

Miami Alumni Band Connection



Fall '08



Your Connection to Miami

Join the Miami Alumni Band for a fun and memorable Homecoming Weekend

MUAB Gearing up for Homecoming 2008

Another football season is here, and Miami fans will be filling the stands at Yager Stadium for another exciting and challenging year.

Football season is a great time to return to campus to cheer on Miami and visit with old friends. We invite you to join the Miami University Alumni Band (MUAB) when it marches prior to the Homecoming game on Oct. 25.

Homecoming gives us the opportunity to return to the field to march in a relaxing and fun environment. We can come together to play the *Miami Fight Song*, the *Scalp Song* and *William Tell* again. It is a memorable day filled with music, friends, and fun.

Although it has been a long time since many of you have marched, we encourage everyone to give it another try. Even if you can't march, please join us in cheering on the RedHawks and the Marching Band.

The MUAB also has received a special invitation to march from Shriver Center to Gaskill Hall, where we will perform as part of the campaign kickoff ceremony for the new Bicentennial Student Center (BSC).

There is plenty to experience for all Alumni Band members during Homecoming Weekend. The familiar rites and traditions return – from the Friday night bonfire, to the Saturday night reception and the Sunday morning game of Ultimate Frisbee. You are welcome to any and all MUAB Homecoming festivities.

Check out the complete schedule and event descriptions on page two and make your plans to join us.

Event updates and registration are available on the MUAB Web site – www.MiamiAlum.org/AlumniBand. Registration may also be completed by mailing the form on page three. Direct your questions to Ray and Doug.

Our goal is to keep growing the performing group of the MUAB to reach



at least 200 in 2009, honoring Miami University during its bicentennial year.

We look forward to the resumption of the performing Alumni Band and will see you in Oxford this fall!

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Homecoming 2008 - Tentative Schedule

Event descriptions available on page 2

Friday, Oct. 24

6 p.m. - Bonfire at Dogwood Park

Saturday, Oct. 25

9:30 a.m. - Registration at west end of Millett

10 a.m. - Rehearsal at west end of Millett

11:30 a.m. - Bus to Shriver for BSC Kickoff

1:30 p.m. - Lunch, tailgating at MUAB Tent

3 p.m. - Step Right Off! (Yager Stadium)

3:30 p.m. - Football game versus Kent State

7 p.m. - Reception at Marcum Center

Sunday, Oct. 26

10 a.m. - Ultimate Frisbee (Havighurst fields)

Noon - Lunch at Skyline Chili.

A note from newly elected MUAB Vice President, Doug Cutler

Recruitment Remains Vital to MUAB Goals

Hello everyone and welcome to the 2008 football season. I can't believe it's already here. I've been longing for this time of year since we left Ford Field in December 2007 following the MAC Championship game.

I graduated from Miami in 2004, having spent three years on the drumline and one year on the band staff. I was a member of Kappa Kappa Psi, and, as many of you already know, I'm hardcore when it comes to Miami Athletics. I'm currently living and working in Columbus, Ohio, where I'm also serving as the Columbus Alumni Chapter President.

As Ray and Norm have established over the last few years, we are constantly

trying to recruit members for our "200 in 2009" campaign.

As a personal goal for 2009, I am hoping that as a recent graduate I can lure some of our younger alumni back to Miami for both Homecoming and Alumni Weekend (June 18-21) in 2009. The continued growth and success of the MUAB depends on the involvement of our younger members. My goal is that one out of every five MUAB performers at Homecoming 2009 has graduated since 2000.



The Miami University Alumni Band marches ahead of the 50-year reunion class during the traditional Parade of Classes at Alumni Weekend 2008. Alumni Weekend 2009 is set for June 18-21.

I look forward to meeting you, if I haven't already, and GO REDHAWKS!

Doug Cutler '04
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Tentative MUAB Homecoming Schedule/Descriptions

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

Bonfire: (6 p.m.) – To welcome those who arrive in Oxford on Friday, we will have a cookout and bonfire at Dogwood Park, across the street from the Miami Inn. Please bring your own meat/meat substitute and special beverages (no alcoholic beverages allowed). We will provide condiments, soda, and hot dog/hamburger buns.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Registration (9:30 a.m.) – Sign in at the west end of Millett Hall. Game and reception tickets will be given to those who registered prior to the event. Prior registration is strongly encouraged, as the director needs a good idea of how many are marching.

Rehearsal (10 a.m.) – We will start with a playing rehearsal and have some field practice afterward.

Bicentennial Student Center Campaign

Kickoff (11:30 a.m.) – We will bus from Millett Hall to Shriver Center, where we will march to the future site of the Bicentennial Student Center for a special performance.

Lunch and Social (1 p.m.) – Weather permitting, we will have lunch in the MUAB tailgating tent, which is between the Miami Field Gates and the practice field, in an area we affectionately call the "grassy knoll." Lunch will be provided. In the event of unseasonably cold weather, we will have lunch inside Millett Hall.

