The Frog Horn

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HOMECOMING 2000

If you haven’t heard (or received any Homecoming information from TCU yet), we’re having another barbecue luncheon this year! And yes, it’s free again for the whole family thanks to many generous donations from the Ex-Bandsmen! I will be ordering food for about 125 people, so let’s try and get as many people to attend as possible! Last year we had 135 people attend! It was the largest turnout that we have EVER had. The luncheon will be from 11:30am-1:00pm in the Choral Room, just off the 2nd floor lobby of the Walsh Center. The Walsh Center is in the West End of Ed Landreth Hall, behind the TCU Theater. We have ordered tables and seating for 125 in the lobby area, so there should be plenty of room. Our annual business meeting will be held during the luncheon along with our Band of Fame presentations. And for you Alumni Band members, don’t forget to meet on the field of Amon Carter Stadium at 10:00am for the pre-game rehearsal! Last year we had the largest Alumni Band ever! Let’s break the record! Let me know how many of you are coming!!

p.s. Homecoming is Saturday, October 28th!!!!
NEW DIRECTOR OF BANDS AT TCU!

Bobby Francis has been chosen to become TCU’s Director of Bands. Bobby comes to us from Texas A&M Commerce. We want to welcome Bobby in his new role and give him our support!

UPDATE ON THE JIM AND WYN JACOBSEN FUND:
Currently, the Fund has almost $40,000 in it!! For all of you that have donated to the Fund, THANK YOU!!! If you would like more information on the Jacobsen Fund, please contact me (Mark Sakovich).

SPECIAL EVENT!
Be in the Alumni Band! Yes, the WORLD FAMOUS Alumni Band will again be performing at the pregame show at Homecoming. Meet on the field of Amon Carter Stadium at 10:00am for rehearsal. After the BBQ luncheon, meet by the Student Center at 1:00pm. Then march into the stadium with the Band!

Frogs ranked in TOP 20 in polls!
Yes, hard as it may seem to believe, TCU is ranked in most football polls in the top 20. In fact, MANY of them are predicting that the Frogs will go undefeated!! Let’s get out there and support the Football Team as well as the Band!

FROM CURT WILSON:
The TCU Jazz Ensemble appeared at the Montreaux and Vienna Jazz Festivals this past July. There were also performances at Budapest, Hungary, and Bregenz, Austria. Forty students and adults (including Chancellor Ferrari and his wife) made the trip. The new 2000 TCU Jazz Ensemble CD will be released as soon as funds can be raised. It has already been recorded and features live performances from the Valentine concert, the European Tour, and studio sessions! Can’t wait!!

BAND OF FAME NOMINATIONS
We have received three nominations for the Ex-Bandsmen Band of Fame so far! Please send me your nominations ASAP!

TCU EX-BANDSMEN ASSOCIATION
WINDOW STICKERS!!!
We now have a window sticker for you to proudly display on your car/vehicle! Stickers can be purchased at Homecoming or through your President (Mark Sakovich) for the LOW price of $1.00. These stickers are ONE OF A KIND! No other organization at TCU uses this style!!

GO TCU BAND!

GO HORNY FROGS!
From the “Veep”

The TCU Band has a tradition of producing outstanding individuals that honor both TCU and the Band. These individuals are selected for membership in the Band of Fame. I thought that it would be good for everyone to see who is in the Band of Fame: James A. and Wyn Jacobsen, Frederick Cahoon, Perry Sandifer, “Curly” Broyles, Lew Gillis, John Giordano, Leon Breeden, Dr. James Moudy, Clinton Hackney, Kenneth Vaughan, Curt Wilson, Joyce Roach, Frank Kasko, Don Hayes, Lt. Col. Ray Toler, Wayne Owen, Ernest Repass, Morris Repass, Charles Hoffman, Phil Aikman, Bob Wright, Jim McDaniel, Alto Tatum, Preston Thomas, Sam Bogart, Ron Puckett, Dave and Pat Huff.

Who will be selected for the Band of Fame this year? Come to Homecoming 2000 and find out!

President’s Final Thoughts...

Our organization is at a crossroads of sorts… We can keep increasing our visibility and vitality, or we can remain static (that is, stay where we are at). In the past 2 years, through various means, we have increased the number of members that are coming to our meeting at Homecoming, we are getting our information out to more members than ever before, and the Alumni Band’s numbers are increasing (we may even have 100 members playing this year).

And what has occurred to make all of this happen? Simple: You got involved! A friend of mine recently said that part of the football team’s recent success is that they believe in themselves. I believe that we can have an organization that is just as successful! All we have to do is participate!

I mentioned earlier in the newsletter that if you would like to purchase one of our window stickers, please send a SASE and $1.00 (make checks payable to the TCU Ex-Bandsmen Association) to me at:

Mark Sakovich
6849 Moss Lane
North Richland Hills, TX 76180
LCCC18@aol.com
Home phone: 817-428-0837

Also, use this address and e-mail to let me know if you are coming to the BBQ!!!

WHAT TO WEAR???

Let’s all try to wear a purple and/or white top of some kind. There will also be a “special” Homecoming 2000 T-shirt that will possibly be available from TCU for $10.00 if you are interested.

GO ALUMNI BAND!!

Ex-Bandsmen Webmaster is: Kathy Smith.
Ex-Bandsmen Web site is: www.music.tcu.edu/exbandsmen
TICKETS? DO WE NEED TICKETS?
All members of the Alumni Band that march in with the Band for the pre-game will not need tickets to the game! (Thanks, Fred Velez!!) You may also sit with the Band (in the last several rows of the Band’s section) during the game. Family members that accompany you will need tickets! However, we will have discounted game tickets at the luncheon that you will be able to purchase for $7.00. (A steal…!) The Marching Band meets by the Student Center at 1:00pm and marches down to the stadium from there. We will announce this again at the luncheon.

Upcoming Events:
The TCU Wind Symphony will have a concert on Oct. 23, 2000, 7:30pm at Ed Landreth Hall. They will feature music by Dzubay, Gounod, Ticheli, Grainger and Hartley.

On November 4, at 7:30pm at Ed Landreth Hall, there will be a combined concert with Choir. This concert will feature lots of Holiday music. Bring the whole family!

The TCU Wind Symphony will also be performing in Dallas at the Dallas Convention Center for the PASIC (Percussive Arts Society) International Conference at 12:00pm, November 17th. They will be accompanying the four finalists for their solo contests and will be premiering a new work for solo percussion and Wind Ensemble.

And last but not least, Bobby Francis will be judging the State Marching Contest this year on November 6th, and the Arizona State University Marching Festival on October 21st. He will also be conducting the All-Region Honor Bands in Corpus Christi, Richardson and Nederland this year. He will be conducting the ATSSB All-State Concert Band as part of the TMEA Convention in San Antonio in Feb. 2001. (What a busy guy!)

Where Are They???
We still don’t have very much information on the Band members from 1995-2000. If you know of anyone that was in the Band during this time, please let me know who they were so that I can get the information to the Alumni Office.

IT’S BACK…..!