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Cramer calls years at IU 'good to the last drop'

There are many things one just hates to see come to an end: a great steak, a wonderful vacation, a fantastic malt, your children's last day in your home before they begin their own independent lives, a goodbye kiss to your grandchildren when you know it will be some time before you see them again, and, of course, your final show as a member of the Marching Hundred. Day by day, step by step, this next year will bring me closer to the end of what has been a long and memorable tenure as part of Bloomington and IU. While my active role in the School of Music and the Department of Bands will conclude next May, I most assuredly intend to remain connected and will always be faithful and supportive in any way I can.

It is often said, home is where the heart is, which is certainly the case for me, as my heart and remembrances will remain with Bloomington for the rest of my life. I have lived here longer than anywhere else. My first 18 years were spent growing up on a farm in west-central Illinois, the next five years I attended Western Illinois University and the University of Iowa, and the following seven I taught high school band in Illinois, Iowa, and Ohio. At the conclusion of the 2004-05 academic year, I will have been in Bloomington for 36 years. This seems incredible, as it has gone by so quickly, but as the frog says, time is fun when you're having flies. Few people have the opportunity and privilege to enjoy the extensive career I have been blessed with during my years at IU.

As I have in the past, I want to thank my former teacher, mentor, colleague, and friend, Frederick C. Ebbs, director of bands at IU from 1967 to 1981, for giving me the opportunity to be part of this great Indiana University tradition. Without his faith and trust in me, this job would not have become the reality of my greatest dream, becoming a university band conductor before age 30. His death

came much too quickly for all who knew and loved him. I was so much looking forward to his continuous mentoring in my role as the director of bands. His wife, Ruth, has continued to live in Bloomington for the past 20 years and has been a rich blessing to our family and a loyal and faithful attendee of IU band concerts and events. Thank you, Ruth, for your love and continued support in all of our Department of Bands functions.

I also wish to offer my deep gratitude

and thanks to my departmental colleagues, past and present, who have, and continue, to work so diligently to sustain and advance the quality and image of our Department of Bands around the world. The department is held in high esteem throughout the profession because of your outstanding contributions.

A special thanks to Professor Pratt, whom I have known since his student years at Indiana. Professor Pratt has a

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Return to IU for Homecoming fun

As I write this article just a few days after the most recent Marching Hundred Alumni Board meeting, I am still impressed with the energy, thoughtfulness, and leadership qualities exhibited by your representatives serving on the board. I believe that they represent hundreds of Marching Hundred alumni who still remember their participation in the IU marching band as one of the highlights of their college career.

When I was a member of the Marching Hundred, the director was Ray Cramer. I was fortunate that he was the first IU faculty member I was associated with. From the first day, I recognized his tremendous qualities of leadership, musicianship, and integrity. Please see the article on page 2 describing a special project in which all IU Marching Hundred Alumni can participate. How better to honor Ray Cramer in his retirement than with a musical tribute?

Every year, Homecoming at IU is a special time, but particularly for those of us who were members of the Marching Hundred as students. We return to remember those great days of fun, fellowship, and accomplishment. While graduation classes ranging from 2004 back through several decades will be represented, a spirit of unanimity is always present as we work together to produce an important part of the Homecoming activities.

The MH Alumni Band will, once again, perform with the current Hundred in the pregame, halftime, and postgame shows. It is important that participants have both an Alumni Band hat and a red jacket to present a uniform look to the audience. The MH Alumni Band Hat is a baseball-style cap that has a Marching Hundred Alumni Band logo on it. The hat will be used as your admission to the game. (The old hat still can be used by all of those people who have them.)

Every year, we have new people back to experience the activities of the IU Alumni Band. Many people come up to say how much they enjoy being back in Bloomington and participating in all of the great activities. I am always impressed by the tremendous excitement and loyalty that exists within the Alumni Band! Come and experience that excitement at Homecoming 2004.

— Stephen W. Pratt

*Professor of Music, Acting Director of Bands
Director, IU Marching Hundred, 1986-92*

Hopes held high for Homecoming

As the summer of 2004 comes to a close, it seems all Hoosiers are anxious for the start of the football season. It's been a few years (OK, maybe MORE than a few years) since we've had a winning record and a bowl game, but each summer we all hope THIS will be the year we turn things around. Coach DiNardo has a full complement of scholarship players for the first time in many years, and many of our new recruits were ranked highly by national services. We're all hopeful that we can start the season with a few victories that may get us closer to that elusive winning record.