Performance (3 p.m.) – The MUAB is proud to once again march Block "M" across the field at Yager Stadium. Our featured music piece has not yet been chosen, so check the Web site (www.MiamiAlum.org/AlumniBand) for updates and printable sheet music. The game is a "Red Out," so wear your Miami Red!

Reception (7 p.m.) – The reception, hosted in Marcum Center, is the most popular part of Homecoming. All MUAB members are welcome to enjoy the relaxed, yet entertaining atmosphere and good food. We will show footage of the day's performance and play the newest edition of Miami Trivia Challenge.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

Ultimate Frisbee (10 a.m.) – Ultimate Frisbee will be played in the fields across from Havighurst. Ultimate Frisbee is a non-contact game of throwing a Frisbee to teammates, advancing it down the field, similar to Frisbee football. Any skill or fitness level is welcome.

Lunch at Skyline Chili (Noon) – Join your fellow Alumni Band members for farewells and the familiar taste of Skyline Chili.

Enjoy the Football Season With the MUAB

The defending Mid-American Conference East Division Champion Miami RedHawks are looking to build on last season's momentum.

This year, the Miami Football home schedule includes a program-record six home games, and each game will feature a Gridiron Legend from Miami's past. Be sure to join us for Homecoming on Oct. 25, when Ara Parseghian will be honored for his time at Miami.

Over the years, pre-game tailgating has been a wonderful way to prepare for Miami football games. MUAB

2008 Miami University Football Schedule

Date	Opponent (Event)	Location	Time (ET)
Oct. 4	TEMPLE (<i>Family Weekend</i>)	Oxford, Ohio	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	at Northern Illinois (<i>Comcast</i>)	DeKalb, Ill.	3 p.m. (CT)
Oct. 18	at Bowling Green (<i>ESPN regional</i>)	Bowling Green, Ohio	Noon
Oct. 25	KENT STATE (<i>Homecoming</i>)	Oxford, Ohio	3:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	at Buffalo (<i>ESPN2</i>)	Buffalo, N.Y.	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 11	BALL STATE (<i>ESPN2</i>)	Oxford, Ohio	7 p.m.
Nov. 21	at Toledo (<i>FSN Ohio</i>)	Toledo, Ohio	7 p.m.
Nov. 28	OHIO (<i>ESPNU</i>)	Oxford, Ohio	12:30 p.m.

members gather for each home game, several road games, as well as the MAC championship and bowl games. MUAB will continue our tradition of tailgating

before every home game in 2008. Please contact Ray or Doug if you have any questions about the MUAB tailgating festivities!

Tip For Finding Hotel Rooms in Oxford

Hotel accommodations in Oxford have become an expensive hassle, but there is a way to save money.

There is a rush of people reserving hotel rooms in Oxford when the football schedule is announced in the spring. Those reserving rooms at this time are charged about \$185 per night. Even at this rate, rooms are quickly sold out. However, those reserving at national chains have a tendency to cancel close to Homecoming.

Two years ago, 10 rooms became open three weeks before Homecoming at the Hampton Inn, the rate being \$60 less per night than the original fee. It is wise to periodically call these chains to check availability.

MUAB Homecoming Registration Form

Name Class Year

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Address

City State Zip

Daytime Phone Email

Total football tickets needed: _____ Total attending lunch: _____

Reception at Marcum: (RSVP by Oct. 17, 2008)

General, \$25 per person = \$ _____

Dues-Paying Members, \$20 per person = \$ _____

I would like to sponsor a Miami Band senior for the reception = \$ _____

Children ages 7-14, \$15 per person = \$ _____ **TOTAL = \$ _____**

Check enclosed (*Make checks payable to Miami University*)

Credit Card: MC VISA Discover AMEX

Card Number Exp. Name on Card Billing Zip

Signature

Mail form to: Joanne Harper, Murstein Alumni Center, 725 East Chestnut St., Oxford, OH 45056. Or FAX to Joanne at 513-529-1466.



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Announcements from your Alumni Association

The Alumni Band is online, and we would like to hear from you!

Visit us at www.MiamiAlum.org/AlumniBand

- Read updated news.
- Look for other alumni in the photo album or in the search feature.
- Update your personal profile.
- Email other Alumni Band members.
- Join the Miami University Alumni Association and enjoy all the benefits and services.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Erin Taute of your Alumni Association at GroupReunions@muohio.edu or 513-529-6056.

Become a Dues-Paying Member: Don't miss the opportunity to become a dues-paying member of the Miami University Alumni Association. Your dues support Alumni Association programs and services like Alumni Weekend. In return, you receive discounts on Alumni Weekend registration, local MUAA chapter events, hotel and rental car discounts, and access to a vast career network. Join as a lifetime member and get your very own engraved brick placed in the revered Hub area of campus. For more information, visit www.MiamiAlum.org/Membership.

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