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HOMECOMING 2003

Last year we had another great turnout for Homecoming with 100 Ex-Bandsmen and family members attending the luncheon! We inducted Mel Dacus and Roy Bacus into the Band of Fame. Also inducted were a couple of brothers by the name of Sakovich (and were we ever humbled by that honor).

One of my concerns from last year was the turnout for the Alumni Band. Although we have certainly had fewer members in years past, we need to have a strong turnout for this event or we may have to drop it. It makes little sense that we have 100+ show up for the luncheon but can only get 30-35 people to come for the Alumni Band. Since this year's schedule is more time friendly for people that want to attend their Class activities, perhaps we can get back to a more normal number of about 50-60?

Anyway; back to Homecoming 2003... Please read the itinerary attached to this Frog Horn. The schedule is different this year than in years past. The luncheon is at the same time, but the game is at 6:00pm. The Alumni Band will rehearse at 2:00pm. After that, there is plenty of time to attend your class reunion activities that start at 3:00 and 3:30pm. The cost for the luncheon is \$8.00 per person and \$20.00 per family (we are only covering our costs). A ticket for the luncheon will need to be presented when going through the line.

Also at the end of the Frog Horn are several articles about the band, Wind Symphony and Jazz Ensembles. If you think you are busy, look at what they're up to!

Homecoming is Saturday, October 18th!!! 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, but PLEASE RSVP to me at:

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UPDATE ON THE JIM AND WYN JACOBSEN FUND:

Success (again)!!! Our efforts have paid off with approximately \$3,500 in disbursements to the Director of Bands (Bobby Francis) in June 2003. The Fund is currently approaching \$93,000 (this includes ~\$22,000 pledged in insurance)! Our goal is to have \$100,000 in the Fund by 2004 for the 100th anniversary of the Band!

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 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.

Special Event on October 16th

The Ex-Bandsmen Association will be providing refreshments to the Marching Band after their rehearsal on Thursday evening, October 16th. This would be around 7:30pm and would take place behind Amon Carter Stadium where the Band rehearses. This would be a great way to show your appreciation for the Band!

GO TCU BAND!



GO HORNED FROGS!

Band of Fame

Last year, we inducted Roy Bacus, Mel Dacus, Dr. Peter Sakovich and Mark Sakovich into the Band of Fame. This year we are proud to induct Larry Harrison (1969), Bill Collins (1974), Dr. Michael Korenman (1971) and Dr. Gerry Cox (1970).

Let's all show up for the induction at the luncheon to show our appreciation for this fine group of Exes!

E-Mail:

Please contact me (Mark Sakovich) or Kathy Smith (k.smith@tcu.edu) with your e-mail addresses. Also, don't forget to let us know what your real names are when you contact us! (There are a lot of you out there with really strange e-mail names...)

Ex-Bandsmen Web site is:

www.music.tcu.edu/exbandsmen

Ex-Bandsmen Association Activities:

Even a lightning storm didn't stop the TCU Ex-Bandsmen Association from providing refreshments for the TCU Marching Band at the end of their rehearsal on Sept. 18th. The entire band and directors migrated from the practice field into Ed Landreth when a lightning storm came up. The members of the band and the directors welcomed the refreshments and expressed their thanks to the entire Association! We also plan on serving refreshments to the Band again on Oct. 16th. (See the previous article on this page.) If you come out to see them, you are in for a real treat when you hear them perform!

The TCU Ex-Bandsmen Association had the opportunity to help the Beta Delta Chapter of Tau Beta Sigma host a reception for 300 family members of TCU Band members during the Family Weekend on Sept. 20th. The members of Beta Delta were appreciative of our support.

Window Stickers

Yes, the world famous TCU Ex-Bandsmen window stickers will again be on sale at the luncheon for the incredibly low price of \$1.00 each!

What to Wear???

We will be selling TCU Ex-Bandsmen t-shirts at the luncheon for \$10.00 each. These are the same style of t-shirts that the Alumni Band wore last year. If you have yours from last year, wear it to the game! Otherwise, purple and white is the order of the day.

Tickets and Parking

We are getting discounted upper-deck seats on consignment for \$7.00 each. Or you can buy a \$9.00 ticket upper-deck ticket that will also get you a hot dog and a Pepsi! We will have 25 each of these tickets for sale at the BBQ luncheon. Members of the Alumni Band that march in with the Band for the Pre-game will not need tickets to the game! (See the Itinerary for more information.) Family members that accompany you or march in with you will need tickets.