The 108th edition of the IU Marching Hundred begins the fall campaign at Band Camp 2004. Percussion and undergraduate staff members get started on Aug. 21, rookies join us on Aug. 22, and RedSteppers and veteran wind members begin on Aug. 24. We end our Band Camp activities with our traditional Saturday Night in the House on Aug. 28 — all alumni and fans are invited to join us for some great fun to mark the end of a hard week.

We welcome back to the band the following staff members from this past season: Janis Cooper Parker with the RedSteppers; Joel Brainard with the drum line; and Will Petersen, Chad Nicholson, and Chris Heidenreich as associate instructors. To this great veteran staff we add John Franklin as our new AI.

We'll be sending a pep band to the Kentucky and Purdue football games, and our full-band road trip takes us to Northwestern on the weekend of Oct. 8–10. Our trip will include the football game at the Dyche Stadium as well as a performance at Maine West High School (IU Hundred alum Bernie Gerstmayr is the director of bands). In addition to our road games at Northwestern, Kentucky, and Purdue, we will be playing at the Merrillville High School Band Festival on Saturday, Sept. 11. We invite all of the area Hundred alumni to come and cheer on the Hundred in their exhibition performance.

I look forward to seeing you this fall at Homecoming!

— Dave Woodley, Director
IU Marching Hundred



Mark your calendars for next year's
Homecoming: Oct. 7–9, 2005

Retirement commission under way

Ray E. Cramer will retire from the faculty of Indiana University at the end of the spring semester in 2005. First appointed to the School of Music faculty in 1969, Professor Cramer has served as director of bands since 1982. He was director of the Marching Hundred from 1972 to 1982.

A serious wind ensemble piece has been commissioned from composer Roger Cichy in honor of Professor Cramer's retirement. This commissioned work, which will be premiered by Professor Cramer and the IU Wind Ensemble in April 2005, will be presented on behalf of the many students and colleagues who have worked with him over the years. The commission will cost between \$6,000 and \$8,000 and will be supported by the contributions of former students, colleagues, and the IU Department of Bands. Those who contribute will be listed in a document presented to Professor Cramer on April 22, 2005, at the IU Wind Ensemble concert. Please make your checks payable to Indiana University Bands and send them directly to the IU Band office. Contributors will receive a receipt indicating their contribution for potential tax purposes.

Alumni will receive a letter soon, describing the project and containing a contribution form. If you do not receive a letter by Nov. 1, please call (812) 855-1372, to request one. Thank you!

— Stephen Pratt

Take part in a (Newell) Long tradition

The Marching Hundred honors an alumnus/alumna with the Newell Long Award during Homecoming festivities. This award, a traditional part of the Hundred's fall program, is given to that alumnus/alumna whom the committee believes best exemplifies the high professional standards and contributions set forth by Professor Long in his long association with IU.

There are few individuals who can approach his degree of excellence. For decades, Long devoted his gifted talents and prized technical knowledge to IU as teacher, administrator, composer and arranger, loyal alumnus, and dear friend. He generously shared with students, colleagues, administrators, and the entire IU and Bloomington communities his time and energy, professional expertise, invaluable experience, wise counsel, and



foresight — gifts of inestimable value. But he also lent the IU family an additional priceless gift: his noble spirit, which spoke of loyalty, dignity, unselfishness, generosity, tolerance, and an unbounded zest for and appreciation of all that is good in life.

The recipient of the Newell Long Award represents attainment of those admirable qualities of excellence and is honored by his/her colleagues, just as the Marching Hundred is honored a hundredfold to count Professor Long in its musical and personal heritage. He wrote a fine manuscript. We are privileged to follow his cadence.

Please make a recommendation for the 2004 Newell Hillis Long Award recipient on your registration form on page 6. Thank you.

— Ed Axsom, Class of '53, '55

Previous Newell Long Award winners, 1985–2003

Ralph Norwood Scroggs (1985)	Theresa Ann Steele (1995)
Ronald Fredric Elmore (1986)	Joel S. Krueger (1996)
Edgar Leon Axsom (1987)	Teresa A. White (1997)
Darlene Jean Pratt (1988)	D. Matt Hankins (1998)
Robert D. Watt (1989)	Fred Behning (1999)
Janis Marie Stockhouse (1990)	Paul Addison (2000)
Robert H. Austin Jr. (1991)	Ed Herran (2001)
Alan Chepregi (1992)	Bob Magnuson (2002)
Phil Ferguson (1993)	Brad McQueen (2003)
Nick Michalares (1994)	



Forget the excuses — join us at Homecoming!

