From the President

Longhorn Band Alumni,

I’m happy to let you know that our annual Band Day reunion has been scheduled for the Rice game on September 17th! You will be excited to note that we have been notified that the game time has already been set for 6:00 P.M., which means, for the third year in a row, we won’t have to conduct an early morning rehearsal! In this issue of The Blast, you’ll find information regarding Band Day as well as a registration form. I encourage you to register early by registering online at www.lhab.org, or returning the registration by mail, if necessary.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the arrival of both Mr. DiNino and Big Bertha to Longhorn Band and The University. Plans are underway for an absolutely fabulous half-time performance! I certainly hope that you are making plans to join your fellow Longhorn Band Alumni to help us celebrate this very special milestone in the history of our great organization!

I want to call your attention to the scholarship donation section of the registration form. As noted, all of the LHB named scholarships are now fully funded. Please be aware that any donations designated for a scholarship that is fully funded will be deposited into the general scholarship fund. The LHB Board of Trustees has just established a new named scholarship in honor of former LHB Director, Col. George E. Hurt. A huge thank you to D. Harold Byrd, Jr. and Moton Crockett for giving so generously to initiate the Col. Hurt scholarship. I would like to encourage everyone to contribute to this new scholarship.

Your LHAB officers are working very hard to make your 2005 Band Day experience the best possible, and we can always use your help! If you would like to volunteer to help with Band Day preparations, to assist with rehearsal by volunteering to be a section leader, or if you would like to become an LHAB officer, please submit a comment through the LHAB web site or email me at karissa@mail.utexas.edu.

I can’t wait to see you all on September 16-17!

Hook ‘em!

Karissa Horton
President
The University of Texas
Longhorn Alumni Band

2005-2006 LHAB Directory

The 2005-2006 Longhorn Alumni Band directory will be available for purchase and/or pick-up at the check-in on Friday night and again at the rehearsal site on Saturday morning. You may purchase a spiral-bound directory for $7 at the time of registration or when you arrive for Band Day. Please keep in mind that the entire LHAB directory is available online at lhab.org.

Calling All Section Leaders

If you are interested in serving as a section leader during rehearsal this year, please indicate so on your registration form. There will be a section leader meeting prior to our marching rehearsal on Saturday, where you will receive drill charts and information on rehearsal plans. Our half-time performance simply would not be a success without a dedicated group of section leaders! Anyone who feels that they can contribute as a section leader is strongly encouraged to sign-up!

More information will be provided by our Vice President of Band Day Operations as we get closer to Band Day.

Deadlines

Friday, September 2nd - Mailed Registration must be postmarked to avoid late fee.

Monday, September 12th - Last day for on-line registration.
The Rice game has been officially scheduled for 6:00 PM on September 17th. The following schedule should provide a general idea regarding the timing of various events throughout the weekend. While we don’t anticipate any changes to the schedule at this point, remember to check www.lhab.org for up-to-date information on Alumni Band Weekend.

**Final Band Day Schedule**

The playing rehearsal and business meeting will be held on Friday night at the Band Hall. During this time, we will rehearse LHB traditions and hold our annual business meeting. During the business meeting, we will install new officers for the Board of Directors. We will be checking out instruments outside of the Bertha doors as usual. We would love to have some volunteers to help us out!! If you have helped before and would like to help again, please e-mail lhabtuba@hotmail.com. If you can help Friday morning separate/label/load the instruments, we would appreciate that as well. I look forward to seeing everyone again this year!! And please...BORROW INSTRUMENTS IF POSSIBLE!!!

**Friday**

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM: Walk-up Registration, Pre-registration Check-in, Instrument and Music Checklist
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Playing Rehearsal and Business Meeting
8:00 PM - ?: March-around with LHB

**Saturday**

10:00 AM -10:45 AM: Pre-registration check-in (No registration!)
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM: Section Leaders Meeting
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM: Playing and Marching Rehearsal
1:15 PM - 1:45 PM: Combined Rehearsal with LHB
3:30 PM - 4:50 PM: BBQ Meal at Band Hall and Vest Checkout
3:45 PM: Play for football team (meet at North Stadium gate)
5:10 PM: March to Stadium
6:00 PM: Kickoff - BTHOOR!

