



DAWGS!



**Redcoat Band Alumni Association
2026 Annual Meeting
August 15, 2026
11:00 AM ET**



HOW 'BOUT THAT COOKOUT!

Thanks to the Cookout Team!

Blake Stiles
Lewis Patterson
David Brown
David Fulcher
Trent Henderson

And all of the VOLUNTEERS!





2026 Cookout Sponsors

A Special Thanks To Our Grill Sponsor
Two State Construction

Clarinets Derik Clackum	Darrell & Kelly Sorah	Anonymous
Trombones Lee Butts	Piccolos Linda Butts	Trombones 4A UP

Heather Dahlby, Greg Boike

Donations Today



Scan Here

\$200 Level

Keep Your Seats Everyone...

The REDCOATS Are GRILLING



Welcome

Danny Roberson, President ('84, '87)



- Agenda
 - Welcome
 - Introductions
 - State of the Band Update (Floating: Dr. Bawcum arrival)
 - Approval of 2025 Minutes
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Registered Agent
 - Partnership with UGA Development Office
 - Committee Reports
 - Nominating Committee & Election Results
 - Events/Homecoming
 - Ways & Means
 - Membership/Auxiliaries
 - Public Relations
 - National Association of Alumni Bands
 - Technology Committee
 - Old & New Business/Questions
 - Motion to Adjourn

Redcoat Band Alumni Association

Danny Roberson ('84, '87), President



MISSION

The mission of the Redcoat Band Alumni Association (RBAA) is to actively assist, enthusiastically support, and aggressively promote the University of Georgia Redcoat Band programs and The University of Georgia through all reasonable and appropriate means. To accomplish these purposes, the Association shall vigorously pursue the following objectives:

1. Raise money through regular membership contributions, special solicitations for donations, and other appropriate methods so as to provide band scholarships and other meaningful financial support to students participating in the University of Georgia Band.

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2. Assist in the recruitment of prospective students.
3. Communicate regularly with the alumni, friends, and financial supporters of The Redcoat Band programs.
4. Act as the primary spokesperson organization on behalf of the alumni and friends and act as a positive advocate for the interests of the organization.
5. Support the ongoing work, policies, and objectives of the Director and staff of the Redcoat Band.
6. Cooperate with the appropriate University of Georgia Foundation on fundraising activities.

Introductions

Sarah Secrist, V.P. / Pres Elect ('24)



Board of Directors

Danny Roberson, President

Sarah Secrist, VP/Pres-Elect

Dave Carter-Hanson, Ways & Means

Michael Thompson, Treasurer

Julie (Thacker) Hayes, Secretary

Mark Perry, Pep Band/Events

Nicole (Schuster) McGraw, PR/Social Media

Trish Cronin, Assistant Treasurer

Marion English, History/GrillMaster

Introductions

Sarah Secrist, V.P. / Pres Elect ('24)



Committee & Subcommittee Leaders and Other Significant Contributors



Ellen (Rini) Black, Alumni Band



Leigh (White) Tompros, Alumni Band, NAOAB



Linda Butts, Communications, Merchandising

Lee Butts, Ways & Means, Tech



Pat (Kight) Cheney, Newsletter



Dorrie (Breen) Gann, Alumni Band

Tom Jackson, Ways & Means



Steve Gaultney, Ways & Means



Christina Carrere, Past President



Introductions

Sarah Secrist, V.P. / Pres Elect ('24 BM)