What's your excuse? There are lots of them out there, but what's your favorite? Does it change from year to year, or do you use the same old one?

What am I talking about, you ask? I'm wondering what excuse(s) you use for not joining the Alumni Band for a weekend of on-campus fun during Homecoming each year. Regardless of the excuse you've used in the past, please consider setting it aside and coming to join us this year! Activities begin on Friday afternoon with our participation in the annual Homecoming Parade, followed by the Senior Recognition Party to be held in Woodburn House. Both events are casual, fun, and provide lots of opportunities for catching up and reminiscing about the "good old days." Even if you don't join us for the parade, please consider coming to the party to help us get to know this year's seniors and to encourage them to join our ranks as alumni next year. Many times

these events provide a better opportunity to catch up with friends than game day, with its tight schedule!

We all have many fond memories of our time at IU, and for each of us at least a few of our favorites have to be of our experiences in the Hundred. The Alumni Band roster spans many decades of alumni each year, so there's sure to be someone in attendance who marched when you did.

We need your help to increase participation in this year's Alumni Band! If you've come consistently over the years, get in touch with a friend whom you haven't seen recently and encourage him/her to come with you. If you've not come in years, call a friend and agree to come together. Are you worried that you may not remember anyone? Visit

our Web page at <http://php.indiana.edu/~alumband/> to view a list of names of those who participated last year and to see who has registered so far this year. (We list maiden names, years in the Hundred, and instrument to help you put names with faces.) Are you worried that you never play anymore? Don't worry! We're blessed with lots of alumni who still play on a consistent basis who can "carry" the rest of us, and I'll bet nearly all of us could still play *Indiana, Our Indiana* in our sleep! If you know people in the current Hundred or recent graduates, encourage them to get involved now and to make participation in the Alumni Band a habit. I look forward to seeing you in October!

— Ra Anna Robertson
President, Alumni Band Council



The Man with the Baton

There's a great man I know
Who can put on a great show
When he takes the baton in his hand.

You can see in his eyes
A great musical surprise
When he steps out in front of his band.

For years he has been
At the helm of this crew;
He has given his heart and his soul.

Each day as he teaches
Someone new that he reaches
In winter, spring, summer, or fall.

I thank you for all
Of the wonderful memories
I hold deep inside of my heart.

All the lives you have touched;
We will miss you so much;
Of this group you will always be a part.

*For Professor Ray Cramer, by
Debbie (Cardwell) Peterson
IU Bands, 1985–89*

Alumni Band Council makes less work, more fun for you!

The Alumni Band Council is made up of Marching Hundred alumni, IU Band staff, and IU Alumni Association representatives. Together, along with your input and ideas, we plan each fall's Homecoming activities, always trying to make the work easier and the weekend more fun. We meet twice a year, once in the summer to plan the Homecoming activities and once just before the Friday parade during Homecoming weekend to confirm and finalize the plans. Current members of the Alumni Band Council are listed below, with year of graduation, instrument in the Marching Hundred, and e-mail address. Let us hear from you!

- Ra Anna (Wright) Robertson, president (1987, mellophone), Ra.a.robertson@accenture.com
- Kevin Cottrill, vice president (1993, sousaphone), klhcottrill@insightBB.com
- Paul Addison, secretary and webmaster (1974, trombone), paddison@alumni.indiana.edu
- Brad McQueen, immediate past president (1990, alto sax), bmcqueen@wthr.com
- Bob Watt, historian (1950, trumpet), BobW@first-insurance-group.com
- Teri (Batdorf) Fancher, Redstepper representative (1977, Redstepper), hoosier06@cox.net
- Mary Ann Hildegard East, Flag Corps representative (1999, flags), maryann@eastbrothers.com
- Leah (Moebius) Trigg (1995, trombone), LeMoeb@yahoo.com
- Steve Sonafrank (1988, trombone), steve_sonafrank@heckmanbindery.com
- Steve McCord (1993, trumpet), smmccord@yahoo.com
- Matt Conaway (2001, trombone), mconaway@tbsigma.org
- Debbie (Cardwell) Peterson (1988, mellophone), Debbiepete1@aol.com
- Ray Cramer (IU band staff), cramer@indiana.edu
- Steve Pratt (IU band staff), pratts@indiana.edu
- David Woodley (IU band staff), dcwoodle@indiana.edu
- Doug Stotter (IU band staff), dstotter@indiana.edu
- Joan Curts (IUAA), jbcurts@indiana.edu
- Karen Conrad (IUAA), kconrad@indiana.edu

Remembering the legend ...



