
The Frog Horn

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HOMECOMING 2007 -September 22nd



Homecoming 2007 is happening much sooner this year (note the date above). In fact, September is right around the corner! The fall semester starts off with much promise. Last year the football team went 11-2 and quite frankly should have been in one of the BCS Bowls. Construction of the campus area where the fountains used to be located is entering its final stages (and looks GREAT!). This year's marching band will be one of the largest EVER!

As the fall semester begins, it also means that it is time to start thinking about Homecoming and attending the TCU Ex-Bandsmen Association's BBQ luncheon and playing in the Alumni Band! Our luncheon will be held in the lobby of the Walsh Center from 11:30-1:30 on Saturday, September 22nd. And for the first time in MANY years, we will not have to compete with high school UIL marching contests! (We hope this means that many of our exes that are high school band directors will be able to attend along with their families.)

Kickoff will be at 7:30pm this year. This means that if you want to march in with the band, we will be meeting at the University Recreation Center (formerly known as the Rickel Building) at 6:30pm and the pre-game performance will be at about 7:15pm.

Don't forget to RSVP for the Homecoming Luncheon!

Homecoming 2007: TCU Ex-Bandsmen members and their families are invited to our barbecue luncheon in the lobby of the Walsh Center on Saturday, September 22nd from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to celebrate the **103rd Anniversary of the TCU Band!** Cost of the luncheon is still just \$8 per person or \$20 per family (couple plus children). Please RSVP to Mark Sakovich at (817) 428-0837 or by e-mail at LCCC18@aol.com. The Alumni Band will meet on the field of Amon Carter Stadium at 2 p.m. for the pre-game rehearsal. **You do not need an instrument. You do not need to be able to play (but can if you want to).** Following rehearsal, members can meet at the University Recreation Center (the former Rickel Building) at 6:30 p.m. and march into the stadium with the Horned Frog Marching Band. The pre-game show will begin at 7:15 p.m. Let's get out there and make it LOUD!

Band of Fame: We have had several nominations to the Band of Fame. Who will be elected this year? Come to Homecoming and find out!

Jim and Wyn Jacobsen Fund Update: Currently the Fund is at \$170,900! What does this mean for the TCU Band? The disbursement for 2007 was \$7,116. For more information on how you can help, please contact Adam Baggs, Assistant Dean for Advancement, College of Fine Arts TCU, P.O. Box 297044, Ft. Worth, TX 76129. Adam's phone number is 817-257-5332. You may also go to our web-site at: www.exbandsmen.tcu.edu for more information on the Jacobsen Fund and how it benefits the TCU Band. We are making great progress towards the next goal of \$250,000!!!

What to wear to the events? The attire for Saturday's Homecoming events is purple and white as always. We will have the **NEW** TCU Ex-Bandsmen Association T-shirts for sale at the luncheon in sizes ranging from Small to 3XL. These shirts were introduced at last year's meeting and are of the **NEW** design that follows more closely with what the TCU Band is wearing. You **WILL** want to wear these shirts! Cost is \$10 each. A really good buy...

100th Anniversary DVD/CD Orders & Souvenir Items: The 100th Anniversary DVD and CD will also be on sale at the BBQ luncheon. The price for the DVD is \$25 and the price for the CD is \$20. You can get both for just \$40! What a steal! We will also have the 100th Anniversary Lapel Pins for sale at \$10 each. These are really sharp!

Tickets? If you need a ticket to the game, we have arranged (with the ticket office) a special promotion for Ex-Bandsmen that will get you either a End Zone General Admission game ticket for \$15.00 or a End Zone General Admission game ticket with food for \$21.00 for the Homecoming game only. The game ticket with food will get you a game ticket, a drink and a hot dog.

You may order tickets two ways:

1. If you don't have access to the Internet, you may call the ticket office (817-257-3764) and tell them that you need tickets and that your promotional code is "EXBAND".
2. If you do have Internet service, then you may go to www.GoFrogs.com, click on Tickets, under the Tickets link, click on Buy Tickets, click on the link on left that says Promotions, enter the promo code "EXBAND" and buy your tickets. TCU Athletics will leave that link up until Friday, September 21st.

Please remember that as in the last several years, if you march in with the Band, you will not need a ticket! You may also sit with the Band in the stands at the game!!

Notes from Bobby Francis (Director of Bands at TCU):

Wow-what a year we had! Last year was one of the busiest and most successful years in the history of the TCU Bands...here's part of the list of events and activities:

Marching Band performance at Baylor, Marching Band performance at the AAAAA Texas State Marching Band Finals Competition, Marching Band performance at New Mexico, TCU Drumline winning the national Percussive Arts Society (PASIC) indoor drumline Competition in Austin. Wind Symphony performance to an enthusiastic (and standing at the end) crowd at the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) in San Antonio, Wind Symphony performance at the National College Band Directors National Association in Ann Arbor (first time in the history of TCU to receive this invitation), Jazz Band bringing the house down at the annual TCU Jazz Festival with guest artist-Andy Martin, TCU Jazz Band winning the Downbeat award again, TCU Jazz Band performing in the Tuscani Region of Italy this summer...not to mention about 50 more performances given by the Wind Symphony, Marching Band, Concert Band, 3 Jazz Bands, Percussion ensemble and more. Maybe I should have said "Whew - what a year we had"!

