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## From The President

Well, here we are. Football season is in full swing (GO HORNS!!!), the temperatures are going down (finally!), and the final preparations for Band Day are in process. As with past years, we don't know the game time, so the schedule has not been set, but we do have 3 schedules waiting, one for an early game, one for an afternoon game, and one for a night game. We will let you know as soon as the game time is published.

We are making some changes to the Registration Form this year. First, please remember to send in your dues, even if you are not marching. This will ensure a strong financial pool for the officers to use throughout the year. Second, you will notice that there is now an Indemnity Statement that you need to sign (online will be an electronic signature). Please ensure that you do so. Next, you will notice that the question if you would like your issue of the Blast/Directory electronically is more prominent. This year, if you check yes, you will not receive the Blast in the mail, but will get it electronically. As for the Directory, we encourage you

to use the on-line search function. If you still want a paper directory, there will be a small printing/shipping fee. Spirit Items are no longer on the Registration Form. We have handed this off to the Longhorn Band Students Association (LHBSA). We are providing a link to their web page from ours as well as the form in this packet. For our members who do not have access to the web page, LHBSA will have a table set up for purchasing throughout the weekend. Lastly, I know there was a problem with Credit Card payments last year with the cards not being run until the middle of this year. The problem was that our secure registration form only allowed for the taking of the card number, etc., but did not allow us to automatically run the cards. This is a manual process that was hampered even more by the change of personnel at Treasurer. Well, this year we will have the auto-pay feature up and running, so the Credit Cards will go through instantaneously, automatically.

Please remember, as was last year, that we will not be accepting late walk-ups on Saturday morning (those who did not register). Friday night will be the last chance for members to register. Those who

pre-registered will still be able to pick up their packets on Saturday.

We will again be having the Business Meeting on Friday, November 9 during the rehearsal the same as last year. During this meeting, we will again be handing out almost \$27,000 do deserving LHB students. The officers and the Board of Trustees continue to thank you for your contributions to the Scholarship Fund.

This is my last article for the Blast as LHAB President. I have enjoyed my time serving you, and I want to thank all the Officers who helped make my job easier. A special thanks goes out to Susan LaRonde, who, while having a baby daughter, still found time to help me, and to John Fleming who I kept giving actions to, usually on the spur of the moment. I look forward to seeing everyone at this years event!!

Hook 'em!!!  
Allan Adelman  
LHAB President  
LHB 89-94

### LONGHORN ALUMNI BAND

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## Membership Renewal

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 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 the Blast and the membership directory, and pay for expenses related to the web site. It also helps us maintain instruments, uniforms, music, and pay for administrative costs.

If you do not pay your membership dues, you will not have access to the Blast or the annual directory, and you will not be helping the Longhorn Alumni Band put on the next Band Day reunion. 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!

## Band Day Guidelines

As Band Day approaches, please keep in mind the proper uniform and conduct for Band Day. First, make sure you have the proper uniform. As always, the LHAB uniform consists of a sleeved all-white shirt, all-black pants, and all-black closed-toe shoes. Please, no grays, faded blacks, or unusual shades. It's not hard to find these items and you cannot march unless you have the proper uniform. Hats are acceptable in the stands and on the sidelines up until the call to attention. If you have any questions or problems, please see an officer and we'll do our best to help you.

Please also remember to exercise good judgment in the stands and before the game. As performers, we are guests of The University and are subject to their rules and

regulations. Alcohol is not allowed in the stadium or on campus, and intoxicated members will not only be prohibited from marching, but may also be subject to suspensions or expulsion. Essentially, use good judgment with respect to alcohol and we'll all have a good time at Band Day.

## Instruments

Hello fellow LHABers!! Time to start thinking about dusting off your horn cases and trying to remember fingerings. We hope to have as great of a turnout this year as last year, so as you would expect, we could use extra instruments. As a reminder, we do not have woodwinds to check out, so please bring your own (or borrow one from a friend, your local school, or anyone else you can think of).

