

NDSU GOLD STAR BANDS

2007 Edition

2007-2008—A Year of Changes

Welcome to this year's edition of the newsletter for Gold Star Bands. In the past we spent a lot of time focusing on the business of preparation for the marching band. Over the past few years that has quietly changed to the point we are now, in which we now have something for everyone. If you are involved in some way in the instrumental program at NDSU, this newsletter has something for you. Please read it carefully, taking special note of the things that relate to you.

Concert Band—will see one of the most significant changes as we move to a year-round schedule. After occupying the spring semester only, it is time to continue the journey towards making this one of the premiere programs in the region. This is a big step for us as a band program and has many exciting

implications. Please read information in this newsletter regarding the auditions and other preparations.

Stipends—as the result of the diligent efforts of several people, we will have the beginnings of a regular stipend system available to all participants of the Gold Star Marching Band. We've also been able to restore the Presidential Stipends available to all members after their fourth semester in bands at NDSU. Both of these are just a small way of showing appreciation for your efforts—and efforts continue to further improve the support.

Marching Band—on October 20, the GSMB will make a return appearance at the Metrodome for the Bison game with the Golden Gophers of the U of M. Last year's game was one of the great experiences in our band's history

and this year promises to be just as big.

To all students—we have a great and proud heritage and I look forward to seeing you carry on the tradition of excellence that those in the past have shown. To you rookies—welcome to the family. Don't be afraid to jump in and get involved right away—it's worth it and you get to be a part of one of the greatest bands in the region.

To the vets—we honor those who have passed before us by showing the rookies the way we conduct business and by our pride—in our work, in our marching, in our music making, in our performance, in our behavior, in **everything**. Let's have a great season as we set new standards for the Gold Star Band.

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tions we have as a band only help to solidify those friendships throughout the year and bring us together with our organization's past. And all of that is aside from the excitement of watching one of the best Football Championship Subdivision teams in the nation and performing in front of 19,000 people in the Fargodome on a Saturday. Trust me when I say that the Gold Star Band is an experience you will never forget.

The Wednesday night before camp starts, everyone is invited to bring your families with you to Happy Joe's in south Fargo so you can meet all of your fellow band mates and enjoy some good pizza

2007 Gold Star Band Staff

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Lindsay DeLeuw, Color Guard

HEY BAND!!!

From your President

HEY BAND!!!

Another season of the Gold Star Marching Band is almost here and this should hopefully be another exciting year for us. This year is officially our last year as an independent. We have finally found a home in the Gateway Football Conference as well as officially become part of the Summit League (formerly the Mid-Continent Conference) for all other sports. This means there will no longer be scheduling problems and a more consistent schedule. To top that off, the Bison finished off an amazing season this last year being ranked 3rd in the Gridiron Power Index and

also in this years preseason rankings. The band once again travels to the Metrodome for our second try at beating the Golden Gophers in October. We have a lot to look forward to and a great opportunity to show why we are the "Pride of North Dakota".

For those of you who are new, the Gold Star Band is a great way for you to meet new people and get involved at NDSU. Coming to college is a fun time, but it can be difficult moving away from home for the first time. When you join the Gold Star Band family, you immediately have a new group of over one hundred friends to help you make the transition into college easier. The tradi-

and pop. As for our evening activities during band camp, we'll do our section night on Thursday. Saturday is Barbecue Night at Lindenwood Park in Fargo. Lindenwood Park is one of the nicest parks in Fargo with easy access to all the recreation wants you could ever imagine! We've also set-up an exciting scavenger hunt as well as bummin and chillin in Beckwith for a movie on Friday night.

A quick note to all of the vets: don't forget to bring your Polo

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Pre-Season Rehearsals Begin Week of August 13

Please follow all directions in this article!

DRUMLINE will check in to their residence hall from 6:00–7:00 PM on **Monday, August 13**. They will have their first meeting Monday night at 7:30 PM in the band room. If you are planning to participate in this groups, you should make arrangements to be at NDSU by this time.

The remainder of the band will check in

to the residence halls on **Wednesday, August 15**, from 6:00–7:00 PM. Rehearsals begin **Thursday morning, August 16** at 8:30 AM with the first meeting taking place in the **Band Room (Music 118)**. If you need an instrument (sousaphones, saxophones, mellophones, piccolos, etc.), come early to the Thursday morning rehearsal. Housing costs will be absorbed by the university on all early entries. However—you are responsible for your own meals.

