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# The Frog Horn

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## **HOMECOMING 2008** **-October 25<sup>th</sup>**

Homecoming 2008 is just around the corner! Make plans to attend the Ex-Bandsmen Homecoming Luncheon on October 25<sup>th</sup>! Please note the **EARLY TIMES** that everything is happening this year! Since game time is at **5:00pm** this year, everything else is earlier than in previous years.

2008 marks the first time that the Frog Horn has been mailed to over 1,600 exes! To me this is really exciting!!! It means that we will be reaching more exes than ever and I'm assured that more (if not all) of the Ex-Bandsmen from the last several years are included in the mail-outs.

This year also marks an interesting anniversary... This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year that I have served as the President of the Ex-Bandsmen Association. And although I enjoy doing this job, this is also an election year for the officers of the Ex-Bandsmen Association. Incredible as it may sound, I (and the other officers) would welcome any nominations for our positions. Your current slate of officers is up for reelection however...

One of the things that I am extraordinarily proud of in the last 10 years is the growth of the Jim and Wyn Jacobsen Fund. The Fund has grown from 2 donations of \$1,000 each to over \$167,000. Most of us want to help support TCU financially. All of us want to support the TCU Band. By contributing to the Jacobsen Fund you can accomplish both! If you want to contribute, I've included information on the next page.

**Don't forget to RSVP for the Homecoming Luncheon!**

**Homecoming 2008:** TCU Ex-Bandsmen members and their families are invited to our barbecue luncheon in the lobby of the Mary D. and F. Howard Walsh Center for Performing Arts on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** (Note the time!!!) (The Walsh Center is located at the rear of Ed Landreth Hall.) Cost of the luncheon is still just \$8 per person or \$20 per family (couple plus children). RSVP to Mark Sakovich at (817) 428-0837 or by e-mail at [LCCC18@aol.com](mailto:LCCC18@aol.com). The Alumni Band will meet on the field of Amon Carter Stadium at **1 p.m.** for the pre-game rehearsal. (Please note the earlier than normal rehearsal time!!!) **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 **4:00 p.m.** and march into the stadium with the Horned Frog Marching Band. The pre-game show will begin at **4:45p.m.** Last year I said, "Let's get out there and make it LOUD!" ...and we did! Every year it seems that the Alumni Band gets stronger and stronger. Let's make sure that this year is no exception!

**Band of Fame:** This year our inductee to the Band of Fame is Dr. Steven Moser. Dr. Steven Moser holds the rank of Professor in the School of Music at the University of Southern Mississippi. Currently Associate Dean for Administration in the College of Arts and Letters, he concurrently serves in the School of Music as a professor for undergraduate and graduate conducting and music education classes. From 1990 to 2002, Dr. Moser served as director of The Pride of Mississippi marching band and was the conductor/director of the Symphonic Winds until 2005. Dr. Moser also served as associate director of the School of Music from 2002-2005. Prior to his 1990 appointment at Southern Miss, Dr. Moser was the assistant director of bands/marching band director in the College of Fine Arts at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas where he received his Master in Music Education degree. Multi-faceted, he has extensive classroom experience as a music educator; served as an administrator of a dynamic and nationally respected college marching band and scholarship program; and works as a consultant, clinician/conductor, and adjudicator of marching and concert band events. Receiving his Ph.D. in educational leadership and research in the area of adult education, Dr. Moser's research focuses on adult learning in music. Dr. Moser holds numerous professional memberships and is active as an adjudicator and clinician for concert and marching bands throughout the United States and has conducted honor bands/touring bands, semi-professional/ professional wind ensembles and municipal bands in the United States and in Europe.



**Jim and Wyn Jacobsen Fund Update:** Currently the Fund is at \$167,169! The disbursement for 2008 was \$8,358. 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](http://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 TCU Ex-Bandsmen Association t-shirts on sale at the luncheon in sizes ranging from Small to 3XL. At \$10 each these are really a good buy!

**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 GA game ticket (for \$15.00) or a End Zone GA 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.

**Note: This discount and offer is not available on the day of the game and MUST be purchased in advance.**

**You may order tickets in one of several 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.

**This link will stay active only until October 24 - after this date please call the ticket office to order your tickets.**

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

TCU Band Activities for 2007-2008

The past year was an amazing year for the TCU Bands and this year is shaping up to be even more eventful. Last year was filled with many memorable experiences. The Horned Frog Marching Band had a busy year performing at home games and traveling to SMU and Oklahoma to support our great team. Additionally, the band performed in exhibition at a couple of band contests in the DFW area.

