to move the band was not taken lightly.

“We wanted to find a great place for our band, especially when the Huskies are the best band in the WCHA,” says Sanregret.

After consultation with Nick Enz, the decision was made to temporarily move the band to Section P with the director and percussion atop the McLeod Skybox until renovations to the east end are complete.

Future renovations are to include, a revamped east end of the Ice Arena which will feature a new concourse, more suites, and a permanent home for the Huskies Pep Band complete with an acoustic shell and built-in risers.

Ashli Sniegowski
3rd Year Alto Saxophone
From the Director…

As this school year comes to close, I’m amazed how quickly it went by and how much we accomplished. In a little over 8 months, the band travelled to Grand Rapids, Michigan, played at two weddings and our first ever funeral (a moment of silence please…). We entertained football crowds with halftime tributes to “Internet Phenomena” and “Those #1 Hit Songs That Make You Groan,” performed at total of 68 events, and travelled with the women’s basketball team to the NCAA Elite 8 Tournament in St. Joseph, Missouri – all while maintaining a cumulative GPA of 733.86!

The Michigan Tech Huskies Pep Band represents a university tradition unlike any other. From its humble beginnings in 1928 under the baton of E. E. Melville, the Second Best Feeling in the World has become one of the most recognized bands in all of college hockey. The band served as the host band to the WCHA Final Five Hockey Tournament in 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009.

Traditions like this are built from years of dedication, enthusiasm, and quality humor. The band today is still delivering decibels to crowds and intimidating opposing teams, but it was your energy and personality that paved the way for the band of today. For this, we owe you greatly - at least a pint at The Library!

Here’s to many more years to come!!

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