Our traditional kick off party will be at **Happy Joes**, (2511 University Dr. S.), starting at 7:30 PM on **Wednesday evening, August 15**, for all members and their families (Dutch Treat). Let us know if you need a ride.

If for some reason you cannot attend any or all of the pre-season rehearsals, call us as soon as possible (701-231-7932 or 701-231-7266). Don't trust e-mail for this!!

Jazz and Concert Band Auditions

Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Lab band will hold auditions during the first weeks of classes. If you are interested in being involved in a jazz ensemble at NDSU, you should check in with Dr. Mack or Dr. Patnode at the beginning of classes. The first day of auditions will be on Wednesday, August 22, during the Jazz Ensemble time slot (1:00-1:50 PM).

For the first time, Concert Band will occupy a scheduled time in the fall semester on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:30-5:00 PM. Auditions for Concert Band will take place during the first week of classes in much the same way as they typically did in the Spring Semester. Audition material and additional information will be posted on the bulletin board outside the band

room as well as online (www.goldstarband.org) as soon as we're able to get it on the web. I'm hoping for that to be prior to August 10. If you don't see the materials up, keep checking back. Auditions will take place beginning the first week of classes until completed. The Concert Band performs two concerts in the fall on October 15 and December 4.

Greetings from Tau Beta Sigma!

Hello! My name is Brian Selander, President of Tau Beta Sigma, welcoming you to the beginnings of the 2007 Gold Star Marching Band season. It is an honor to have you on board for another season, returning vets, and looking forward to meeting and working with the incoming class of rookies.

In order to have a successful year for the marching band, the band needs an organization that can aid in the service and the

furthering of knowledge to the members of the Gold Star Band. The organization at NDSU that is capable of helping the band is known as Tau Beta Sigma (TBΣ), the National Honorary Band Sorority.

We are an organization that consists of members of different majors that share a common passion, the passion for music! As a member of TBΣ, you will get a great opportunity to meet other TBΣ members that share the same passions as you. This

is made possible by having social nights with members, and attending retreats and conventions at other universities around the country. We also hold weekly meetings and conduct numerous fundraisers to help keep the band program running smoothly.

On behalf of the members here in TBΣ, I extend a happy welcome to you from the Gold Star Marching Band and hope you consider joining Tau Beta Sigma. GO BISON!!

Remember:

*You **MUST** return your response on the back of this newsletter to reserve your dorm room for early entry. This will enable you to check in to your residence hall on August 13 (Drumline only) or 15 (6:00-7:00 PM).*

GET INVOLVED—JOIN THE BAND!

The Gold Star Band is a great opportunity to get involved on campus. If you're on the fence about whether or not you should march this year, think about becoming a part of one of the oldest and best bands in the region. Here are some things to consider as you make a decision to be a member of the GSB.

- The Band gets into the residence halls early. Avoid the weekend chaos and get settled BEFORE everyone else arrives.

- The GSB cuts across campus with virtually every major represented. We don't march just music majors; in fact, 65-75% or the members are non-music majors.

- If you aren't currently registered for band, it is NOT necessary at this point. We will help you with registration and get you plugged into the class when you arrive.

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Fall Semester 2007 Schedule of Events

AUGUST

13	Monday	Drumline moves into residence halls, 6:00–7:00 PM Drumline meeting, 7:30 PM, Band Room (Music Education 118)
14	Tuesday	Band Leadership Reports, 9:00 AM Drumline Rehearsals continue, times to be announced
15	Wednesday	Band Leadership continues, 9:00 AM Drumline Rehearsals continue, times to be announced All students move into permanent residence halls, 6:00–7:00 PM Gold Star Marching Band Party at Happy Joes, 2511 University Dr. S. (Dutch Treat), 7:30 PM
16	Thursday	Full Marching Band Rehearsals (start in Band Room), 8:30 AM–5:00 PM <i>Section Night (go out and hang with your section!)</i>
17	Friday	Full Marching Band Rehearsals (start in Band Room), 8:30 AM–5:00 PM <i>Scavenger Hunt on campus and Movie Night in Beckwith Hall</i>
18	Saturday	Marching Band Rehearsals, 8:30 AM–5:00 PM <i>Barbecue Night at Lindenwood Park, Fargo</i>
19	Sunday	Marching Band Rehearsals, 2:00–5:00, 7:00–9:00 PM
20	Monday	Marching Band Rehearsals, 8:30 AM–5:00 PM
21	Tuesday	Fall Semester Classes Begin, REGULAR REHEARSAL TIME: 4:00–5:45 PM, Monday, Wednesday, Friday
24	Friday	EXHIBITION FOOTBALL GAME—TBA