1. Parking is \$10 per game in Lot 4, north of the scoreboard.
 2. East Campus parking at the Berry Street lot by Perotti's Pizza is free. All of East Campus is open and free but subject to availability.
 3. Baseball and soccer fields are first come first served at \$3 per car.
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4. There is free parking and a shuttle that runs from Paschal HS beginning 2 hours prior to game time and then is also available post game. (They drop passengers off at Stadium and Frog Alley.)

Notes From Curt Wilson (Director of Jazz Studies):

This summer (July 9-20, 2003), the TCU Jazz Ensemble had a very successful concert tour of Scandinavia performing concerts (standing room only) at the North Sea Jazz Festival in the Hague, Netherlands; Copenhagen Jazz Festival, and Pori, Finland Jazz Festival. They also performed at the oldest and most famous jazz club in Scandinavia, "Club Stampen" (in Stockholm, Sweden). Six concerts were given in four countries. Many thanks to the TCU alum's who assisted in the fund-raising for this remarkable trip.

The TCU Jazz Ensemble has been invited to be the featured college jazz ensemble at the 2004 TMEA Convention in San Antonio in February. We will feature Carl Saunders- a great jazz trumpet artist from Los Angeles.

Don't miss our fall concert on December 4th at 7:30pm in Ed Landreth.

In July, Curt Wilson's Fanfare, Fugue, and Finale was performed by the Ashland, Ohio Symphony Orchestra. This summer, Curt completed his 5th Season as director of the Concerts in the Garden Big Band for the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra Association. In August, he received his 16th ASCAP Award. Last spring, Bobby Francis and the fabulous TCU Wind Symphony premiered Curt's "Fantasy Variations" (commissioned by Velma and Sam Bogart); "Rainbows" (an elegy for tuba and band); and the "Concerto for Trumpet and Wind Ensemble" at the ITG (International Trumpet Guild) Conference held on the TCU Campus.

Comments From Bobby Francis (Director of Bands at TCU) and Brian Youngblood:

The TCU Horned Frog Marching Band had a GREAT August camp. The enrollment increased again this year! Our colorguard doubled in size and many sections grew beyond our ability to supply instruments. This is the 5th year in a row for enrollment increases for the band. We have a goal of reaching 250 members in the near future.

The band will be performing at all home games and at the SMU game after Thanksgiving. The band has received invitations to perform in exhibition at the Birdville Marching Contest and the Plano Marching Band Classic on October 11th and the Bands of America Southwest Super

Regional in San Antonio November 1st. Additionally, we have been invited to perform at the UIL "Area" marching contest at HEB Pennington Field in Bedford. The band has also been invited to perform for over 100,000 people at the opening ceremonies of the Indy Racing League race, "The Chevy 500" at the Texas Motor Speedway October 12th. These performance opportunities give the band a chance to perform for literally thousands of potential TCU music students, their parents, and their high school directors. This is the type of exposure that will help us grow to over 250 members!

VP's Comments

Over the last 5 years (actually more than 5 years), your current slate of officers for the TCU Ex-Bandsmen Association has faithfully served you. There are quite a few things to keep up with, including the Frog Horn, the coordination of Homecoming, the roster, the accounts, and the liaison between us and the current Band and Administration. Not that we mind at all doing the job (we enjoy it very much), we have heard suggestions that perhaps new people would like to run things for awhile. Our terms are over next year, so if you would like to run for an office next year, please let us know, and talk to the person who hold that office to see if you are ready to do what it takes to support and lead the Ex-Bandsmen Association. It is a rewarding, but at times, difficult job. There have been officers in the past who were very active, and some who did nothing at all. The current officers, again, do not mind doing the job, but if you want to take a try at it, let us know! GO FROGS!

President's Final Thoughts

Humbled... That's what we were last year when Peter and I were inducted into the Band of Fame. I've previously heard from other inductees that they felt as if they didn't deserve the honor to be in the Band of Fame and now I know what they mean. For those that nominated us, I can only say that we will try to live up to the expectations and duties that such an honor brings. Let's also try to have a good showing for the Alumni Band this year. I would really hate for this thing to die...



GO HORNED FROG BAND!

