



EX-BANDSMEN
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The Frog Horn

The Frog Horn is the official newsletter of the
TCU Ex-Bandsmen Association
and Alumni Band

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Officers for
2000-2002:

This newsletter is being sent only to the Ex-Bandsmen that live in the " 76__" zip codes. I need your opinion and I need it by June 1st!!!

On June 1st, I have to turn in our itinerary for Homecoming. For the past 2 years, we have had a BBQ luncheon in the lobby of the Walsh Center (next to Ed Landreth). The approximate cost of this event is between \$900-1000 each year. The average attendance over the past 2 years has been approximately 110 persons. One of the reasons for this large attendance is that we have opened the event up to family members and that it has been free.

We currently have only about \$2000 in our bank account. That will buy us about 2 and possibly 3 more years of luncheons. What I would like to know from you all (and again I' m only asking the local Ex-Bandsmen this question because it is most likely that the closer you live to TCU, the more likely you will attend the luncheon and/or Homecoming) is:

- Would you still attend the luncheon if we charged \$5.00 per person for the food?

Yes No

The first luncheon in 1999 was paid for by the generosity of one of our Ex-Bandsmen. Other than that, the most we have received in donations since then is \$565.00.

I want this event to be a success. I want to set records for



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attendance every year. I want this to be an event for the entire family. I want to have 100 members playing in the Alumni Band. But I can't do it without you or your help...

Please let me know your response by June 1st by writing me a letter or responding by e-mail to:

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UPDATE ON THE JIM AND WYN

JACOBSEN FUND:

Success!!! Our efforts have paid off with a \$1,200 disbursement to the Director of Bands (Bobby Francis) in May, 2001. There will also be a \$2,300 disbursement in June, 2001!!! The Fund is currently approaching \$50,000 and the \$3,500 that Bobby will soon receive tells us that our efforts have been rewarded!

However, we need to keep this drive going! Our 4 year goal was to raise \$100,000 for the Fund by the Fall of 2002. Now we need to kick this thing into high gear.

Thanks to all of you that have donated to the Fund over the last 2 ½ years. For those of you that need more information on the Fund, Please contact me personally at my home address or by e-mail, or contact Adam Baggs in the Development Office at TCU (P.O. Box 297044, Ft. Worth, TX 76129) or phone him at 817-257-5332.

Nebraska Game

As of this date, the Band will not be going to the Nebraska game. The reasons for this are many and not just related to financial aspects. I spoke with Bobby Francis on May 18th about this matter. He and I both have been approached by Ex-Bandsmen and current Band members wanting to know what can be done to send the Band to the game. Some have proposed writing or e-mailing the Chancellor and expressing their concerns that the Band will not be there.

All I can say to this is that each Ex-Bandsmen needs to consider this matter on an individual basis. If you feel strongly that the Band should go to the game, then you need to let the University know.

On the other hand, we need to be cognizant of the fact that the Band may receive negative publicity if your concerns are expressed in a derogatory or threatening manner. The current Administration at TCU has shown that they are “ Pro-Band” . Let’ s just make sure that we as Ex-Bandsmen don’ t do anything to jeopardize that relationship.

There are some issues that pertain to the Band that are more important than just being at football games. The primary issues with the Band revolve around instruments and uniforms. While we have tried to help these issues with the creation of the Jacobsen Fund, we still need to be aware that the Band has a need for uniforms and instruments.

If you contribute to TCU annually, and would like to help with a gift to the Band, please make sure that you indicate that your gift is to be used for the Band and that it is to be budget enhancing. More on this in the next newsletter...

GO TCU BAND!

GO HORNED FROGS!

Tropix

Once again, our friends from Tropix will be playing at the post-game party at Joe T. Garcia's. This would be a great way to round out your Homecoming day!

Band of Fame

This year, we will be inducting Don Gillis into the Band of Fame.

Parting Notes:

You will receive another regular newsletter by the end of summer. Please don't forget to let me know if charging the \$5.00 fee for the Homecoming BBQ is acceptable to you by June 1st! (The actual cost per person is about \$8.00.)

Ex-Bandsmen Web site is:

www.music.tcu.edu/exbandsmen