**Check-in**

For those who have registered, check-in on Friday night or Saturday morning should be simple. Just look for the check-in area along the windows in the main hallway outside the Band Hall and locate the station corresponding to your last name. Once you find your station, you can pick up a name tag containing all the information required for your participation in Alumni Band Weekend, including information on meals purchased, instrument rental, and vest checkout.

If for any reason we have a problem processing your registration form, you will be directed to a problem table inside the choir room for help in resolving the problem and obtaining your materials. Typical problems are incomplete registration forms, incorrect payment amount, or a problem processing a payment.

It is recommended that you pick up your own check-in packet. If you send someone else to check in for you, they will be required to sign for your packet and will be responsible for getting it to you. Once you are checked in, you can join the rehearsal in the Band Hall where we will hold our business meeting and rehearsal.

**Instruments**

It’s time to dust off the cases again!! Anticipating another great turnout, here is the general info on instruments. First, please make sure you REGISTER EARLY to reserve an instrument if you need one. If you wait until Saturday morning, we cannot guarantee you your correct instrument. Reminder: we do not have woodwinds to check out, so please bring your own. Also, if you can borrow an instrument from a friend, family member, or local school, PLEASE DO!! Tubas: we will more than likely be able to borrow some instruments from the LHB practice set again, we just don’t know how many at this time. Percussion: thanks to LHB, we have an entire set of practice battery that is in MUCH better shape.

This year on the web site for registering, we will have a specific number of instruments available at first come, first serve basis. From this list, we will label the instruments with your name before you pick them up Friday night. This will hopefully help with a lot of the confusion. Please show up early on Friday so that we may hand everything out efficiently. If you don’t show up Friday night during checkout, your name will be removed from the instrument and it will go to whomever needs it first. If, by chance, you still have an instrument from last year, please contact me to so that our inventory is accurate. If you absolutely can’t come Friday night for checkout or have someone else pick up your instrument for you, please contact me.

We will be checking out instruments outside of the Bertha doors as usual. We would love to have some volunteers to help us out!! If you have helped before and would like to help again, please e-mail lhabtuba@hotmail.com. If you can help Friday morning separate/label/load the instruments, we would appreciate that as well. I look forward to seeing everyone again this year!! And please...BORROW INSTRUMENTS IF POSSIBLE!!!

Hook ‘Em!
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**Packing**

The University has allotted no special parking to participating LHAB members for Alumni Weekend. Ample parking should be available around the Music Building and Law School area after 5:45 PM on Friday evening for rehearsal and check-in, but please pay attention to signage indicating time and permit requirements. Parking is not permitted in the Music Building and Law School area on game day unless you have a designated permit through some other source such as the Longhorn Foundation.

There is also no designated parking for the Saturday rehearsal. In the past, the parking lots adjacent to the LBJ Library and Sid Richardson Hall and near the Denius Practice fields were available for a few hours Saturday morning, but UTPD usually clears these areas several hours before the game and has even required that all cars be moved during LHAB rehearsals in the past. Parking in these areas is not recommended. Limited free parking is available along Dean Keaton (26th street) and in the neighborhood areas north of Dean Keaton. There are also state parking garages and lots along and to the south of MLK (19th street). LHAB is not responsible for any tickets or fines related to parking violations, so please be careful and plan accordingly. Carpooling is highly recommended.

**Playing Rehearsal/ Business Meeting**

The playing rehearsal and business meeting will be held on Friday night at the Band Hall. During this time, we will rehearse LHB traditions and hold our annual business meeting. During the business meeting, we will install new officers for the Board of Directors.
For the past several years, LHAB has provided chaperones for the little ones and young'uns that needed to be watched in our designated seating area while we marched down from the band hall to the stadium. This is being done in an effort to better police ourselves in our Band Day process and help to maintain not only the tradition of what we do from year to year, but also its longevity over the years to come. That being said, we are looking to do the same again this year.

Please be aware that yet again, NO ONE other than registered LHAB members are allowed to march to and from the stadium on game day. This is a request made by UT Athletics for our own safety. We, as an organization are committed to doing what we can to cooperate with the athletic department in an effort to help achieve a high level of efficiency and safety throughout our reunion festivities.

All spouses, significant others, guests, and children who will be attending the game and sitting with LHAB should meet our designated chaperones at the art sculpture in front of the band hall thirty minutes prior to march down on game day. This allows for safety in numbers for your child and assistance to our designated chaperones. Your child/children will be escorted to our designated seating area and supervised until your arrival to the stands after you march into the stadium. Please be sure to have your guest and/or child present with a valid ticket to enter the stadium.

