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A PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Hi Band!

First off, Happy Homecoming Season!!! How did it get to be Fall so fast? It feels like the Summer Jam-uh's! and marching the 4th of July Parade was just yesterday. As the season's change from Summer to Fall, I'd like to highlight some recent changes in the Kiddie band. Specifically, the CAMB is now running with both a Director and a Coordinator! Josh Garcia, who's been serving as the band's Assistant Director made the transition to be the band's Director back in June and just a month ago, the band welcomed Anthony Panebianco as the new Coordinator! If you're attending Homecoming this year, make sure to greet them and introduce yourselves to them!

Unlike the previous years, this year we will be holding off on introducing new donation incentive items. While it seems that it's been a fantastic idea for generating donations for the CAMBAA, we will be evaluating more closely the next items we'll release. If anyone has specific ideas or requests for things they'd like to see, please let one of the alumni board members know and we'll take it up for consideration! That said, we still have plenty of donation incentive items from previous years and will have them present during Homecoming, so if you're still looking to get some great gifts for others, please keep this in mind. All the money we've managed to raise so far helps us put on some of our annual events including Retreat Lunch for the kiddies and Upperbandsmen Welcome, so please keep donating so we can continue to help the kiddies!

**I hope everyone is ready for a great Homecoming Weekend
and I hope to see everyone there!**

Ray Ikeda
CAMBAA President



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Although a Cal Aggie Alumni Association membership is not required to attend CAAMBA Alumni events, CAAA Members receive discounts at certain events and many additional benefits, including career search tools, and dining, travel and home discounts. Memberships are available to alumni, friends and supporters of UC Davis, either individually or jointly (for UC Davis alumni couples). Memberships can be purchased on the CAAA website. Join today and stay connected to UC Davis.

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WHAT'S THE MEET TIME?!



HOMECOMING

2018

Saturday 10/6 - Bay Area Rehearsal

10:45am - 1:30 pm: Practice at Ocean Beach

Friday 10/12 - Pajamarino ([Click here to sign up](#))

Pub:30 - A pub?

4:00pm: Meet at [Vanderhoef Quad](#) (grassy area in front of the Alumni Center and Mondavi). This year's parade will be starting at the Vanderhoef Quad and going to the E St. Plaza followed by a small rally.

Saturday 10/13 - HOMECOMING!!! ([Click Here to sign up](#))

9:30am: Halftime Runthrough with the Kiddies @ Aggie Stadium

1:30pm: Meet Time for Game - Surprise Rally, and tailgate rally

4:00pm: Kickoff

[Click here if you need a Shirt!](#)



DIRECTOR'S LETTER

Greetings, CAMBAA!

It's now been a bit more than a year since I joined the Cal Aggie Marching Band-Uh!, and I'm pleased to provide an update as the newest Director of the band. From the wackiness of Pajamarino to the roar of the Pavilion for basketball, and then sharing the streets for Picnic Day, it's been an honor and pleasure to meet so many of you all. I wanted to spend just a few moments to share some updates about what we've got going on on our side of the street in Davis.

Times are constantly changing for our bandsmen, and it brings me much excitement to share that we've really gone to bat with campus officials to get the proper care for our instruments and equipment. Around August of 2017, I brought in the Executive Director of Campus Recreation, Unions, and Stores to our facilities to show what they often miss. While the Band-Uh! members always march high and "yo" loud, many of their instruments date back as far as the 50s. The act of doing this, brought us a \$60,000 replacement project last year where we brought in piccolos, sousies, everything in-between, and even glocks. I feel it is important to mention that our continued efforts as a band, and gaining exposure across the state has allowed us to secure an additional \$70,000 for instrument replacement during the 2018-2019 fiscal year. At the end of the day it's really about the hard-work, dedication, and camaraderie that allows our students to be the best in the land. I'm thinking a new set of just bass saxophones is in need? (I'm mostly kidding) We have also partnered up with the UC Davis Stores for a whole new array of CAMB designs in-stores and online. I'm grateful for the support from our administrators recently, and be sure to look out for details about our brand new uniform replacement campaign in the coming months.