To help ensure that you will get an instrument to play, please make sure you do the following:

1. Register early and reserve your instrument before the deadline.
2. Show up early Friday evening for checkout. We will only check out instruments on Friday to those who registered. If you register at the door, you will not be able to get an instrument until Saturday morning.
3. If at all possible, try to contact a local school or a friend and ask to borrow one of their instruments.
4. To help others, if you have extra instruments, please bring them.

Because of the large group we are expecting, #3 above is a good way to be assured of having an instrument. But don't let this scare you into thinking that you will not have an instrument to play. We will find an in-

strument for you, but it would help if you could borrow one. The instruments we have are Baritones, Trombones, Mellos (although I'm not sure what key), souchaphones, and percussion. If you currently have an LHAB instrument checked out to you, please e-mail me so I can make sure our inventory is current.

As with last year, we will check out the instruments directly from the trucks outside the Bertha doors. If you can volunteer to help check the instruments in and out, please let me know!! We will need a few extra people helping with the brass and a few helping with the percussion. This office will also need to be filled for next year as I cannot be an officer again. If you are interested in being an officer, helping out with this year's band day is a great way to start. Also, if you can help on Friday, November 9 in the afternoon before rehearsal, please let me know as we will be loading up the instruments from our warehouse and would appreciate help. I look forward to seeing everyone at the game!!!

Hook 'Em!!

Kristin Cupitt (& Jason Cupitt)  
VP Equipment  
jcupitt@flash.net  
(512) 733-8950

## Hotels...

For your convenience, the following hotels have offered special rates for our Band Day weekend. They have generously blocked off a large number of rooms!!! It is advised that you make these reservations as soon as possible as availability WILL change as we get closer to this weekend. Due to the impending popularity and success of the team it is to your advantage to make the most of these rates as they will most likely go up. I have provided you with the name

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of the hotel, address, phone numbers, the deadline for which these rates are valid and rate codes to reference when making your reservations.

Sheraton 4-Points Hotel (what some of you may remember as the Howard Johnson)

(512) 836-8520

(800) 325 - 3535

500 N. IH-35

At the Northeast corner of IH-35 and HWY 183

UT Alumni Band Rate

\$79.00 (+ tax) single/double occupancy

THIS INCLUDES A FULL AMERICAN BREAKFAST

Deadline to make your reservation is Friday, October 19, 2001

Baymont Hotel

(512) 246 - 4800

(800) 301- 0200

LHAB rate \$59.00 (+ tax)

includes a complimentary breakfast

150 Parker Drive

Austin, Texas 78728

Located on the southwest corner of the intersection of IH-35 and FM1325 as you are coming in to Austin/Round Rock from Dallas. It will be on the right hand (south-bound) access road of IH-35.

The deadline to make a reservation at this hotel is October 10, 2001.

Red Lion Hotel

(512) 323 - 5466

(800) RED - LION

Texas Exes Rate

\$89.00 (+ tax) single/double

\$99.00 (+ tax, includes Breakfast) single/double

6121 N. IH-35

At the intersection of IH-35 (north bound) and HWY 290 east.

Deadline for reservations for this rate is October 21, 2001

Double Tree Club Hotel

(Yes, the one across from the Erwin Center)

1617 IH-35 North

Austin, Texas 78702

(512) 479-4000

Rate code: C-ALM

\$99.00/night+tax (King or Double)

20 rooms are blocked off for LHAB.

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY October 10, 2001

Double Tree Hotel

6565 IH-35 North

(next to Pappaddeaux's)

Austin, Texas 78752

(512) 454-3737

www.doubletreehotels.com

Rate code: Longhorn Alumni(Band)

\$99.00/night+tax (single/double)

25 rooms blocked off for LHAB

RESERVATIONS DUE BY November 1, 2001.

Rate code: C-ALM

\$99.00/night+tax (King or Double)

20 rooms are blocked off for LHAB.

