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## HOMECOMING 2002

If you didn' t get to attend the 2001 Ex-Bandsmen Homecoming activities you really missed out on a lot of fun! The event was once again well attended by about 100 Exes and their families. Former TCU Band Director Don Gillis was inducted into the Band of Fame. (We don' t know why he wasn' t already in it, but at least that oversight is now corrected!)

We had about 40 members participate in the Alumni Band and the football team took care of the Army.

So what will we do to top all of that in 2002? Come and find out! There' s a " RUMOR" that all of the Alumni Band members will receive a t-shirt of some kind. And once again, we will have a GREAT BBQ luncheon for Ex-Bandsmen and their families. The fee for the BBQ luncheon will be \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family (mom, dad, and kids). This is really a great bargain for the Exes, especially for those of you with a lot of kids.

So make plans to be there! Let' s try to have 150 at the luncheon and 100 (yes, 100) in the Alumni Band! And yes, I say this every year, but this year is SPECIAL for us! It' s our 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Remember- the main reason why this event is such a success is because we are family and we love to get together!

If you haven' t attended this event in the last 3-4 years, you need to!!! It has really changed and is now more of a family event than ever before!

p.s. Homecoming is Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>!!! Let me know in advance how many of you are going to be at the luncheon so that I can plan ahead with the caterer. Send me a letter, give me a call, or send me an e-mail!

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## UPDATE ON THE JIM AND WYN JACOBSEN FUND:

Success again!!! Our efforts have paid off with \$3,000 in disbursements to the Director of Bands (Bobby Francis) in June, 2002. The Fund is currently approaching \$65,000 with another \$20,000 pledged in insurance!

Remember that our goal is to have \$100,000 in the Fund by 2004. And why is 2004 so important? It is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Band! (Man we're getting old...)

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. There is also information available on our web-site.

## A NEW LOOK

You will notice a NEW LOOK for the Band this fall. Yes, the long-awaited new uniforms are here! No more safety-pins! This look was a long time coming and we should be very appreciative of the current administration at TCU for this!

## Special Event on October 3rd

The Ex-Bandsmen Association would like to provide refreshments (cokes, snacks, water, Gatorade) to the Marching Band after their rehearsal on Thursday evening, October 3rd. This would be around 8:00pm and would take place behind Amon Carter Stadium where the Band rehearses. If you are in town by then and would like to participate in this activity, please let me (Mark Sakovich) know. This would be a great way to show your appreciation for the Band!

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**GO TCU BAND!**

**GO HORNED FROGS!**

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## Band of Fame

Last year, we inducted Don Gillis into the Band of Fame. Don was a former Band Director at TCU and world class composer and arranger. This year we are proud to induct two Ex-Bandsmen that really made their mark in the entertainment arena. Roy Bacus was involved with WBAP radio and TV and Mel Dacus who was with Casa

Manana for many years. Many of us watched Mel perform at Casa for years. Who else will be inducted this year? Come and see!

## E-Mail:

Speaking of e-mail; send me your e-mail addresses! Then send me the names and e-mail addresses of your friends that are also Ex-Bandsmen. Please contact me or Kathy Smith (k.smith@tcu.edu). Also, don't forget to let us know what your real names are when you contact us! (There's a lot of you out there with really strange e-mail names...)

Ex-Bandsmen Web site is:

[www.music.tcu.edu/exbandsmen](http://www.music.tcu.edu/exbandsmen)

## Window Stickers

Yes, the world famous TCU Ex-Bandsmen window stickers will be on sale at the luncheon for the incredibly low price of \$1.00 each. No other organization has this style! I've personally seen hundreds of them in town on cars! (Well, mainly on the back of my two cars in my own garage, but hey! It's the thought that counts...)

## What to Wear???

As usual, wear something that is purple or white. We always try to be color coordinated! The rumor about t-shirts WILL happen! But it will perhaps be limited to the first 100 members of the Alumni Band. Come to the rehearsal at 10:00am and find out! There will be shirts available at the luncheon for those that are marching that can't make practice. If any shirts are left over (meaning that there were not 100 Alumni Band members to wear them) we will sell them for \$10.00 each.