The band recently welcomed a HUGE class of freshman, and I'm excited that with them comes the new coordinator as well. Anthony Panebianco joined the Cal Aggie Marching Band-Uh! as coordinator on the 17th of September. I'm excited for his passion, innovative ideas, and really to finally have a "band kid." After joining up with you all on October 13th for the Homecoming game and then travelling on to another football victory at Cal Poly, we will be returning to Oakland for the FINAL time this year. We will be playing the halftime show for the game on October 28th versus the Indianapolis Colts during the Raiders final season in their current location. Cheer loud if you're there, and don't forget that we'll be tailgating prior to the 1PM kickoff! Another big update comes in the form of the exciting news that the UCD Band Day will be returning on the 3rd of November against Northern Arizona. We will be bringing 10 high school bands to our stadium, and all 600 students(+) will be joining us on the field for a wall of sound. You don't want to miss out!

I want to give a huge "thank you" to CAMBAA for providing lunch for us at retreat once again this year. It feels terrific knowing that we have a whole crew in our corner at the end of every band event. While the Rec Pool and half of the ARC have been closed for the past few months, the Band-Uh! has continued to play strong. We've got some more surprises up our sleeves, but it wouldn't truly be fair to spoil them all in this letter. I'm honored to share many of your old traditions with the bandsmen, and I look forward to continuing to make history with this new era of Aggies.

Warmest Regards,

Josh Garcia
CAMB Director

FROM THE MOUTH OF KIDDIES

A long time ago, at a university not too far away, the Cal Aggie Marching Band-Uh welcomed the largest incoming freshman class at the 2018 retreat. We had a fantastic retreat, filled with music rehearsals, marching stations led by TAs, and plenty of Star Wars themed puns. The incoming 83 freshman improved drastically over the three days, and all of them passed their marching test! The freshmen excitedly participated in their first home football game on Saturday, September 22 where they danced to Twist and Shout, Footloose, and YMCA.

A sneak peek of what's to come, the Band-Uh will be traveling to Cal Poly on October 20th with a Feel the Love field show. We will be having our Band Day on November 3, and will battle Sac State on November 17 with songs Nine in the Afternoon and The Incredibles. Come out to support our football team and the Band-Uh!

In other news, CAMB finally finished their long search for a coordinator. We are pleased to welcome Anthony Panebianco all the way from Claysville, Pennsylvania where he was recently the Assistant Director at McGuffey High School. He will be serving as the Coordinator/Assistant Director for the CAMB, working directly with section leaders and the council.

As always, thank you for your support and wild Aggie Pride. We will see you at HOMECOMING!

Take Care,

Viviana Valle
Manager '18

Dylan Musgrove
Assistant Manager '18

Gossip Monger

Bruce Raful (Trumpet/Drums '69) was recently appointed to the Marin County Parks and Open Space Commission.

Claire Woolf (Alto '12) and **Matt Halverson** (Sousie '12) are going to try life in New Zealand, moving to Christchurch in January 2019. Between **Emma Gavenda** and us, we just need one more person to move there and it's officially tradition!

Eric Wellington (Snare Drum '16) got new job as Drum Department Manager at Watermelon Music.

Julie Blaze (Piccolo '14) started a PhD program in Ecology.

In August, **Elizabeth Vazquez** (Piccolo '17) moved to Germany to do a gap year!

On September 11th **Mike Yambrovich** (Trombone '78) had his 40th anniversary of being sworn in as a Midshipman at Cal. Most people don't know that Cal is the first Navy ROTC unit or that Chester Nimitz was the first Commander. He also worked his last day on August 31st. He's using up his vacation days before he's actually retired. His elder son is a Senior at Cal majoring in Theater and Anthropology.

Clancy McConnell (Tenor '16) is training professionally to qualify for the U.S. Olympic trials in the marathon!

Hannah de Bie (Alto '09) and **Evan de Bie** (Bari '08) welcomed their first child this year- Henry "Hank" Ryan de Bie. Born June 8, 2018- 6 lbs. 14 oz., 20 in long... and a head full of hair. He looks just like his dad!



Paul Takushi (Drums '86) retired from UC Davis in February 2017. He enjoyed his career as a bookseller for the UC Davis Stores so much that he vowed to dedicate a good portion of the rest of his life to promoting literacy. Coincidentally, the Friends Of The [Davis] Library reopened a nonprofit used-book store in town on the day after his last day at UC Davis. Ah synchronicity! He is now an assistant manager at Logos Books and absolutely loving it! He gets to be a bookseller again AND he's helping to generate revenue for the FOL's literacy programs. Life is good!