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Lyn (Kight) Olliff, Info@



Brenda (Bowen) Floyd, Pep Band



Devin Gordon, Reg Agent, Legal Review



David Fulcher, Technology, Cookout



Sarah Lanzing, Technology



Raymond Castleberry, History



Blake Stiles, Cookout



David Brown, Cookout



Lewis Patterson, Cookout

State of the Band Update

Dr. Brett Bawcum ('97, '00, '17), Director of the Redcoat Band



- Redcoat Staff Update
- Season Update (see next slide)
- Redcoat Needs

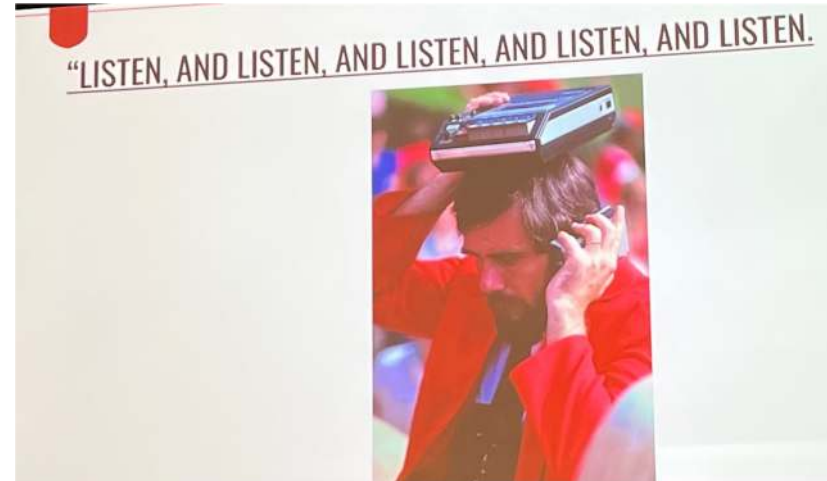
State of the Band Update

Dr. Brett Bawcum ('97, '00, '17), Director of the Redcoat Band



Show 1: The Best of Tom Wallace

- Dooley's Junkyard Dawgs
- Shake a Tailfeather
- Hey! Baby!
- Lucretia MacEvil
- Live and Let Die
- Theme from Independence Day
- Krypton
- Glory w/ Angel Tag



Show 2: Yacht Rock

- Reeling in the Years
- Ride Like the Wind
- Africa
- Rosanna
- Peg
- Baker Street



Minutes from the 2025 Meeting

Julie (Thacker) Hayes, Secretary ('82, '83, '02)



REDCOAT BAND ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC. Annual Meeting Minutes (Saturday, August 21, 2021)

1:45 pm Live-streamed via YouTube Live. (28 viewers)

- Welcome - Dave Hanson, President
 - Meeting will be as interactive as possible - submit questions as we go

• Intro

• Appr

• Trea

- Minutes are available on our webpage
www.redcoatalumniband.com
- 2025 minutes approved via online vote

- E flip folders
- Band Enrichment fund- immediate help when needed.
- Endowment Update - Daniel, Sara Emery/Dyer Ridley
 - Sara:
 - Shared data: raised almost \$54,000 in 2020
 - 2021 - \$125,000 every area exceeded amounts for the previous year.
 - Overall endowment is \$724,953
 - Future: Fall email in October, end-of-year-giving in December, March and April campaigns
 - Dyer Ridley: We raised more money in April than we did in the year 2020.

