



HOMECOMING FOR THE REDCOAT BAND

ALWAYS A MEMORABLE TIME

It is Homecoming which means that the band will enjoy seeing the old timers returning to the hedges to toot their horns, something that is highly acceptable, and if you are like me, I am happy to take on a role of offering signature shout-out to this group.

Over the years, some of the most loyal Dog/Dawg fans, I have concluded, are band alumni. I meet them at airports, restaurants and Rotary clubs. They are in downhome communities like Sylvania, Racepond, Sylvester, Sandersville and Willacoochee. Or Los Angeles, Seattle, Kansas City and New York. They are never shy about speaking up when it comes to expressing their love of UGA.

One of the most cooperative department heads on campus is the current Director of Athletic Bands and the leader of the Redcoat Band, Dr. Michael C. Robinson.

Then there are the alumni cheerleaders who have the same affection for alma mater that the Redcoat alumni have. Until she lost a hard-fought battle to cancer, Nancy Butts, Coach Wallace Butts' youngest daughter, showed up on Homecoming and cheered as hard for the Dogs as she did when she was on the sideline in the '50s, when her dad was head coach.

Last week, a call came in from Janet Ross Singleton wanting to know what she had to do to return to cheer with alumni cheerleaders and to see if she could bring her granddaughters along.

That caused warm feelings to ensue. Grandmothers, daughters and granddaughters. Perpetuate the Bulldog traditions! High fives are in order as we welcome back today the alumni band and alumni cheerleaders.

— Loran Smith

A LOOK AT THE UGA REDCOAT FLAGLINE HISTORY <<<

The talented young ladies spinning the iconic Georgia red and black flags became a staple of our Pregame and Halftime show about 70 years after the founding of the Redcoat Marching Band.

In 1974, Phyllis Dancz introduced the Bulldog Banners, most commonly known now as the Flagline. As with any program, as time passes things evolve. Since the Bulldog Banners' founding, there has been the addition of rifles and sabres into the halftime show, the creation of stands dances and most recently the 2018 debut of new Pregame flags.

This year the Flagline has 35 talented members, the largest Flagline yet to spin between the hedges, and is under the direction of Cassie Moates and Amanda Foley. Despite all that has changed over the years, one thing that will always remain the same is the love that these members have for this activity and the Dawgs.

— Nicole Schuster, Class of 2018, Public Relations Major



REDCOAT ALUMNI BAND

Celebrates 45th Anniversary



Homecoming celebrates an annual return of thousands of UGA alumni, including a very large number of previous Redcoat Band members.

This year, more than 350 Redcoat alumni will celebrate the 45th time that they have returned to Sanford Stadium to perform in the pregame show, and relive the history and traditions so important to all UGA fans. Alumni musicians, twirlers and dancers relish the thrill of performing again for an ever-growing football fan base. Three alumni have returned for all 45 homecoming performances, starting in 1974. On the field you will see two and three generations of Redcoats today, with a sprinkling of aunts and uncles.

The alumni band starts early on game day with a two-hour rehearsal of music and marching routines, distributed prior to Homecoming morning. Although the pregame show is similar to what the Redcoats offer each week, added is a specially commissioned piece by alumni Redcoat arranger, Tom Wallace. Straight lines and good posture are emphasized during the alumni rehearsal, as a refresher of times when they were in the Redcoats.

The organizer of this event is the Redcoat Band Alumni Association, one of the largest and active alumni groups on campus. The homecoming weekend event is a way for Musicians, Majorettes, Flagline and Georgettes to visit with their college friends, but also an opportunity to give back to the Redcoat organization that was such an important part of their college experience. Redcoat Band Alumni Association members have supported the current Redcoat Band organization with donations greater than \$350,000 over the past decade.

As Redcoat announcer Tom Jackson says, "Keep Your Seats Everyone ..." the Redcoats keep coming back!

— Lee Butts, BBA '71, trombone

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