Allison Eriksen (Clarinet '08) got engaged in July 2018. The wedding will be in October 2019 in DC, and any Aggies in the Mid-Atlantic are invited. She's tired of her fiancé's friends singing their alma mater at every wedding she attends, when none of them even knows the words to Hail to California!

Back in July, **Zakai Arnowitz** (Alto/StuD '13) accepted an offer to become the lead bartender at a cajun restaurant called Alba Ray's, located in SF's Mission district. He is also celebrating two years working at St. George Spirits in Alameda, so come hit him up for all the booze things!

Greg Sweatt (Trombone '73) married the former Mary Jane Higgins (civilian, though her daughter did graduate from UC Davis this June 2018) on November 11, 2017: Veterans Day (a date picked so he'd remember it!).

Marisa Massara (Flute '13) and **Derek DeMaria** (Bone 'xx) bought a 1906 bungalow in Portland and are knee-deep ("up to our nips" -Derek) in renovation projects!

Jim Berry (Sousie/Bone '87) started a new job in January as the Corporations Attorney for the Community Care Licensing Division of the California Department of Social Services.

Kenny O'Dea (Flute '11) is starting a Masters program at University of Oregon in Communication Disorders and Sciences. He plans to be a Speech Language Pathologist. Woo Hoo career change time! The BF (Izzy), dog (Greg) and he are all happy and doing well.

Erich Drossel (Tenor '12) is kicking ass at PT School in Virginia and Lauren "hurricanes & tornados > droughts & fires??" Martin (Tenor '12) is now working at Virginia Tech Veterinary Teaching Hospital.

Jessica Margarita "Just Another Milestone" Gutierrez Masini (Trombone '15) completed her Masters of Arts in Ethnomusicology this Summer at the University of California, Riverside. Her thesis is titled "Native American Indigeneity through Danza in University of California Powwows: A Decolonized Approach." She plans to continue onto a Ph.D. program this Fall



Emily Mills Ko (Flute '08) and **David Ko** (Alto '06) are expecting their second band-uh baby in February 2019! Oliver is excited to be a big brother soon.



This April, **Julia Stone** (Net '14) graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with her Masters in Genetic Counseling (yay!). She now works as a prenatal genetic counselor at a hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. **Trevor Okamoto** (Trumpet '14) has been enjoying his job working on the self-driving cars at Uber. They both love Pittsburgh, but they definitely miss all of their Band-uh! friends. They unfortunately cannot make it to homecoming this year, but keep an eye out for them at Picnic Day!

Tom Keiser (Sousie '10) just got his MBA!

Kelsey McDonald (Manager '17/Bone) and **Grant Vaughan** (StuD '15/Bone) got engaged! Kelsey also started a new job with a public relations firm in Downtown Sacramento!

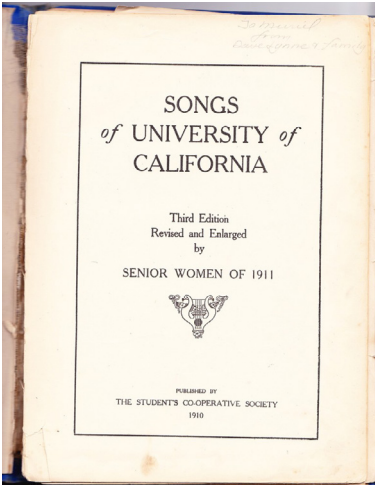
Another bone wedding? **Meliza Varsovia** (Bone '12) and **Nick "Olas" Orcher** (Bone '14) got engaged on April 20! It'll be a Super Wonderful, Exciting Day. Seven.

Nic (Jr.) Tanner (Bone '13) recently got a new job as an environmental scientist at O'Neill Service Group in Redmond, WA! She's going to get to monitor vibrations and noise of construction projects (primarily transportation focused) as well as keep projects within environmental regulations! Yay adulting!!

Earlier this year **Antonia Tribuzi** (Net '16) started working for Product Madness in SF, a game company specializing in casino games, and just got moved to full time! She is officially a paid graphic designer and she couldn't love her party-loving office any more than she already does. Her pup Molly has also been appointed as the "Barketing" Assistant Manager, so she's helping to pay the bills too. She's very good at shaking hands.