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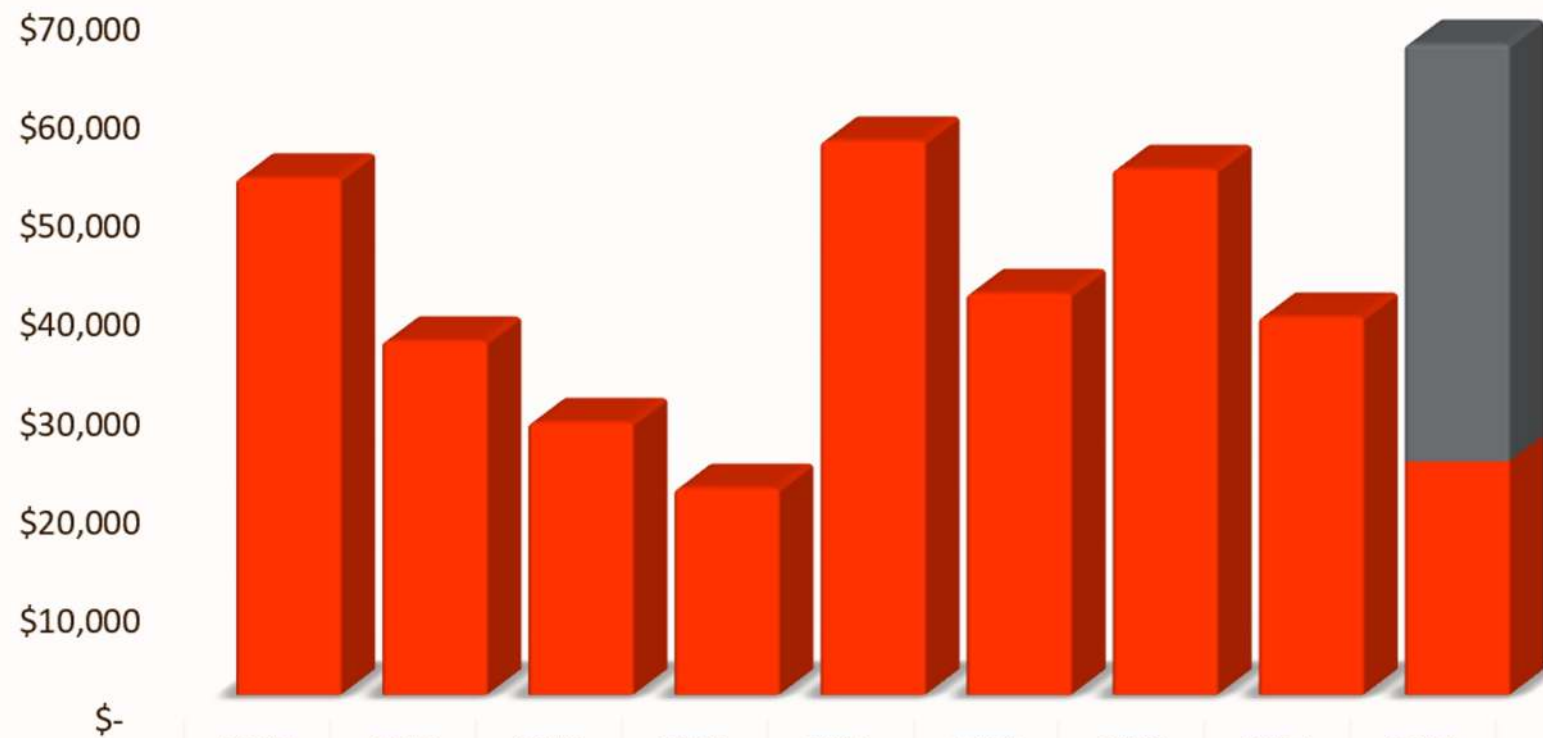
Treasurer's Report

Michael Thompson, Treasurer ('85, '87)



Individual Contributions

More than **\$650,000** since 2004!



	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
DrumLine									\$42,144
Donations	\$52,225	\$35,752	\$27,517	\$20,878	\$55,957	\$40,567	\$53,103	\$38,177	\$23,607

Treasurer's Report

Michael Thompson, Treasurer ('85, '87)



Legacy Estate Gift

- David Bond Edwards, 1949-2025
- Class of '71 AB, '73 MBA, Redcoat percussion
- Designated \$386K gift from estate
- Gift will form cornerstone of new **Redcoat Band Scholarship Endowment** managed in conjunction with the UGA Foundation
- When paired with matching funds from Foundation, endowment will exceed **\$1,000,000** and will provide ~\$40K in annual scholarships for band members



Treasurer's Report

Trish Cronin, Asst Treasurer ('92)



- Cash Inflows

- Individual Contributions and Alumni Band Day (\$70K prior slide)
- Edwards Estate Gift (prior slide)
- Pep Band Gigs (\$10K)
- Food Sponsorships/Annual Meeting (\$5K)
- Merchandise (\$2K)
- Royalties (\$2K)
- Interest Income and Credit Card Rewards (\$4K)

- Cash Outflows

- Band Enrichment (\$12K) (Power Breezer / Dessert Banquet)
- Alumni Band Day (\$4K)
- Welcome Gifts (\$3K)
- Annual Meeting / 50th Merchandise (\$2K)
- Senior Gifts (\$2K)
- Operating Expenses (website, repairs, bank charges) (\$4K)

Treasurer's Report

Trish Cronin, Asst Treasurer ('92)



Additional ways to support the Redcoats

- Matching gifts from corporate foundations (RBAA can certify any paperwork required)
- Regional arts grants (RBAA as non-profit may qualify)
- Workplace giving via payroll deduction (specify RBAA as donation recipient)
- Kroger rewards - set RBAA as recipient in your Kroger rewards app (about 50 families now,)
- Monthly donations using Paypal (set up as recurring subscription)
- Highly Appreciated Securities (RBAA can accept via brokerage and help achieve your tax goals / avoid capital gains)

** any donation can be designated to specific targeted fund

Registered Agent Activity

Devin Gordon ('01)



- Trademark Activity
 - Bulldog Drummer* Trademark previously renewed through 2033 (work done pro bono by Arnall Golden Gregory)
 - Trademark continues to provide licensing opportunities and revenues for the RBAA
 - New trademark was created featuring the Bulldog Drummer for use in connection with 50th Anniversary celebration

*Bulldog Drummer = Drum Dawg!