Johnny Gilbert



... and reveling in old IU.





Alumni Band Registration Form

Indiana University Homecoming, Oct. 29–30, 2004

Name _____

Maiden Name _____

Student I.D. (SS#) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____

Business phone _____

E-mail _____

Dates in Hundred _____

Years in alumni band, including this year _____

Instrument _____

Part 1 2 3 (circle one)

RedStepper Flag DM/Twirler

► Please bring your own instrument, mouthpiece, and lyre. Sousaphones, mellophones, and percussion instruments will be provided to anyone who registers by Oct. 18, 2004. Please check below if you need one of these instruments.

Sousaphone Mellophone

Percussion: Snare Cymbal
 Quads Bass Drum

► I will ride with the IU Alumni Band and be at the west end of the fieldhouse at 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29, for the Homecoming parade.

Yes No

► All tickets, band jackets, shirts, and hats will be available in packets at the Saturday registration.

\$_____ I need ____ reception/pizza party reservation(s), at \$5 per person, on Friday, Oct. 29, at 7:30 p.m. at Woodburn House.

\$_____ I need ____ reservation(s) for the Homecoming Luncheon, at \$6/band member, \$12/guest, and \$6/child, in the fieldhouse on Saturday, Oct. 30.

\$_____ I need ____ football *guest* tickets at \$20 each. **Remember: Your band hat is your game ticket.**

\$_____ Alumni band hat \$10. One size fits all.

\$_____ Alumni band polo shirt \$25. (Shirts are generously sized.) Circle size:

(Men) M L XL XXL

(Women) M L XL

\$_____ Alumni band jackets \$45 (new design).

\$_____ Add \$2 for XXL.

\$_____ Add \$4 for XXXL.

Circle size:

S M L XL XXL XXXL

\$ 4 Registration/postage fee

\$_____ **Total enclosed**

Make check(s) payable to *IU Alumni Association*.

My recommendation (please see article on page 2) for the 2004 Newell Hillis Long Award: _____

Return this registration form by Oct. 18 to:

Alumni Band, IUAA, DeVault Alumni Center, 1000 E. 17th St., Bloomington, IN 47408

Questions? Please call the IU Alumni Association at (812) 856-5165 or (800) 824-3044.

RedSteppers stepping out for Homecoming

Sitting down to write this, I cannot help but remember an article I read last fall. The article featured an alumnus of the University of Georgia. He was a cheerleader who had returned to participate in Georgia's Homecoming once again. This one held a special significance for him, as it was also his 50th-anniversary Homecoming! He said going back was his second childhood.

Homecoming is a chance for us to experience an important part of our college life again: walking around campus, visiting Bloomington (or B-town as my son, a junior, refers to it), and, of course, dancing!

Don't worry if you have forgotten all the routines. We will learn our routine Saturday morning. Also, if you are in town Friday night, come to the alumni reception, where Janis will give us a quick run through of the routine. For me, this helps tremendously. On game day, we perform in the fieldhouse first and then on the field during pregame. For half-time, we join the current RedSteppers for the last eight kicks of *Sing, Sing, Sing*. If you stay until the end of the game, we will do both numbers for the postgame. And don't forget to wear your white top and crimson pants!

I must apologize to anyone who e-mailed me in August last year. We contracted a computer virus more than once and lost all of our data each time. We hope there are no glitches this year.

Everyone who returns for Homecoming always remarks what a wonderful time she had. Be one of those RedSteppers this year. See you there!

— Terri Batdorf Fancher



Reconnect with friends online

Did you know that you can have your own page for free on the Alumni Band Web site? The address is php.indiana.edu/~alumband. Let other Hundred alumni know what you're up to, where you are living, and what your e-mail address is so that they can get in touch with you! Many alumni are sending us a picture, too. Everyone is listed by name (your current name AND the name you had back then) and your year of graduation. Try it out, and then submit your own information to the Web site.