Things look great for this year. We had a terrific recruiting year. Even as I write this, the marching band is on campus and in sectional rehearsals, Mr. Wilson is having audition for the jazz bands and travel arrangements for the trip to Austin for the TCU vs UT game are being made. I guess things are in full swing.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming events involving the band this fall:

Homecoming on September 22nd (See Mark's column for details)
Family weekend on September 29th (if you have kids following in your TCU footsteps)
Wind Symphony/symphonic Band Concert on October 22nd
Jazz Ensemble on November 29th

Also - Try to catch the "Horned Frog" Marching Band in exhibition at 2 UIL Area Marching Band competitions on October 27th in the DFW area. Performance sites and details will be listed on the TCU Band website in the next couple of weeks.

Many TCU band students will be performing with the Orchestra in November in Puerto Rico.

We hope to see you at as many events as possible - best wishes for a great year.

Bobby R. Francis
Director of Bands

Brian Youngblood
Associate Director of Bands
Director of the TCU "Horned
Frog" Marching Band

James T. McNair
Assistant Director of Bands

Notes from Curt Wilson (Director of Jazz Studies at TCU):

We just returned from a tour of ITALY where we performed 2 concerts at the international UMBRIA JAZZ FESTIVAL where we performed for over 2000 people from around the world. We also performed in the Ft. Worth sister-city of REGGIO-EMILIA where we performed for nearly 1000 people. In addition, the jazz combo had a great gig at the CARUSO jazz club in Florence.

NEWS FLASH!!

We will feature the greatest jazz vocal group in the history of jazz at the 31st annual TCU Jazz Festival. **THE FOUR FRESHMEN!!!** on Friday, March 28, 2008. Tickets will go on sell in September via the TCU School of Music website.

Fall 2007 Concert Dates

(all 12 O'clock MWF Band unless noted - all jazz ensembles now meet on MWF at noon, 1 pm, and 2pm - fall semester only)

Friday, September 28 - Noon

- Student Center Ballroom - TCU FAMILY WEEKEND CONCERT (Our 32nd!)

Wednesday, October 24 - 7:30 p.m.

- Pepsico - Fall Combo Concert

Tuesday, November 6 - Noon

- Student Center - Brown Bag Concert with Joey Carter 1:00 band

Thursday, November 8 - Noon

- Student Center - Brown Bag Concert with James McNair 2:00 band

Thursday, November 29 - 7:30 p.m.

- Ed Landreth Auditorium - Fall Big Band Concert - All bands

Vice-President's Comments: Hard to believe that summer is almost over, and it will be back to school again for our kids or grandkids, and even some of our Ex-bandsmen. Remember back in those days when we were young and free, and looking forward to another marching season. We were already at Band Camp at this time in August, learning the new style or new drills, renewing old friendships, and making new ones. I was reminded of this just this week, when a picture of the TCU Band Drum line was in the Ft Worth Star Telegram. That brings back memories... Along with that, it is hard to remember Marching band at TCU without the presence of " Prof ". Most of the Ex-bandsmen have great memories and stories of Prof, and how he was a big influence on their lives. It is hard to believe he is gone now, the end of an era at TCU. However, his memories and influence live on at TCU in the Jim and Wyn Jacobsen Fund started several years ago. This fund has helped the band each of the last few years, and is constantly growing. I can think of no better way to honor Prof or Mrs " J " than to donate to this worthy fund. It is something we all can do, now or at Homecoming, to stay a part of TCU and pay tribute to a man that had an impact on all of our lives. Being in the TCU Marching Band and Jazz Band will always be one of the best and most cherished memories of my life, and Prof and Mrs " J " are a big part in that time period and in my life since TCU.

Please try to be at Homecoming this year for the Ex-bandsmen activities. It is much earlier this year, so a lot of you should be able to make it this time, rather than be at marching contests, etc. We always have fun, and it is great to see old friends. Go FROGS !!!!!

Peter Sakovich MD

President's Final Comments:

The past year has been one of great sadness and reflection for Peter and me. In the span of a little over a year, we lost 4 of the most influential people in our lives: Both of our parents (John and Kathleen Sakovich – each were TCU graduates), our high school band director (George Virgili) and James "Prof" Jacobsen. Each of these losses were extremely hard on us.

The most positive statement that I can make is how much each one of these people influenced not only me, but a great many others. Not only were each of these people wonderful teachers, but they were also tremendous role models and mentors for thousands of young people.

Also, speaking of great teachers - we celebrated Curt Wilson's 30 years at TCU at our own luncheon last fall and also at the Jazz Festival concert in the spring. Congratulations to Curt!

I say this just about every year, but our luncheon is really a great family event! And it has remained a good deal with individual prices at \$8.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. However, I do need to hear from you if you are coming so I can estimate how many meals to order from the caterer. In case you are wondering, I plan on using our friends from Rusty's BBQ once again. My info is below, so let me hear from you (and soon)!

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