The chapters of KKY and TBS are both thriving. With an anticipated pledge class of 15-20 this year, we expect membership to be at an all-time high in just a few more months. These gentlemen represent the most outstanding musicians, students and leaders in the band program. TBS continues to impress with the quality of its members and the fine work they do for the TCU Bands. Their membership consists of 40+ truly wonderful members of the band. We appreciate what both of these honorary band organizations do for the band.

This year is going to be outstanding. The TCU Horned Frog Marching Band was selected to perform in exhibition at the Texas State Marching Band contest in San Antonio. The performance will be on November 3, 2008 at the Alamo Dome.

The TCU Wind Symphony has been invited to perform at the National American Bandmasters Association (ABA) Convention on March 5, 2009. This is the first time in the history of the TCU Band that the invitation to perform at a National ABA has been extended. Only 2 college bands were invited to perform at this year's convention (in addition to the host band Texas A&M) – TCU and the University of Texas Wind Ensemble under the direction of Jerry Junkin. As a matter of fact, the TCU and UT concerts are on the same night – one right after the other.

Plans are being made for the TCU Wind Symphony to perform at Carnegie Hall in February 2010! This concert will be advertised and promoted to all TCU alumni. This is a unique opportunity for the group to perform in the legendary musical venue. The concert will occur on a Friday night and TCU will be the only group on the concert.

Last year, Sam Bogart celebrated his 35<sup>th</sup> year as the voice of the TCU Band! Lucky for us, he started his 36<sup>th</sup> year last weekend at the TCU/SFA game! Congratulations Sam and we look forward to many more years.

I hope you all will be able to join us for these performances. As always, go to the band website at [www.music.tcu.edu](http://www.music.tcu.edu) for concert and recital schedules.

Bobby R. Francis

Mr. Francis has been active this year with clinics, guest conducting and adjudication. He has worked many of the area high school bands, conducted several honor bands including All-Region Bands across the state. Last October, he was a guest presenter at the University of Illinois, where he gave a presentation on judging standards to over 60 of their members of the student chapter of the National Band Association. In addition, he served as a judge for the Illini Marching Band Festival. He was invited to be a guest conductor for the University of Miami Wind Ensemble in their concert at last March's ABA convention in Miami. He conducted a piece that featured Internationally known tuba soloists Sam Palafian and Patrick Sheridan. This past summer, Mr. Francis took his 7<sup>th</sup> European performance tour as Music Director of the Texas "Lone Star" Ambassadors of Music. Over 130 people participated in this tour that took them through 7 countries including England, France, Austria, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, Italy and Germany. Next year, he will be traveling to China where he has been invited to serve as the Artistic Director of a new music festival which will take place in Beijing. While at home, he enjoys spending time with his lovely wife Teresa – who is also a music educator, and his two daughters Tamsyn – 10, and Breelyn – who is about to turn 3 years old. He continues to love working with the wonderful students and faculty at TCU and looks forward to a great year.

Go Frogs!

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

#### **Fall 2008 Jazz Concert Schedule**

October 3 - 12:00 NOON	Family Weekend Brown Bag Concert Brown-Lupton University Union
October 23 - 7:00 p.m.	Fine Arts Gala - Tribute to the Big Bands! Brown-Lupton University Union Ballroom
November 11 - 12:00 NOON	Brown Bag Concert with Joey Carter Jazz Ensemble Brown-Lupton University Union
November 12 - 7:30 p.m.	Annual Fall Combo Concert Pepsico Recital Hall
November 13 - 12:00 NOON	Brown Bag Concert with Micah Bell Jazz Ensemble Brown-Lupton University Union
November 18 - 7:30 p.m.	Annual Fall Jazz Concert - 3 Bands With Guest Trumpet Soloist Brian Standridge Ed Landreth Auditorium



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**Vice-President's Comments:**

Hard to believe it's been another year. Homecoming 2008 takes on a new meaning this year since my son is now attending TCU. He's not marching in the Band, but he is marching with the Air Force ROTC. Another reminder – to please give to the Jacobsen Fund (if possible). Hope to see you all at Homecoming!

Peter Sakovich MD

**President's Final Comments:**

Each year I find a new way to get excited about Homecoming! This year the reason involves change. The changes that are being made on the campus of TCU are VERY exciting! If you haven't been to campus lately you may not recognize it... The new Brown-Lupton University Union (BLUU) is really something. There are plenty of places to eat (and I guarantee you it beats what most of us had in the basement of the "old" Student Center) and just have a great time. The Campus Commons has really developed into the center of the campus and is worth visiting.

By the way, 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. If you are coming, I need to hear from you so I can estimate how many meals to order from the caterer. I plan on using our friends from Rusty's BBQ once again. Rusty's has done a GREAT job for us the last several years and their food is EXCELLENT!

My info is below, so let me hear from you (and soon)!

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