

# University of Georgia Redcoat Band Alumni Association

## Board Meeting – June 17, 2005

### In Attendance:

Chris Clark  
Joan Clark  
Marion English  
Jeff Harper  
Laura Moates  
Lyn Olliff  
Deron Pardue  
Amber Weldon-Stevens  
Rebecca Willoughby  
Arlene Woods  
Charles Woods  
Peter Zervakos

### From UGA:

Brett Bawcum  
John Culvahouse  
Jeffrey Delk

The meeting was held at Dr. John Culvahouse's home and started at 5:00 PM.

Presiding Officer: Marion English

### **Ken Modak Print Status**

There has been no change in the status of the prints. The print will be advertised in the next Reflector. The Board also decided that we would offer Ken Modak a list of addresses for Redcoat alumni so he if he wants, he can do a mailing advertising the print.

### **Homecoming, 2005**

Registration for Homecoming, 2005 has been open on the Redcoat alumni website for a week, and there have already been 160+ alumni who have registered. The new policy that we voted on at the last meeting is being implemented. This policy stated that paying members of the Redcoat Alumni Association have first priority on tickets for their spouses. If there are tickets remaining after that, then they will go to alumni who are not members of the association on a first come, first serve basis. A membership list will be given to Rebecca Willoughby so she will know who the association members are.

The Board next discussed the issue of when the new year for association membership should start. The membership currently runs from Homecoming to Homecoming. That means that those people who paid dues for the Alumni Association at Homecoming last year have first priority for spouse tickets this year. This way is confusing especially since the date changes each year because the date for Homecoming changes. It was decided that we need a definite start date and end date. It was decided that the new year should start on July 1 and

end on June 30 the next year. Those alumni who pay their dues during the year from July 1 to June 30 would have first priority on spouse tickets for the Homecoming game after the close of the fiscal year in which the dues were paid.

**Motion: Amend the by-laws to reflect the adoption of a fiscal year for the Redcoat Alumni Association which runs from July 1 to June 30, effective July 1, 2005. (Moved by Brett Bawcum, seconded by Jeff Harper) Passed unanimously.**

**Motion: Adopt and announce a policy under which membership gifts (aka, association dues) will result in the awarding of “extra tickets” priority for the Homecoming game immediately following the close of the fiscal year in which the contribution was made. (Moved by Brett Bawcum, seconded by Laura Moates) Passed unanimously.**

These changes will be announced in the next Reflector. Also the Reflector will include a request that alumni who have season tickets use their season tickets so those who don't have tickets can get tickets for the game and be able to march.

Redcoat Alumni Association registration forms are on the website. Currently, contributions to the Phyllis Dancz Scholarship fund and the Roger Dancz Scholarship fund count toward membership dues. A request will be included in the Reflector asking alumni to make part of their contribution to the Redcoat Alumni Band fund to help pay for the cost of printing and mailing the Reflector along with other costs.

Since the last Board meeting, Joan Clark has been checking on whether we can use the Georgia Center again this year for the Redcoat Alumni Homecoming event. The event will either be before or after the game depending on the time of the game. If the game starts at noon or 1:00 PM, we can use the Georgia Center for an after game event. If the game starts at 3:30 PM or later, we can not use the Georgia Center because they will be having a buffet that they normally have for fans before the games. Joan has tentatively reserved space for an after game event at the Georgia Center. If we find out 10 days before the game that it is going to be a late game, then we can cancel without any penalty. Joan has also talked to other caterers, but they already have other commitments. The decision that needs to be made at this meeting is what we want to do if it is a late game. There was a lot of discussion on what we should do. One suggestion was that we could get Sonny's or Bubba Barbeque to cater the event and put up tents around the School of Music and have the event there. It was decided that this would not work because of the large number of tailgaters that set up in this area. Other suggestions were that we could have it at the track stadium, the Student Learning Center, or the Georgia Hall at the Tate Student Center. The Board decided that it will be best to have barbeque regardless of whether the event is before or after the game. They also decided that the best location would be the Georgia Hall at the Tate Student Center. One nice thing about the Georgia Hall is that we can rent it all day so it won't matter when the event is held. Trey Nihoul

will contact the Tate Center and see if the Georgia Hall is available that day and if it is, he will go ahead and reserve the space.

## **Development**

John Colegrove has offered to call everyone who makes a contribution to the Redcoat Alumni Fund and thank them for their contributions. Jeffrey Delk is updating him on those people who contribute.

Debbie Deitzler, the new head of the UGA Alumni Association, has expressed an interest in forming partnerships with the different alumni subunits on campus. Jeffrey proposed that Marion English, Lee Butts and he meet with Debbie Deitzler to see if the UGA Alumni Association could help support us in our effort to work with the Redcoat alumni. If we form a partnership with them, we might be able to access some of the money they have.

**Motion: That the Redcoat Alumni Association explores the possibility of forming a partnership with the UGA Alumni Association. (Moved by Jeffrey Delk, seconded by Joan Clark) Passed unanimously.**

Jeffrey and Linda Butts have been diligently working on updating the UGA database by tagging all those people in the database who were Redcoat Band members. So far, they have tagged about 1,000 names. One problem has been that we have lost the names of a lot of past Redcoats. One possible solution to this problem is to check old Registrar lists for the names of those people who signed up for band. The problem with this will be making sure we do not include people who were in bands other than the Redcoat Band. Jeffrey would also like to set up a system where all new Redcoats Band members are added to the Redcoat database as soon as they come into the band.

## **Practice Field**

In the practice field proposal that will be presented to UGA, the Women Softball / Soccer complex is being used as the model for the Redcoat practice field. The set-up at the Softball / Soccer Complex is very similar to the set-up envisioned for the Redcoat practice field. The facility will be a multi-use facility shared with the Intramural and Recreational Sports Department. The Redcoats will have first priority. When the Redcoats are not using it, the field will most likely be used for rugby or soccer. These fields can be marked off with cones so they won't have to mark the field. Jeffrey still believes that if the proposal is approved, the site chosen for the practice field will be the one on College Station Road.

## **Reflector**

The issue of whether to send an e-mail copy of the Reflector or a hard copy was discussed. Although e-mailing the Reflector would save time and money, several Board members pointed out the fact that a lot of time e-mail copies are never printed out and never read before being deleted. For this reason, the Board

decided to continue sending a hard copy for now. The goal is to get the next Reflector out by July 31.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 6 at O'Charleys at 6:30 PM.  
The final meeting before Homecoming will be Tuesday, October 11 at Rebecca Willoughby's house in Suwanee.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyn Olliff, Secretary