Should you have any questions or want to volunteer your time as a chaperone for this small part of the day, you can contact us through the LHAB web site or e-mail Scott Harmon at siharmon@aol.com.

S.O.B. Reunion

LHAB Weekend will be September 16 -18, Rice University (September 17) for those who still need to mark calendars. We’ll have the 2005 S.O.B. Reunion same time, same place as the last five years: 5 PM, Friday, September 16th, 2005, South East side of the Sid Richardson breezeway. Look for Don’s Ford F150 with a Silver Conn Baritone sitting on the roof. Bring your own picnic, stories and horn. Everyone’s welcome — don’t have to be a S.O.B. to attend. We’ll head down to the rehearsal from there and reconvene afterward. Wink. Wink.

Beat the HELL outta Rice!

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### Board of Directors’ Uniform Decision

At their last meeting, the members of the Board of Directors (BOD) accepted a report from a Uniform Committee. The Uniform Committee was appointed by the LHAB president at the direction of the membership of LHAB. The committee considered possible changes to the traditional LHAB uniform, but a large majority of the members recommended no change to the uniform.

The BOD reviewed the options suggested to the committee. The BOD noted that changing to khaki pants, orange or white polo shirts, and white shoes would create problems maintaining a uniform look, since there are many different shades of khaki and orange. In order to have a uniform look two options were considered. The first would require each member to purchase his or her own pants, shirts, and shoes from the same source. The second option would be for LHAB to purchase the pants, shirts, and shoes for the members.

After considering the first option, each member purchasing his or her own uniform, the BOD rejected this option due to:

- the cost to members (cost could be over $100); and
- the expected non uniform “fading” of each person’s uniform (caused by the varying number of times the uniform is washed).

The second option of LHAB purchasing pants, shirts, and shoes for each member was rejected due to the high cost. LHAB dues would have to be raised significantly to allow LHAB to purchase these items.

The BOD then voted unanimously to maintain the current uniform, stating this issue will not be addressed again until 2015. The BOD noted the following about the current uniform:

- It looks good when LHAB is on the field.
- It has worked very well for over 40 years.

Submitted by Gay Dodson, Chair BOD

### Archive/Historical Materials Wanted!!

When you come to register at Band day on Friday, be sure to check out the newly redecorated display cabinets. Your loyal volunteer officers have carefully updated and reorganized the LHAB display cabinets in MBE to showcase some newer archive materials as well as some old ones that have recently come to our attention or that we thought would be a nice change of pace from what’s been in there for years. (If you have items that you would like to donate to our archives, or that you would like to see displayed, we will have a table set up at Band day for donations and archive information. Your donated items will be stored safely and in a manner that will allow them to be preserved for future LHAB generations, and you will be contributing to a growing collection that helps tell the story of the history of the Showband of the Southwest. We need your help, and anything you have is welcomed, large or small. Please help us preserve and remember our history and donate your old LHB items to our archives!

### Austin Area Update

The Austin Area LHAB members have been quite busy over the last year. Beginning with the UT Club Pep Rallies before each home game, and continuing with numerous events (Cowboys Pavilion Dedication at the UT Alumni Center, Tower Band, various birthdays, special Alumni events, etc.), we have raised $1625.00 for the Scholarship Fund.

I would like to thank all of the LHAB Members who have turned out to support these activities, and invite everyone else to join in on the fun. We can always use more players for these events. Your first opportunity to participate will be the resumption of the UT Club Pep Rallies on Fridays before home games. Our Friday night get-together before Band Day will offer you a chance to see what it is all about; just slip out with us for about 20 minutes, then come back and finish the rehearsal.

A big “Thank You!!” to Moton Crockett (Our Fearless Leader), James Hejl (Our Other Fearless Leader), Kathi Thomas (Fearless Alternate Leader), and John Fleming (Our Other Fearless Alternate Leader/Bass Drum) for directing us at these activities. Without you, we couldn’t do these events. OK, we could - but it wouldn’t be the same....

Finally, if you are not receiving our emails about these events (and you would like to receive them), send an e-mail message to George Moxley (utband1@aol.com) or me (dkjones@austin.rr.com) with your current/preferred e-mail address and we will modify our list or add you to it.