— Paul Addison

In memoriam

With all the excitement and anticipation in preparing for our Alumni Band activities at Homecoming, it is important that we remember those Marching Hundred alumni who have recently died. Although they are no longer with us on the field, remember that their hard work and dedication helped create the traditions that we celebrate today. Their legacies will last as long as there are football Saturdays, drills to be learned, music to be rehearsed, and Marching Hundred friendships to be cultivated. We remember

- Dr. Ronald D. Gregory, director of the Marching Hundred from 1956 to 1968, who died in December 2002; and
- Russell E. Sonafrank II, BS'72, MS'76, EdS'82, of Syracuse, Ind., who died May 21, 2003. He was a member of the Marching Hundred in 1965

Flag Corps ready for Homecoming

Greetings, Flag Corps alumni! Dust off your red IU flags and brush up your *Sing! Sing! Sing!* routine! I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at Homecoming this year. Over the past years, we have had a good increase in participation. Please encourage your friends to join us.

— Mary Ann East
maryann@eastbrothers.com



Cramer

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21-year tenure of his own in the Department of Bands and is a valued colleague, teacher, and friend. His work ethic, musicianship, and professionalism have made a tremendous impact in our department and the School of Music. I know his presence and leadership will continue to inspire IU musicians for years to come.

For my wife, Molly, me, and our grown children, Heather and Jeremy, who now live and work in other states, these 36 years have drifted by like fleeting clouds before a summer storm. However, when the job has been filled with such rich, rewarding, and exciting experiences, the years melt one into another. One of the main reasons in all of this is you, for our IU musicians make up the finest young people I have known; you are the reason this job has been so satisfying. Thank you for sharing your time, talent, energy, and indomitable spirit.

For the final week of April next year, a special retirement weekend is in the planning stages. I would love to share that time with as many former students as possible. The actual dates will be April 22–23, so please mark your calendar and plan to spend this weekend event with my family. For further information on this weekend, please check the IU Department of Bands Web site for details pertaining to

scheduled events and hotel accommodation information.

If you recall, last fall I told the Alumni Band that I would not be able to be present for Homecoming this year, as I had previously planned a teaching/conducting semester in Japan, thinking this past year would be my final year. Homecoming is always great fun and affords all of our Marching Hundred alumni the chance to reconnect once again with friends and former members of the Marching Hundred. To be able to perform once again, even so briefly, is a marvelous experience, and the audience loves to see and hear you each fall. Make your plans now to attend this year's Alumni Band. You will have a marvelous time.

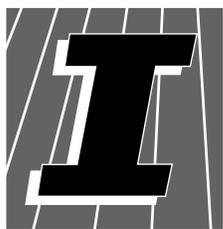
My entire family joins me in saying "thank you" for everything all of you have contributed in making our lives in Bloomington so joyful and fulfilling. My decision to return for one more year was simply my desire to enjoy one more "Last Drop."

Have a wonderful summer and enjoy your time this fall with your former colleagues in the Marching Hundred Alumni Band as you gather to savor those last drops yourself as members of the greatest college marching band, the Marching Hundred.

With deep respect and humble thanks,

— Ray Cramer
Director of Bands, Indiana University

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2004 Homecoming Schedule of Events

Friday, Oct. 29

- 5 p.m. Report to southwest corner of the fieldhouse (17th Street & Fee Lane) to pick up music and board truck for parade.
5:30 p.m. Uniform is the alumni cap and jacket and/or sports shirt.
7:30-9:30 p.m. 2004 Homecoming parade
Pizza party at the Woodburn House. Senior members of the Marching Hundred will be honored.

Parking: Please enter at Gate 12 from Fee Lane (Please note new location for registration!)

Saturday, Oct. 30

- 7:30-7:50 a.m. Registration with coffee and doughnuts in the Mellencamp Pavilion. Pre-ordered apparel will be distributed.
8 a.m. Alumni Band business meeting
8:15 a.m. Band, RedSteppers, and Flag Corps rehearsal
9:30 a.m. Field rehearsal
10:30 a.m. Homecoming luncheon in the fieldhouse
11:30 a.m. Pregame concert at Homecoming luncheon: Alumni Band will perform at the beginning of the program.
12 noon Line up for the march to the stadium
12:40 p.m. Pregame show
1 p.m. Kickoff: IU vs. Minnesota

At the conclusion of postgame performance, return to the Mellencamp Pavilion for equipment and music check-in.

Note: All times are subject to change.

Gouge the Gophers!