



# Just A Few Notes

## Spring, 2011 Alumni Band Newsletter



Greetings fellow Cyclones!

If you need to shake off your cabin fever, spring is here and VEISHEA is too! Come explore VEISHEA as an alum. Riding on the Alumni Band float is just the start to a great day on the ISU campus... afterward catch some lunch with your friends, then check out free exhibits, games, entertainment and the latest campus updates. So sign up to play some tunes with the Alumni Band and bring your family along for a great day!

To get up to speed on what's happening in Alumni Band, read on! Look for updates about the Alumni/Varsity Golf Outing, Alumni Pep Band, and new Varsity Band uniforms. Don't forget to sign up for VEISHEA! But, if you can't make it this year, we hope you'll reconnect with Alumni Band in some way soon! Keep in touch!

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**Over 225 March in Homecoming 2010**



## VEISHEA 2011

The 2011 VEISHEA Parade is set for April 16, 2011. As in past years, we'll be riding through campus on the hayrack and entertaining the crowd with our music. Of course, we'll be playing school songs and the pep band classics that most of us can play with a minimal amount of practice.



- REGISTER:** **Register!** Go to the alumni band website at [www.isualumniband.org](http://www.isualumniband.org) and follow the links for VEISHEA registration. The cost will be \$10 per participant. Registrations are due by April 5, 2010
- DATE:** Saturday, April 16, 2011
- TIME:** 10:00 AM Band will meet at the behind the Design Center. Warm-up and music distribution will occur at the Design Center.  
10:30 AM Parade Start Time
- INSTRUMENT:** Please bring your own instrument. Sousaphones and percussion will be available. If you play one of those obscure instruments, let us know.
- MUSIC:** Music will not be sent out in advance. Please bring your lyre.
- UNIFORM:** Wear your red Alumni Pep Band T-shirt or Alumni Band jacket. The jacket can be either the old style or the new style. A limited number of jackets will be available at the parade for purchase (\$40 – check or exact change only). Don't have a band shirt? Please wear a ISU cardinal shirt. Jeans or shorts are fine.
- QUESTIONS:** If you have any questions, contact: AJ Pollard at (641) 344-1725 or [a.sherwood.pollard@gmail.com](mailto:a.sherwood.pollard@gmail.com)

**Mail your registration by April 5th, Click [HERE](#) to print your registration**

### Music Department Events Calendar

All events at the Martha-Ellen Tye Recital Hall unless otherwise noted.

Date	Time	Event
April 4	5:30 PM	Flute Ensemble
April 19	7:30 PM	Percussion Ensemble
April 20	7:30 PM	Jazz Ensemble I & II
April 28	7:30 PM	Symphony Orchestra
April 30	7:30 PM	Concert Band & Symphonic Band at CY Stephens



Dear Band Alumni,

Greetings from Ames! While the weather is not looking or feeling much like spring yet, the semester is moving along quickly and we are approaching the final month of the 2010-2011 school year. As always, it has been a busy and exciting year with the ISU Bands.

As most of you know, last fall was a busy time for ISU football and the ISUCF'V'MB. We performed at a total of 9 football games in 2010. In addition to the 7 home games, we made a day trip to Iowa City and an overnight trip to Kansas City for the game at Arrowhead Stadium in September.

The Pep Bands have also had a full schedule. We played for most of the volleyball matches in the fall as well as traveled with the team to the NCAA tournament in Minneapolis. The basketball bands were thrilled to get back into Hilton with the basketball teams. What an exciting time this is for ISU basketball! We also traveled to Kansas City for the Big XII tournaments and to Durham, NC for the Women's NCAA tournament. For the first time, the band also provided some entertainment for an ISU Gymnastics meet. We will conclude the season with our annual appearance in the VEISHEA parade.

We are extremely excited to be purchasing new band uniforms. After many hours and multiple sketches and revisions we feel we have a design that will serve the needs of the band and the university proudly. We look forward to premiering these at the first game in September 2011.

Our Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band all had performances earlier this semester and are hard at work in preparation for their April concerts. The Wind Ensemble will also be traveling to Europe in May for a series of performances.