Partnership with UGA Development Office

Melissa Roberts, Franklin College Dev Office ('99, '01)



- How 'Bout Them Socks!
- Update on RBAA and UGA Development & Alumni Relations goals for FY26
- Larger UGA fundraising plans for the RCB through 2027



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Committee Reports



- Committee Structure

Committee	Areas
Nominating Committee	Board Nomination Recommendations
Events Committee	Pep Band, Alumni Band "Weekend", Annual Meeting
Ways & Means Committee	Fundraising, Intellectual Property (Royalties), Compliance
Membership Committee	Membership Engagement, Young Alumni Council, Auxiliary Connectivity
Public Relations Committee	Communication Channels, Social Media
NAoAB Representation	National Association of Alumni Bands
Technology Committee	Website, Constant Contact, PayPal

Nominating Committee & Results

Danny Roberson, Committee Chair ('84, '87)

Devin Gordon, Registered Agent ('01)

Julie Thacker Hayes, Secretary ('83)



- Process Defined by our ByLaws
- Nominating Committee Slate
 - Patricia "Trish" Cronin
 - Nicole Schuster McGraw
- Election Results

Elected! Redcoats! Dawgs! Alumni!

Events Committee

Mark Perry ('83), Committee Chair



- Pep Band Update - Mark Perry

Year 	# of Events	# of Participants	Avg # of Participants	# of Distinct Participants	# New Participants
2015-2016	8	110	13.75	44	
2016-2017	7	117	16.71	51	
2017-2018	10	171	17.10	70	22
2018-2019	8	155	19.38	64	12
2019-2020	5	119	23.80	53	5
2020-2021	2	28	14.00	17	0
2021-2022	7	141	20.14	61	13
2022-2023	13	237	18.23	78	20
2023-2024	14	258	18.43	81	14
2024-2025	10	182	18.20	68	15
2025-2026	14	244	17.43	89	29
Grand Total	98	1762	17.98	194	

Events Committee

Mark Perry ('83), Committee Chair



Upcoming Pep Band Happenings!

- Aug 15 (TODAY): REHEARSAL!
- Aug 22 (Saturday): Universities Forever (Cumming)
- Aug 24 (Monday): Ted's Montana Grill Grand Opening
- Nov 13 (Friday): Potential IceDawgs Game

**Don't forget to come to Athens on Friday night,
October 2nd to walk behind the Redcoats in the
Homecoming Parade!**



ALUMNI PEP DAWGS!

Universities Forever Aug. 22 Event

Supported the Redcoats since 2015 –
Lots of Redcoat Merchandise Year-Round!



7TH FAN FEST SIGNING EVENT



AARON MURRAY

- SEC PASSING TOUCHDOWN LEADER
- SEC CAREER PASSING YARDS LEADER
- 2010 FRESHMAN ALL AMERICAN



JAKE FROMM

- 2017 SEC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR
- 2017 FRESHMAN ALL AMERICAN



**REDCOAT ALUMNI
BAND**

🎵 LIVE MUSIC 🎵



AUREA MCGARRY

EMMY WINNING TV SHOW HOST,
TEDX SPEAKER,
PODCASTER & HOST OF
AUREA'S ARK TV SHOW.



CHARLIE ENGLISH

MEET AND GREET
BOOK SIGNING



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22ND FROM 12PM-3PM,
527 LAKELAND PLAZA, CUMMING GA**



Sponsored by
Troncalli Subaru

Presented by Universities Forever
Celebrating Georgia Football Legends & Connecting
Fans Through Unforgettable Experiences

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Alumni Band - Sep. 12 vs. WKU

Ellen (Rini) Black ('81, '90), SubCommittee Chair



- Saturday, September 12 - call time EARLY, kickoff 12:45pm
- 6:00 - 6:45 check-in; 7:00 - 8:30 practice
- RBAA tickets in 3 blocks - all transferred
- Clear Bag Policy in Sanford Stadium (cases searched upon entry)
- Dr. Bawcum will update on schedule, etc.
- Check www.redcoatalumniband.com for all the latest under the "Alumni Band Weekend 2026" tab. Music, drill etc. is there.
- Watch for email updates from the RBAA or Ellen
- Questions? info@redcoatalumniband.com

Get ready for a great day! Dawgs!