Hook ‘em!

David Jones
Austin Area Representative

### Old LHB Shows Now Available On DVD At Band Day!!!

Yes, we’re finally done with the first half of our video restoration and archives project, and we WILL have DVDs for sale at Band Day for LHB shows from 1987 to 2004, except for 1994. DVDs are $25 per season, and limited quantities will be available at Band Day.

**If you want to order DVDs in advance with your Band Day registration, we will have those DVDs available for you to pick up Friday evening at registration and rehearsal. Ordering in advance will guarantee that your DVDs will be ready for your Friday evening, as the number of DVDs available for walk-up purchase is limited to those we have on hand.**

For those of you who are interested in purchasing DVD videos for years prior to 1987, we are very close to having some of those available, and in fact may have some of the 1980s ready at Band day for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis.

Now for the second half! We DO have archive video to make a good-quality LHB DVD for EVERY year from 1955 up to 1986, except for 1958 and 1994, with only partial footage available for 1958, 1959, and 1977. Stay tuned for many new soon-to-be-released DVDs!
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**Guest Game Tickets**

Due to our need for space in the stands, guest tickets will not be available for purchase in advance. Rather, a limited number of tickets will be available during check-in on Friday and Saturday on a first-come basis. We will reserve a portion of the tickets for those arriving Saturday morning. Members are strongly encouraged to make alternative arrangements to provide tickets for guests who wish to attend.

Guest tickets are sold at the regular game ticket price. Tickets are limited to 2 per member. Guests may not march down with LHAB and must enter the stadium as normal patrons. Children will need to be escorted by a chaperone to their seat. LHAB will have volunteers available to assist in these cases. While guest tickets will have specific sections and seats indicated, this does not reserve that particular seat within the LHAB member/guest-seating block. Guests will need to comply with LHAB seating requests that may or may not seat them in the exact location on their designated ticket.

**Can’t Attend? Renew Your Dues!**

Even if you cannot attend Band Day this year, please keep in touch and help our organization by renewing your membership and paying your annual dues. The dues and fee structure has changed such that if you are not attending Band Day, you do not have to pay the full registration price as in years past. The dues renewal price is now only $10 for a single member or $15 for a joint spouse membership.

The small amount of money you pay for membership in the Longhorn Alumni Band is VERY important. These funds help keep the organization running year-round, pay for administrative costs, allow us to buy lettering awards for deserving Longhorn Band members, and pay for expenses related to the web site. It also helps us maintain instruments, uniforms, music, and pay for other incidental costs necessary to keep our group running.

If you pay your membership dues, you will have access to the current Blast and complete annual directory, and you will be helping the Longhorn Alumni Band put on the next Band Day reunion. Also, we will soon be adding more member benefits such as discounts on Spirit Items and awards for years of consecutive active membership. So please help out by renewing your membership, even if you can’t join us for Band Day. Your presence will be missed, but your contribution will be greatly appreciated!

**Meet the Football Team Entering Memorial Stadium**

Meet at the North Stadium “Seal Gate” at 3:45 PM on Saturday to give team parents, alumni and fans a Blast from the Past while our Longhorn players and staff head into the stadium. You’ll get to see our players from 10 to 20 feet without all their gear, rather than across the stadium, and see what these 18-22 year-old student athletes look like with their game faces on. Theresa (Piccolo, 69-73) and I (Baritone, 67-71) have been doing this gig by ourselves four years for Big 12 North away football games and the College World Series. We play Grandioso, Eyes, Taps, always have a great time and the response is overwhelming. With a larger group, we can also play Yellow Rose, Calypso and Wabash – you don’t even have to bring music if you know the show. Imagine what hundreds of us could do...

If the prospect of having some extra fun doesn’t encourage you to participate, think of the superb visibility this will give LHAB with the Athletic Department. I promise Coach Brown’s office will know who is out there supporting our student athletes in a way no other alumni association can.

Finally, if the game is televised, Coach Brown’s office offered to provide us any TV-adjusted kickoff times that week. We’ll announce any revised times at our Friday and Saturday rehearsals so you can plan around the activity and won’t be out in that sun any longer than necessary.

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**Tidbits**

A big thank you to Salvador Coronado for donating his time and materials to create a set of magnetic signs with the LHAB logo for use in parades!
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