We hope that you will make plans to visit campus during VEISHEA weekend on April 15-17. I know that the Alumni Band will once again have a great time in the parade – feel free to dust off your horn and join them! In addition, we will welcome back Groove Alumni, and feature performances by the current Groove members.

Best wishes to you and your families, and Go Cyclones!



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## Alumni Pep Band Wrap-up

Submitted by: Jay Chapman

The 2010-11 Iowa State Alumni Pep Band season was another stellar one! We were able to start off the season right with new head men's coach Fred Hoiberg and a November 27 win over Montana State. The 81-59 final score didn't reflect the slow start by the Cyclones, but it did show how the team worked through it for the victory. In a rare 2010 double-header action, we followed up the afternoon men's basketball game with a stint with the varsity band at volleyball senior night.



Unfortunately the 8th ranked Texas Longhorns were too much for the Cyclones and the evening ended in a 1-3 defeat for the number 16 ranked Iowa State team. It wasn't the best way to send out the four ISU seniors, but it was a close, hard-fought match with three out of the four games won by just 2 points. On the plus side, it was a great opportunity for a little alumni-varsity bonding and gave us "old folks" a chance to expand our repertoire just a bit.

December brought the first women's basketball game of the season, though the highlight of the night may have been the band, the cheerleaders and Cy. The Cal State Northridge team came into the game 0-12 and things weren't going to change that night. Bell Fennelly's Cyclones gored the Matadors 93-47, marking the first time the 'Clones had defeated their opponents by 46 or more points in consecutive games. (They had defeated Columbia by a score of 73-27 the game before.)

The new year of 2011 meant some closer basketball games, but Cyclone women still defeated the Chicago State Cougars 62-48 on January 2. The season wrapped up for the alumni band the next night with Iowa State taking on the Northern Illinois Huskies. This was the former team of ISU guard Jake Anderson, and he made the most of the evening scoring 16 points, helping the Cyclones in a close game that saw the good guys prevail 72-63.

That's the wrap-up of the past season. Looking forward to 2011-12, we are currently working on a re-design of our pep band shirts for this upcoming season. (The ones we're using now are from 1999 and are SO 20th century!) While we haven't landed yet on a final garment or layout yet, we do hope to keep with the vintage theme introduced at Homecoming.

New music is on its way as well, so we'll try and cycle in some new tunes. If you have any recommendation or favorites, let us know and we'll see if it is available. Also, the pep band is nothing without YOU! We are in need of more drummers, saxes, mellophones, and basically every horn under the sun! The upcoming year will be another excCYting one with Coach Hoiberg's second season looking bright already. And we all know Coach Fennelly will never disappoint. So come join us for some great basketball!! GO CYCLONES!!



### Socks For Seniors A Success

This year the graduating seniors were met with a warm surprise after marching their last time at Jack Trice.

Thanks to the Alumni Band's Socks for Seniors program each Senior received a set of embroidered socks that said ISUCF'V'MB and 2010 to replace their wet and dirty socks after leaving their shoes on the field following the senior set.

Also included in the gift was an invitation to join the alumni band in upcoming events.

### Alumni Band Golf Classic

The 3rd Annual ISU Alumni Band Golf Classic will be Saturday, August 27th. It will be an 18 hole event, and is open to all marching band alumni, active members, and faculty. Marching band supporters are also welcome to play.

Registration materials will be sent via email in early July. If you have any questions, please contact Kelli Huser at [kahuser@gmail.com](mailto:kahuser@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!



### Save the Date—2011 Homecoming

2011 Homecoming date has been set for October 21-22. The theme will be "A Cyclone State of Mind."

We have 10 rooms blocked for the ISU Alumni Band at the Memorial Union on Friday, Oct 21 & Sat, Oct 22. Room rate is \$99 for a single queen... located just upstairs from the Great Hall where our reunion will be held. Complimentary parking in the Union Ramp is included. Room release date is Aug 22, 2011. Reservations can be made by phone (515) 296-6848.