Ways & Means Committee

Lee Butts ('71)



- UGA President Scholarship Focus
- Redcoat Scholarship Focus

First \$1M Redcoat Endowed Scholarship Fund Dollar-for-Dollar Match

~\$39,000 Goal or <1%

Dawg Days of Giving
\$11,025



Redcoat Band Scholarship Endowment

We honor and thank those generous individuals and businesses whose donations to this endowment fund help ensure our future. The endowment was started in 2026 with an estate gift by David Bond Edwards and has continued to grow providing student scholarships to undergraduate members of the Redcoat Marching Band.

Benefactor Level - \$10,000 and above

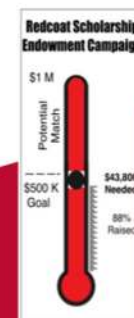
David Bond Edwards

Sponsor Level - \$5,000 and above

Patron Level - \$500 and above

Michael Brewer, Lewis Patterson,
Tommy Sunderland, Lee & Linda Butts

\$50+ Donors - 11



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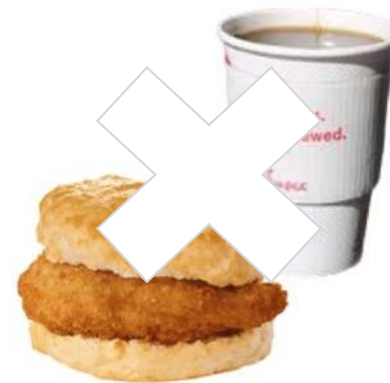
Cookout Campaign

\$3,000+ Thank You!



Breakfast Campaign

Goal: More Sleep



Ways & Means Committee

Dave Carter-Hanson ('06, '08), Committee Chair

- Gifting Stock - our 501(c)3 Investment Account
 - Full value of asset - no tax on gain, can be tax deductible
 - Retain your cash
 - Way to positively adjust your investment portfolio
 - Online donation safe and secure
 - Make a difference in your life, and the lives of others
- Vanguard - Acct# 84038957 DTC# 0062

Membership Committee

Julie (Thacker) Hayes ('82, '83, '02)

- **Membership Engagement**

- UGA Mentor Program - *Over 100 Alumni Registered!*
- Cookout for the Redcoats!
- New Member Welcome Gifts
- Band Banquet
 - Dessert Sponsor
 - Senior Recognition - Alumni Perf Polos

**Introducing Eden Rasch
Solo Twirler**



- **Staying connected with current Auxiliaries**

- Julie (Thacker) Hayes
 - **2026 – 2027:** Auditions held in Spring: 28 Flagline, 20 Georgettes, 8 Majorettes, and a NEW Feature Twirler!
 - All three teams held summer practices in June and July

Public Relations Committee

Nicole Schuster McGraw ('18), Committee Chair



Communications Channels

Newsletter | Email | Website

- info@redcoatalumniband.com
- <http://redcoatalumniband.com>

Twitter | Instagram | Facebook

- Private FB Group “UGA Redcoat Alumni Band Members”
- FB Page “Redcoat Alumni Band”

Recent Developments

- Expanding RBAA’s visibility through engaging digital content
- Viral post reached 800,000+ people

Merchandise

Linda (Anderson) Butts ('71)



Royalties – \$2k in revenue this past year!

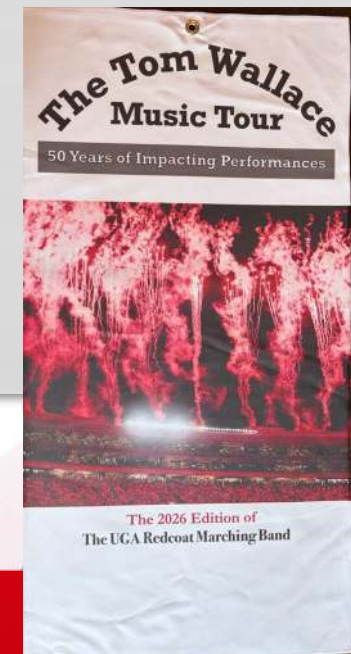
Online Store

Coming REALLY soon!

Look for a link in an upcoming newsletter!



Cooling towel welcome gift given to all band members last night at the Cookout!