SEPTEMBER

3	Monday	<i>Labor Day Holiday—No Classes</i>
8	Saturday	FOOTBALL GAME—Stephen F. Austin, 6:00 PM
15	Saturday	FOOTBALL GAME—Sam Houston State, 6:00 PM (NDSU Family Weekend)
28	Friday	<i>Jazz Ensembles Concert, 7:30 PM (Festival Concert Hall)</i>

OCTOBER

5	Friday	Hall of Fame Banquet, 11:00 AM Blue Key Show, 7:30 PM
6	Saturday	HOMECOMING—PARADE/FOOTBALL GAME—UC Davis, 10:00 AM/1:00 PM
15	Monday	<i>Gold Star Concert Band Concert, 7:30 PM (Festival Concert Hall)</i>
20	Saturday	FOOTBALL GAME—University of Minnesota, Time TBA (Road Trip—Depart Friday)
27	Saturday	FOOTBALL GAME—Southern Utah, 1:00 PM (Harvest Bowl)

NOVEMBER

3	Saturday	FOOTBALL GAME—Illinois State, 6:00 PM (Band Parents Weekend)
12	Monday	<i>Veterans Day Holiday—No Classes</i>
18	Sunday	Marching Band Concert, “Sounds of the Gridiron,” 2:00 PM (Bentson Bunker Fieldhouse)
22–25	Thurs.–Sun.	<i>Thanksgiving Break—No Classes</i>

DECEMBER

3	Monday	<i>Jazz Ensemble Concert, 7:30 PM</i>
4	Tuesday	<i>Gold Star Concert Band Concert, 7:30 PM</i>
10–14	Mon.–Fri.	Final Exams

Join the Band!

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• Never marched on a football field? Neither has 50–65% of the rest of each freshman class. If all you've done is a parade band, don't assume it's the same. It isn't. We'll help you make the adjustment and be successful.

All it takes is the first game to get hooked on the GSB Experience. Don't wait until "next year." Get in on the action now and don't miss a minute of the Gold Star Band!

From Your President

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shirts with you again this fall. We'll use the same design and continue the use of those throughout the year at various events. So if you don't want to have to buy a new one, make sure you bring yours back from last year.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in mid-August. It will truly be an honor being your President this year and I know all of your officers and I are excited to serve you this year. I hope all of you come to camp this fall with our band's history and traditions in mind. Make our alumni proud to say that they

were members of the Gold Star Band and make NDSU proud to be the home of the "Pride of North Dakota".

Christopher Chapman
President, Gold Star Marching Band

Band Staff Meetings

All student staff should plan to report for leadership on Tuesday, August 14, at 9:00 am, with the first meeting in the band room. We have a full day planned— I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in one place again and ready for a great fall!

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**NDSU Gold Star
Bands**

See you at Happy Joes!
Get acquainted party at Happy Joes (2511 University Dr. S.)
All Parents and Family, Veterans and New Members are Invited
Wednesday night, August 15, 7:30 PM
Dutch Treat

Please detach and return immediately!

If you are planning to participate in NDSU bands in any way, please fill out the form below and mail to: **Gold Star Marching Band, Music Education Building, P.O. Box 5691, Fargo, ND 58105.** Forms must be postmarked by **August 1** to reserve an early check-in to the residence halls. Be sure to include your shirt size for the GSB polo (vets—this is ONLY IF you need a new polo to replace your old one) and your shoe size information—you must order shoes if you don't have Drillmasters. Make checks payable for marching shoes and color guard sandals to **Gold Star Band.**

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY:

_____ I plan to march in the Gold Star Marching Band this fall _____ I'm not planning to march this fall

_____ I'm interested in the following ensembles:

_____ Concert Band/Wind Ensemble _____ Jazz Ensembles _____ Pep Band _____ Brass Choir

_____ Please reserve my room for early check-in to my NDSU residence hall (Marching Band only)

Name _____ NAID# _____

Residence Hall, Room # _____ Instrument _____

Home Address _____

City, State ZIP _____ Home Phone _____

E-Mail Address (if applicable) _____

_____ I need a new GSB Polo Shirt! Please order one for me! (Indicate S-M-L-XL-etc.)

_____ Drill Master Shoe Size (\$28.00—half sizes are available)

_____ Color Guard Shoe Size (\$21.00)

_____ Sign me up for a survival kit! (\$5.00—payable to Tau Beta Sigma)