TCU Ex-Bandsmen Association
Homecoming Activities: October 18th,
2003

We will be having a BBQ Luncheon in the Walsh Center (in the West End of Ed Landreth Auditorium behind the TCU Theater). The luncheon will cost \$8.00 per person or \$20.00 per family (mom and dad plus kids). The Alumni Band will meet on the field of Amon Carter Stadium at 2:00pm to rehearse for the pre-game show with the TCU Band! The itinerary:

- 11:30-1:00pm All Ex-Bandsmen are invited to a BBQ luncheon in the lobby of the Walsh Center on the West side of Ed Landreth Auditorium. This is open to all Ex-Bandsmen and family. As mentioned above, the cost is \$8.00 per person and \$20.00 per family. During the luncheon, an update of TCU Ex-Bandsmen activities will be given. This will include the business portion of the annual TCU Ex-Bandsmen Association meeting.
- 2:00pm The TCU Alumni Band will meet on the field of Amon Carter Stadium to rehearse for the annual pre-game show with the TCU Marching Band!
- 5:00pm Meet at the Student Center and march into Amon Carter Stadium with the TCU Marching Band! No tickets required if marching in with the Band!
- 5:45pm Pre-Game show! Perform with the TCU Alumni Band!
- 6:00pm TCU vs. UAB football! Sit with the Band during the game!

Wind Symphony

The TCU Wind Symphony had a very active year in 2003-2004. In addition to several "regular" concerts on campus, the group was invited to perform at the Tuba/Euphonium Southwest Regional Conference, which we hosted at TCU. At this conference, the band performed approximately 25 minutes of their own music and then performed several selections with various guest artists. They included Brian Bowman, euphonium, Markus Theinert, Tuba, and Patrick Sheridan, Tuba. During the conference, the band premiered a new piece written by Curtis Wilson for Tuba and Wind Symphony entitled "Rainbows". The piece was written for Chris Baker, the TCU tuba player that was killed in a stunt plane accident one year ago. Chris' parents were in attendance for this very emotional premiere. Immediately following the Tuba/Euphonium Conference, the band performed two concerts at the International Trumpet Guild Conference also held at TCU. These concerts were for the over 1000 trumpet artists and teachers literally from all over the world. At the conference, concerts were performed for such guest artists as Allen Vizzutti, Jon Lewis, and the Stoneback Sisters. Another of Mr. Wilson's band compositions was performed at the conference. His "Concerto for Trumpet and Wind Symphony" featured Jon Lewis (professional trumpet player from L.A. – featured lead trumpet player on several movies and television shows). The performance of the piece was very well received. This year, TCU will be hosting the Southwest Conference of the College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA). The TCU Wind Symphony will open the conference with a performance on Thursday, March 11, 2004. At the performance, the band will be joined by Ron Shirey's fabulous Choral Union for a performance of James Syler's Symphony Number 1 "Blue" for band and chorus. This should be a spectacular music event. Put it on your calendars!

Fall Concert Schedule:

October 22, 2003 7:30 Chamber Winds,
Pepsico Recital Hall

November 21, 2003 7:00 Concert with TCU
Jazz Ensemble and Wind Symphony, Ed Landreth
Hall
December 8, 2003 7:30 TCU Wind
Symphony and Symphonic Band, Ed Landreth Hall
December 10, 2003 7:30 TCU Community
Band Concert, Ed Landreth Hall

Bobby Francis Director of Bands

Director of Bands, Bobby R. Francis, was voted into the American Bandmasters Association (ABA) this year. After an extensive one-year investigation of his work as a band director, the organization's 250 members voted him in as a member. Only 7 new members from across the country were accepted this year. Mr. Francis was nominated by non other than ABA member Prof Jacobsen! Co-sponsors included Gary Green from the University of Miami and Richard Floyd, Head of the Music Division of the University Interscholastic League (U.I.L.). This organization represents the highest honor that can be bestowed on a Wind Band Conductor.

Mr. Francis also conducted several Honor Bands including Region 20 Symphonic Band in Coppell, and Region 15 Symphonic Band in El Paso, among others. His adjudication activities included the Texas State Marching Band Contest in Waco, concert contests in Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, and Corpus Christi. Bobby Francis served as presenter for the Plano "Solutions to Common Ensemble Problems Independent School Districts Teacher Training In-Service Session on August 7, 2003. Mr. Francis provided training sessions to the district's 50 band directors. Topics included: "Developing Student Leadership in Your Band Program", and "Score Study and Preparation for the Rehearsal".
