

# Homecoming Oct. 16-17, 2009



# Band Alumni Weekend

## *Greetings WIU Band Alumni!*

Thank you to those who participated in last year's **Marching Leathernecks Alumni Band** at Homecoming. You did a marvelous job marching and playing with the Marching Leathernecks at halftime, postgame, and in the stands. Once you have ML "chops" they never go away!

With this being the electronic/technology age, we will be communicating with our WIU Band Alums via the bands office database e-mail account and my Facebook. Please help us by sending this on to your Marching Leatherneck friends - let them know about Band Alumni Weekend, Oct. 16-17, 2009. Also, ask that they send their e-mail addresses to Bands@wiu.edu so that we can more easily communicate with our alums.

Please join us for the 2009 version of the WIU Alumni Band! Send us a completed form by mail, fax, or e-mail (see lower right-hand corner of this page) and indicate your plans to participate in this year's homecoming/alumni band events, along with all of your contact information (see Registration Form). It would involve coming to Corbin-Olson practice field on Fri., Oct. 16th, to meet current members, if you can, and then on **Sat. morning, the 17h, for a REHEARSAL**. The Alumni Band will perform alone and with the Marching Leathernecks at the football game.

In the right-hand column, please note the preliminary WIU Marching Alumni rehearsal sites and dates. Plan to come if at all possible.

Last year, band alumni purchased the official embroidered "Alumni Band" purple polo shirt and this was worn with khaki pants for the game. We plan the same for this year. You may order your shirt on the Response Form we're providing. See example of logo design on order form. If you have a shirt from last year, then you're "good to go" and won't need to purchase one this year. Please respond ASAP with your Registration Form so that we can send the music and order the shirts.

Thanks for all of your past contributions to the Marching Leathernecks, and we encourage you to get involved again to shape a better tomorrow for all Marching Leathernecks Alumni. In the future, we hope to have more activities that will involve the WIU Marching Leathernecks (lunch, dinner, etc.).

*Scott Lawson*  
*Alumni Band Coordinator*

### UNIVERSITY BANDS STAFF

Mike Fansler, Director of Bands (Wind Ensemble)  
Shawn Vondran, Associate Director of Bands (Marching Band, Concert Band, and Pep Band)  
John B. Cooper, Director of Jazz Studies  
Kevin Nichols, Drumline Director  
Mary Hughes, Bands Office Manager  
Erin Alderson, David Drower, and Ben Willis, Graduate Assistants  
Brett Hartigan, Student Office Assistant

Don't forget to check our web sites:  
[www.wiu.edu/bands](http://www.wiu.edu/bands) . . . or . . . [www.wiu.edu/marchingband](http://www.wiu.edu/marchingband)

## *Alumni Band Schedule*

### PRELIMINARY REHEARSAL DATES (new for 2009)

Contact: Scott Lawson for further information  
ST-Lawson@wiu.edu or phone 309-318-9002

#### Sunday, September 13

1:00pm Naperville Central High School, 440 W. Aurora Ave.,  
Naperville, IL

#### Saturday, September 19

2:00-3:30pm Browne Hall, Room 129, Western Illinois University  
(home game at 6:05pm)

### HOMECOMING WEEKEND

#### Friday, October 16

4:15pm Observe Marching Leathernecks rehearsal .....  
Corbin-Olson Field  
5-10:00pm WIU Band Alumni Social ..... Location TBA

#### Saturday, October 17

9:00am Alumni Band Rehearsal ..... Corbin-Olson Field  
10:30am Watch Parade ..... Front lawn of Alumni House  
1:15pm Marching Leathernecks & Alumni Band call .....  
between Seal Hall and Tillman Hall for  
rehearsal of *Proud Mary*  
2:00pm Marching Leathernecks Pre-Game Ashtray  
Performance ..... (Plaza north of University Union)  
• Marching Leathernecks: *Michael Jackson Opener*  
• **Alumni Band: *Proud Mary***  
• Marching Leathernecks: *Continue with*  
*Michael Jackson Show*  
• **Alumni Band & ML: *WIU Fight Song, Georgia***  
2:30pm Marching Leathernecks Performance  
(Alumni Band follow "ML") ..... Alumni Tent  
2:35-4:00pm Enter Stadium  
(Alumni Band follow "ML" through the gate)  
2:46pm Marching Leathernecks Pre-Game Field  
Show (Alumni Band watch "ML" Pre-Game Show from  
the track or the stands)  
3:05pm **KICK-OFF: WIU vs. Missouri State**  
(Alumni Band join "ML" in the stands)  
Marching Leathernecks Half-Time Performance  
• Alumni Band: *Proud Mary*  
• Marching Leathernecks: *Michael Jackson Show*  
• Alumni Band & Marching Leathernecks:  
*WIU Fight Song, Georgia*  
Marching Leathernecks Post-Game Performance  
Marching Leathernecks Closing & Dismissal

For further information, please contact:  
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Western Illinois University, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455  
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**RESPONSE FORM**

**2009 BAND ALUMNI WEEKEND/HOMECOMING**

**Fri. & Sat., Oct. 16-17**

(WE NEED TO MAKE PLANS - SO PLEASE RESPOND IMMEDIATELY!)

Do you plan to attend a *preliminary rehearsal*?

Sunday, September 13 - 1:00pm, Naperville Central High School, 440 W. Aurora Ave., Naperville, IL \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday, September 19 - 2:00-3:30pm, Browne Hall, Room 129, Western Illinois University \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to join the Band Alumni Post-Rehearsal Social on Friday from 7:00-10:00 p.m., Location TBA?

If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to participate in the pregame rehearsal & football game performance on Saturday? \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument part you'll be playing \_\_\_\_\_ Do you need to check out an instrument? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a Marching Leathernecks purple polo shirt with embroidered logo @ \$26 each - How many? \_\_\_\_\_

Adult sizes only (please check) - Small \_\_\_\_\_ Medium \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ X-Large \_\_\_\_\_ XX-Large \_\_\_\_\_

XXX-Large \_\_\_\_\_ XXXX-Large \_\_\_\_\_ (Send check payable to University Bands.)

NOTE: Alumni Band participants are asked to wear the purple polo shirt with khaki pants for participation at the Homecoming football game.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
Maiden Name

IF BOTH ARE MARCHING LEATHERNECKS ALUMNI, PLEASE INDICATE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, R.R., Box City, State, Zip

OCCUPATION/CURRENT POSITION \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS, SCHOOL, ETC. \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_  
City & State

*Within a week of receiving your registration form, we will e-mail the music to you in .pdf format so that you can practice.*

We'd like to hear from you, even though you may be unable to attend this year's Band Alumni Weekend/Homecoming. Please share with us any "news of note" - recognitions, awards, position promotions, projects you're involved with, any musical activities in which you participate, etc. If you're in touch with other WIU Band Alumni, have them contact us if they have not received information from us.



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**Go 'Necks!**