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY October 10, 2001

## Chaperones

Like last year, LHAB worked to provide chaperones for the little ones and younguns that needed to be watched in our designated seating area while we marched down from the bandhall 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 it's longevity over the years to come. That being said, we are looking to do the same again this year.

Please be aware yet again that 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 maintain a working relationship with the athletic department in an effort to help achieve the high level of efficiency and safety through our reunion festivities.

All spouses, significant others, guests and children who will be attending the game and sitting with LHAB, please meet our designated chaperones at the art sculpture in front of the band hall 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, concerns or comments or want to volunteer your time as a chaperone for this small part of the day you can contact me at (512) 996-9031.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation and BTHOO KU!!!!

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## Spirit Items

LHAB Spirit Items are available once again but with a few minor changes. The Longhorn Band Student Association (LHBSA) will now handle the administration of LHAB Spirit Items. Order forms and information are included in the registration mailout, but should be kept separate from your registration and sent to LHBSA, not LHAB.

Spirit Items will also be available for online purchase starting in October. All orders prior to Band Day will be available to be picked up at the Band Hall on Friday evening and Saturday. If you cannot attend Band Day or your order is not picked up, it will be mailed.

All Spirit Items will also be available at the Band Hall during Band Day for walk-up sales. LHBSA will be also handling these sales as well as the delivery of pre-ordered Spirit Items. If you have a question about Spirit Items or would like more ordering information, you can contact Marc Johnson, President of LHBSA, at [qballjamz@hotmail.com](mailto:qballjamz@hotmail.com). You can also check the LHAB web site, [www.lhab.org](http://www.lhab.org), and the enclosed Spirit Item order information for more details.

## Wanted: Section Leaders!

Plans are well underway for another great band day. The officers have been hard at work, the show is being written as we speak, and you all have your forms to complete! On the form is a space for all former LHB section leaders to volunteer to help the LHAB in the same capacity. Please do so.

We have learned through hard trial and error how to run an efficient rehearsal. There isn't another band in the country that can

put this many people on the field, with so little practice time, and produce a half time show like we do. Some of the credit for this goes to our members' skills, of course, but mainly it is because we have a few dedicated individuals who step forward each year and give us their leadership. Without these section leaders doing the teaching and problem solving on the field, we just couldn't do it.

For all those who help us each year, I'll look forward to seeing you again. For all the rest of you, please do your part, at least every now and then, and give us your time and leadership! I think you'll find the job to be challenging, and a lot of fun. You'll have a whole new understanding of our organization, and you'll be doing your part to help us continue a great halftime tradition. We can't do it without you. If you have any questions about section leading, or wish to volunteer directly, please email me at [siharmon@aol.com](mailto:siharmon@aol.com).

Scott Harmon  
Drum Major

## From LHB...

Dear LHAB,

We have had a terrific beginning to the 2001 Longhorn Band. Their spirit is great and their dedication to the organization is as high as I have seen. This is a terrific group of students to work with. I hope all of you will get a chance to meet them on November 10th.

We have some great shows planned for this fall. By the time you receive this edition of The Blast we will have already performed three different shows. We started with a western theme, followed by Fantasia 2000 and then a jazz show. Hopefully many of you saw at least one of these shows. The

rest of the season will include a Gershwin show, a gospel show and of course Script Texas.

We look forward to seeing all of you in November. We will salute the DiNinos at half-time for their wonderful contributions to The Longhorn Band family. At half-time we will perform a huge DININO spell out with LHB and LHAB as we play the 1812 Overture. It should be quite a sight.

As always, if we can be of any help to any of you please do not hesitate to call. If your in town for a home game before Alumni Band Day, please stop by and say hello. You are always welcome.

Hook'em!  
Kevin Sedatole  
Director, Longhorn Band

## Band Day Policies

Only LHAB members may march down and into the stadium in the band formation. Family members and guests must stay off of the street and remain on the sidewalk. Only LHAB members may enter the stadium through the tunnel when we march in. All family members and guests must show a ticket and enter through a regular ticket gate. If you have children that should not enter the stadium unsupervised, it is your responsibility to find someone to escort your children to the seats (many non-LHAB spouses would be more than happy to do this), or you may elect to escort your children to the stadium and join us in the seats. When marching back to the band hall, any LHAB members with guests or children must move to the very back of the band.