## Tickets?

We can get discounted upper-deck seats on consignment for about \$6.00 each. All members of the Alumni Band that march in with the Band for the Pre-game will not need tickets to the game! You may also sit with the Band (in the last several rows of the Band" section) during the game. Family members that accompany you will need tickets. The Marching Band and Alumni Band will meet by the Student Center at 1:00pm and march down to the Stadium from there. We will announce this again at the luncheon.

## CDs FOR SALE!

At the Homecoming luncheon, we will have the latest Wind Symphony CD, "Testament" and the latest Jazz Ensemble CD for sale at

\$10.00 each. The proceeds go directly to each respective band. These CDs are FABULOUS! (And they make GREAT stocking stuffers!)

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**Notes From Curt Wilson (Director of Jazz Studies):**

Curt will be taking a sabbatical this fall semester and is busy writing music. The jazz ensembles will be under the direction of Joey Carter until Curt returns in January. He will, however, conduct for the Bass Hall Gala on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> where he will perform his new George Gershwin Salute which incidentally, was premiered this summer with the FT. Worth Symphony Big Band at their annual Concerts in the Garden series. On Nov. 19, we will have the exciting U.S. Navy Commodores from Washington D.C. at TCU for an evening concert. The annual fall concert will be held on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. On March 29<sup>th</sup>, we will host our 26<sup>th</sup> annual TCU Jazz Festival with 30 great middle school and high school jazz ensembles plus Dave Pietro as guest soloist. Dave is one of the most in-demand saxophonists in New York. He plays lead alto with the Tshiko Akiyoshi Big Band in New York as well as performing on Broadway in 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Here's a few other dates:

- Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> - noon- Student Center, Annual Family Weekend concert
- Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> - 1:30-4:30pm- Central Market on Hulen St.- Jazz Combo
- Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm- Pepsico Hall- Jazz Combo Concert
- Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> - 7:30pm- Ed Landreth- U.S. Naval Commodores Jazz Ensemble
- Nov. 26- noon- Student Center- T/Th Jazz Ensemble Concert
- April 15<sup>th</sup> - Paris, TX - afternoon clinic and evening performance
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> - 7:30pm Pepsico- Combo concert

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**ELECTIONS**

Can it be that time again? Yep! We will be electing officers for the 2003-2004 period. (But don't worry; we have a feeling that the current slate of officers will be running again!)

**VP's Comments**

O.K., so we closed our books and said our good-byes and walked across the stage. Leaving the hallowed halls of our Alma Mater TCU, a door closed and the world opened. We can never go back, or so they say... Things are never quite the same. There is, of course, one exception!!! There is one place where things continue, much the same as before. Every year at Homecoming, you

can relive the excitement, the color, the noise, and the music. Best of all, the camaraderie. It's all still there every year, just as though it were yesterday. Another event for the Band! Yes, that wonderful purple and white line that says so much to so many. The best of the best!

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What better way to take a trip back in time--- try walking behind that noisy group. The vibrant feelings and the excitement of years gone by all comes flowing back with zeal and pride as though the years have faded away.

Very few of our young memories can truly translate to our kids, and sometimes, we may even question the accuracy of what we do recall. However, if you and your family come and follow the band at Homecoming, you will have the opportunity to truly translate the feelings of excitement and family you experienced being a member of such a terrific group of people. Let the game begin!

My heart fills with immense pride as we take our places to stride out in step with the new band, just as we always did. Could there ever be a better feeling??!! I still pull out the old clarinet, and my son Alexander, steps beside me with his - you could say, following in the old man's footsteps. It gives you goose bumps along with a healthy dose of Horned Frog Blue. Come join your family and make your own special memories and relive your past.

**RAH RAH TCU! RAH RAH TCU!!**

**It just doesn't get any better than this!!!**

**THE BEAT GOES ON!!!!!!!**

**President's Final Thoughts**

There is a somber note to Bobby Francis' comments on the next page, one that rings true for all of us in this life. Life goes on and will go on after we are done with this earth. It is up to each one of us to make the most of our time here. Two Band students were killed in separate accidents this summer. They died doing things that they loved to do. One was rock climbing and the other flying in an airplane. Let's say a prayer



**for them and their families and another for the  
Band during this difficult time.**

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