Alumni Feature: Joe “tfw freshman like ‘did you say a hyper drill?’” Hiber, Baritone, and Drum Major ‘74



Just mouth along until you learn the words

While completing a degree in Agricultural Economics and Business Management in the 70s, Joe played the baritone (among other instruments) in the Band-uh and served as drum major in 1974. His studies often took him to the library, where he explored the band’s history through archived yearbooks.

After learning that “*all [you] had to say was that a behaviour was a ‘Tradition’ ...whether or not we had done it before,*” Joe introduced music from the archives into the band’s repertoire - lyrics for Aggie Fight, Alma Mater, Toast to California, and I Love You California (the California state song).

You want what?

As drum major, Joe once requested a 25-yard keyboard for a halftime show. John Kleinschmidt, the stunts committee chairperson, had a 17-yard one made out of bed sheets instead.



Hiber Drill: ORIGINS

[At retreat,] the drum major would practice “ups” with the band. Drills like this gave us opportunity to scrutinize each member for uniformity to our fast-paced style, and members to point their toes. [...] The band had to be conditioned to meet the stamina required of a full halftime show.

Upon his graduation, the band decided to maintain the memory of Joe’s dedication to discipline and resilience by renaming the “ups” as “Hiber Drills” ...leading to the establishment of a unique and distinctly Band-uh incentive / consequence / acquired fear.



HOW TO DONATE TO THE CAMB

The Band-uh is always in the process of raising funds and offers several ways to give that match anyone's needs. Repairing and replacing instruments, travel, and uniform replacement (due soon!), are just a few high cost areas where your contributions can go to help.

Check out the list below on how you can help,
find what works best for you and donate today!

Cal Aggie Marching Band Endowment

For long-term sustainability, where profits are added to the band budget while the initial contributions remain in the account to provide added support for years to come.

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Donate now!

Jonathan Youngs Memorial Award

Recipients of this award show commitment, honor, and exemplary leadership. Help reward today's leaders as they continue to honor Jonathan's legacy with their hard work and great commitment they provide to the Band-uh!

(CLICK HERE!)

Cal Aggie Marching Band Fund

For immediate assistance, contributions to this fund provide the most flexibility for student leaders to put to use where they see fit to support the Band-uh! in their everyday-needs.

Donations in the form of a check can be sent to:

California Aggie Marching Band
One Shields Avenue, 232 ARC

Please make checks out to **UC Regents** with **CAMB** or **Band-uh** in the memo.

SO WHAT DO WE USE YOUR MONEY FOR ANYWAY??

Each year, your donations help feed the hungry pockets of big CEOs...
wait, I mean hungry kiddie band members in Davis!

Band members coming to retreat have to spend money to stay in the residence halls and eat at the dining commons. What you may not know - or remember in your senility - is that the first lunch of retreat isn't covered by these fees. The alumni band has been coming to the rescue for years with a lunch paid for by your generous donations. This year to feed everyone we spent about \$500 at Costco and Mary's Pizza Shack in Dixon on pasta, garlic bread, salad, and drinks.

Thank you for your donations!



- 1 Sousie section leader Mathilda Silverstein be-leafs in the importance of getting your daily serving of vegetables.
- 2 Unsuspecting freshmen enjoy lunch in the shade, knowing nothing of what is to come...
- 3 Manager Vivi Valle passes pesto penne to freshmen for their first meal with the Band-uh.

CALIFORNIA AGGIE MARCHING BAND-UH! ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Chapter Donation Form

The Cal Aggie Marching Band-uh! Alumni Association is a chartered chapter of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association. To fulfill our purpose of supporting UC Davis and specifically the CAMB, we ask for your support. In order to continue chapter events like the CAMB Retreat Dinner, Senior Welcome/Networking, and CAAMB football tailgating (Stanford, San Jose State, etc.), we ask for an annual donation of \$20; larger TAX DEDUCTIBLE donations are always accepted. If you wish to donate, we have included a convenient link to do so online:

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Or, if you wish to send a check, please print, fill out, and send in this form. We also encourage you to join the CAAA to show your Aggie pride and support the chapter.

Thank you for your support!

Name (Maiden in parentheses, if applicable), Instrument, and Year(s) of graduation:

Address:

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Would you like your donation listed in a future issue of the FUGAWE?

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