The uniform for LHAB performances is: white shirts, BLACK pants, black shoes, black socks and orange issued vests.

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There will be no hats of any kind worn on the field. This includes drum majors. The only exception are former members of the Texas Stars; who are permitted to march with the hats issued as part of their uniform. Sunglasses are permitted during day games.

## Dallas Area Report

The DFW LHAB provided music and spirit for President Faulkner's reception of the incoming freshmen and their parents. Bob Galvan, LHB mid 50's and UT Vice President, acted as our booking agent once again. Our thanks to him, the Texas Exes and the President's office for providing food and drink for us.

We had short notice on this one, and Joe and I were out of town while trying to get our band together. Joe was at the Cardinal's game in St. Louis making calls on his cell phone late the night before we played! We were not disappointed as our group came through once again! Thanks to all who came and helped, including Ryan Luke of the LHB, whose trumpet was most appreciated! Jeff Harper, Barb Nunn, Amy Thomas, Gina Davis, D'Ann Kearby, Ron Velasco, Ryan Showers, John Franke, Larry Woodruff, Scott Harmon, Laura and Steve Booker, Marc Davis, Jim Healer, Barry Montgomery, Walter Geyer and Carol and Elliott Short made it and signed in. I apologize if I omitted anyone.

For most of the parents and students, this was the first time they'd heard the fight song or heard the band and our brand of spirit. It was a great opportunity to get them started on the right foot! (well, I suppose we start off on the left foot!). President Faulkner thanked us again for our support of this event.

Scott Harmon

Joe Molina  
DFW Co Area Reps

## LHB Videos

Help Needed! Bring Us Your LHB Videos for Conversion to DVD/Digital

As part of our ongoing project to preserve the history of LHB, all future LHB shows will be recorded in digital DV format. Funded by a generous donation of cameras to LHB by LHAB, the format will preserve all LHB shows in a safe, non-deteriorating medium that can be shown on the Internet, burned onto DVDs, and saved for future generations with a high level of quality.

In addition to preserving current LHB performances, we are in the process of converting older videotapes of LHB shows into DV format for permanent preservation. VIDEOTAPES HAVE A LIMITED LIFESPAN, and chances are that if you have videotapes of old LHB shows, the tapes are deteriorating already. If you bring us your tapes on Band Day, we will convert them to DV format for our archives and provide you with a copy if you wish.

Please help us preserve LHB's video history! If you have tapes of old LHB shows or events, please wrap them in a piece of paper with your name and address on it, secure it with a rubber band on in an envelope, and bring it to Band Day. We will have a special table set up at Registration to take your videotapes. Over the following months, the tapes will be converted to DV format, preserved forever, and returned to you. Eventually, we hope to make DVDs available with an entire history of all LHB shows that have been recorded on video, BUT WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT YOUR HELP.

Remember, your tapes are already dete-

riorating, and will do nobody any good if they become unviewable. Help us out and protect your own videos at the same time. If you have any questions, please contact Kent Kostka at [kentkostka@aol.com](mailto:kentkostka@aol.com).

## DiNino Chair Closer to \$1 Million Goal

The Vince and Jane DiNino Chair is well on its way to becoming a reality! In addition to the \$500,000 pledged by Mr. and Mrs. D, \$219,000 has been given by more than 120 orange-blooded contributors since our Band Day kickoff last fall. However, we still need your help in seeing that the DiNino's dream of creating an endowment to forever benefit the Longhorn Bands comes true.