National Association of Alumni Bands

Leigh Tompros ('76)



Networking with Member Alumni Bands



National Association
of ALUMNI BANDS

Mission:
To be the
Indispensable
Resource and
Advocate for
Alumni Bands



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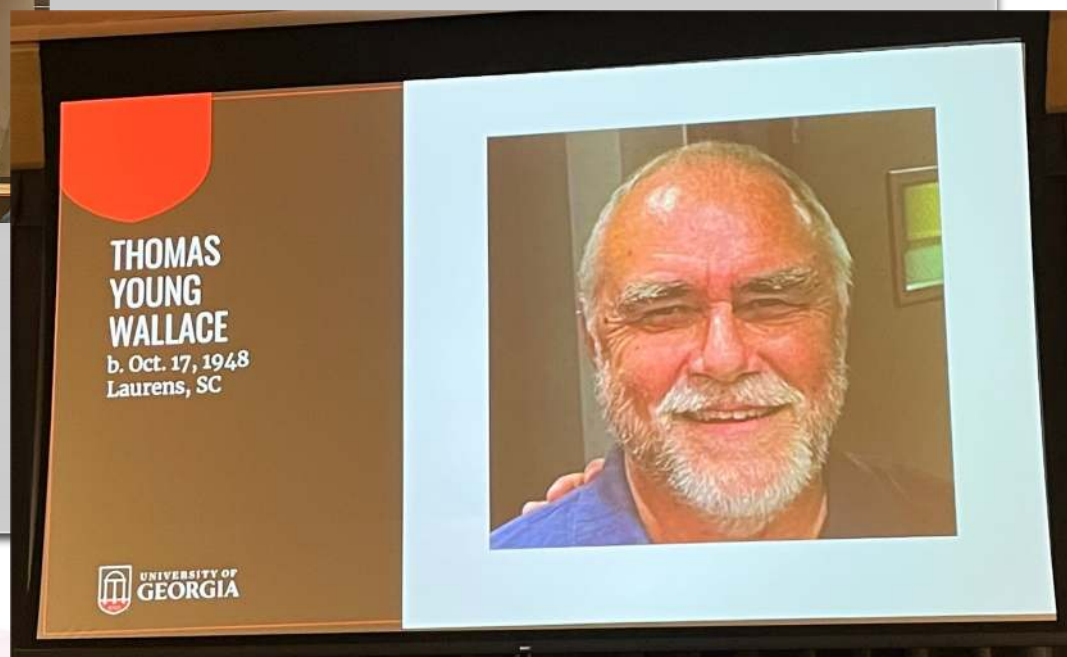


Feature Presentation!



**Based on 2-3 hour
interview with TW**

**From Mr. Dancz's "Shade"
Chord and scoring
system, DCI influence,
through to Arrangers
Publishing Company**



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Upcoming Fall Webinars: Stay Tuned! Any suggestions? (they've sent out a survey!)

June 1-4, 2027 NAOAB Alumni Band Symposium at the University of South Alabama in Mobile! Held jointly with CBDNA Athletic Bands Symposium.

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Technology Committee

Lee Butts ('71) David Fulcher ('86 '90)



Technology

- Web Site
- Constant Contact
- PayPal
- AI
- Push technology vs Repository

Year Round Updates

- Registration
- Homecoming Info
- Stories & Lore
- Alumni Profiles
- Alumni Romances
- Legacy Photos
- Remembrances



Old & New Business

Danny Roberson ('84, '87), President



- Old Business
- New Business
- Questions?



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Summary of the Past Year!

Danny Roberson ('84, '87), President



Dawgs! Busy year - some that we've covered in detail, and some not:

- ALL YEAR! 14 Alumni Pep Band Gigs! \$10k raised! Visibility!
- Aug 2025: Annual Meeting/3rd Cookout with Redcoat gifts
- Sep 2025: Alumni Band vs. Austin Peay (HOT! Thunderstorm! Run!)
- Oct 2025: Power Breezer for Redcoats!
- Oct 2025: Homecoming Parade, get together at Creature Comforts
- Feb 2026: Sponsored Redcoat banquet: Senior polos and dessert!
- May 2026: Attended CBDNA; face-time with staff (Brett and Marcus)
- Yesterday!: Cookout for the Redcoats! Cooling towels!
- In Process: Planning for a great Alumni Band Day! More Alumni Pep Band gigs!

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Redcoat Banquet!



Alumni Band Day!

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Motion to Adjourn

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More Dawgs!



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