During the twenty years Mr. D served as Director of the Longhorn Band (1955-1975) and as Director of UT Bands (1975-1985), he and Mrs. D personally touched the lives of thousands of us. How will this Band Chair in the College of Fine Arts forever help the UT Bands? Funds from this endowment will allow them to march and perform in places yet to experience the excellence of our bands, taking advantage of touring opportunities they have had to turn down in the past. New works can be commissioned, new routines developed, and guest clinicians brought in. The DiNino Chair is yet another means of supporting our bands, enabling them to maintain their prominence among the leading college bands in the nation.

I recently came across a full-page article, "They Loved 'Em In Lima" (The Austin Statesman, January 24, 1972). Although I had left the band by that time, I felt so proud that LHB students had that experience and that the LHB made news around the world! We want them to have more opportunities like this to represent The University and The State of Texas, making us all proud!

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The DiNinos have challenged those of us who love our bands to match their contribution. Many loyal Longhorns have already stepped forward to meet the challenge—so we need your help in raising the balance—\$281,000. Darrell Royal will be helping kickoff the public campaign with a JumboTron promotion on Band Day. Remember what being a part of The Showband of the Southwest meant to you and dig deep. The Eyes of Texas are Upon Us!

MAIL YOUR GIFT TODAY TO:

DiNino Chair Project  
UT College of Fine Arts  
DFA 2.4  
Austin, TX 78712

Hook 'em!  
Emma Lea Mayton, LHB 1963-67

## Tidbits

More on the  
'69 Arkansas Trip

I, too, have fond memories of the 1969 UT-Arkansas trip, which was mentioned in the last Blast. In 1969, the Longhorn Band went to Little Rock by bus for the so-called Game of the Century. UT beat UA 15-14, with Pres. Nixon watching. Nixon proclaimed UT #1, to the dismay of Penn State coach Joe Paterno. The game is on ESPN Classics each fall, complete with many, many cam-

era shots of a yelling, screaming LHB. To my knowledge, no band member was hurt or hospitalized, although rowdy Hog fans threw bottles and debris at the band. We returned to Austin the next day, after another loooong bus ride, to be greeted by an orange tower decorated with a 1. (The following year, the band flew to Lubbock. Only men (with one or two exceptions) were allowed to go to the Texas Tech game, which generated a bit of feminist dissension among some band members ...but that's another story!)

Hook'em,  
Carolyn Bobo  
LHB 1967-71  
TBS President 1970-71

Former LHB trumpet member Tom Caswell (90-91) and his wife Rebeca were killed in a tragic car accident.

Here is the text of the wire report from the Statesman:

COLUMBUS — A married couple, formerly of Austin, died Saturday during a wreck in Colorado County, about halfway between San Antonio and Houston.

A 1997 Toyota 4Runner driven by Rebeca Diaz Caswell was westbound on Interstate 10, three miles east of Columbus, when she lost control in rainy weather and the vehicle skidded past the median and into the eastbound lane.

A tractor-trailer struck the sport-utility vehicle. Both vehicles caught on fire.

Diaz Caswell, 29, and Thomas A. Caswell, 29, were pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the semi was uninjured.

Tom and Becky were both graduates of Crockett HS in 1990 and both were in the band there. They were both terrific people and their loss will leave a huge void for many in the LHAB community.

The funeral services are officially pending, but it appears that the service will be at St Catherine's on Convict Hill Road near Oak Hill on Thursday morning at 10:00. There will also be a visitation and rosary on Wednesday evening, but I do not know the details at this time.

Rest in Peace. You will be missed.

Brian (sax, 92-96) and Jennifer (sax, 91-95) Boettcher are the proud parents of Brandon Michael, born on July 19, 2001, at 6:43 AM weighing 6 lbs, 4 oz and 19.5 inches long. Welcoming home Brandon was big brother Dusty, 21 months old.

Ashleigh Nicole Duke arrived July 6th, weighing 7 lbs 5 oz. Larry, Amy and big brother Logan couldn't be happier!

Sean Hazuda (SOB '84-'88) is the newest drill designer for the Longhorn Band. You can see his half-time shows when U.T. plays New Mexico State, Baylor and Texas A&M.

