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From the President

'Ladies and Gentlemen, from the North End of Memorial Stadium, The University of Texas Longhorn Band - The Showband of the Southwest'. These words have been heard by football fans for 50 years and this was the formation and celebration of Band Alumni Day 2006. Most of the time we never heard these words because we were blasting Texas Fight going through the tunnel, but proud we were and proud we are to be a member of this organization, LHB and LHAB.

We have celebrated and will continue to celebrate the many traditions of our organization. This is what makes LHAB so special, no matter what era you were in LHB. Our membership and friendship in this organization draw us together year after year.

This year will be the year of the women. 1956 was the year that girls became a part of the LHB. However, women played in the concert band in the 40's, but were not given uniforms or allowed to participate in football games. This year, 2007, will be 50 years since women took the field to march in a formation. It is also the 50th anniversary of Tau Beta Sigma. I challenge all of the women of LHAB to locate those in your era that are not LHAB members or participants and urge them to join and participate. This past Band Day four of the original ten were in attendance, Leah Raye Sexton Mabry, Yvonne Templin Powell, Mary Ann Prasatik

Brown, and Donna Beth McCormick.

Log in to <http://www.lhab.org> for the President's Message and thank you's for this Band Day, and to post any comments, suggestions to officers, or sign up for activities in your area.

Become active!

Donna Beth McCormick

President

LHB '56-'61

LHAB Charitable Fund Report

The LHAB Charitable Fund awarded \$26,000 in scholarships at Band Day. The Fund has a net worth of \$514,148. Thomas Edwards, Treasurer, reported that the H.B. Dunagan, Jr. and Lucille J. Dunagan Scholarship has been completed and will be a named scholarship awarded in 2007. Donations are being accepted for a Todd Linstrum named scholarship.



Band Day 2006 Half Time

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Since the last report, the Austin-area LHAB members have supported the following activities:

August 28: "Budweiser Sports Center" Brown Distributing, wholesalers for Anheuser-Busch, held a "Budweiser Sports Center" party at the Marriott Hotel at 11th and IH-35. It was primarily for (in one word) "Sales." It was put on for their retailers, and also served as a launch party for the new Bud Light Texas Longhorn bottles. We went in after the festivities had begun, and played Taps, Grandioso, March of the Longhorns, Wabash, The Eyes, and Taps again. The crowd ate it up! Deion Sanders came forward and made a short speech. He is part owner of the Austin Wranglers now, and brought at least some of the Wranglers' cheerleaders with him. The room was set up with various casino games (we each got a \$20,000 chip to bet with. Sadly, it wasn't real money.) and raffles were held. There was also a food line that had hot dogs and buffalo wings, etc. And beer was readily available. Did I mention beer? We had a good turnout for this event (we had two(!) snare drum players.), got a nice donation for the Scholarship Fund, and everybody had a good time. Thanks to all the good folks who came out for this, and to Moton Crockett for conducting.

September 1: UT Club Pep Rally for UNT. We resumed playing for the pep rallies at the UT Club the Friday before each home game. We had a really good turnout - 22 people playing/conducting, including full percussion (snare drum, cymbals and two bass drums!), plus two trombones and a goodly number of trumpets. We ran through Taps, Grandioso, March of the Longhorns, Wabash, The Eyes, and Taps again. Thanks to all the folks who came out to the UT Club, and to Moton Crockett for conducting.

September 8: UT Club Pep Rally for Ohio State. Our second pep rally before a home game. Turnout was tremendous for this event. We had more than 30 folks show up, which may be our best-ever turnout for a UT Club gig. We played the traditionals, and with four trombones, Wabash sounded really good! With so many people, it all sounded good! Part two of the evening was our

attendance at the Waterloo Park Pep Rally and charity event, sponsored by Brown Distributing, the local Anheuser-Busch wholesalers. Brown sent a bus (1970's vintage - as one member remarked, it was "age-appropriate" for us) to pick us up at the UT Club. It already had picked up the cheerleaders and Texas Pom crew, so we all rode over to the park in very snug quarters. After a couple of other acts, we went on the (small) stage and played through the traditionals again. The crowd was responsive, especially when Dr. Coral Noonan-Terry did her twirling routines to Wabash and Taps. Brown gave us a nice donation to the Scholarship Fund, and a good time was had by all. Thanks again to Moton Crockett for conducting.

September 22: UT Club Pep Rally for Iowa State. Our third pep rally before a home game. We had a good turnout, despite this happening concurrently with the LHAB Business Meeting in the Band Hall. Through a communications mixup, we didn't have any drums for the percussionists, but J.P. Kirksey managed to talk the combo drummer into allowing us to dismantle his trap set. J.P. used the bass drum and another member played the snare drum from the set. Naturally, we reassembled the set afterwards, and thanked him profusely for the use of his equipment. There was also an enthusiastic crowd. Thanks to all the fine folks who came to the club and also to Moton Crockett for conducting.

September 29: UT Club Pep Rally for Sam Houston State. Our fourth pep rally before a home game. We had another really good turnout for this pep rally. This time around, we actually had a spare Bass Drum, so Coral was not reduced to playing the drumsticks for this gig. In fact, we continued our run of having full percussion for the gigs. We cycled through the traditionals and then repaired to the table for more chatting, eating, and drinking (responsibly, of course). Thanks to John Fleming for conducting.

October 13: UT Club Pep Rally for the Baylor game. This was our fifth pep rally this season, and we had a good turnout. In fact, the string of full percussion sections for these gigs continued with two bass drummers! We went through the traditionals as usual. There was

plenty of noise and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Thanks again to John Fleming for conducting.

November 3: UT Club Pep Rally for the Kansas State game. This was our last pep rally this season, and we had a good turnout. We'll almost certainly be doing this again next fall, so mark your calendars. Thanks again to Moton Crockett for conducting.

Upcoming Events:

Stay tuned - more events will be coming along. Check the Austin Area News section of the LHAB website:(<http://www.lhab.org/area/index.cfm?area=Austin>). We will post items there as they develop.

As always, "Thank You!" to everyone who participated and supported us for these events. A big "Thank You!!!" to Moton Crockett (Our Fearless Leader), and to John Fleming (Our Alternate Fearless Leader), for directing us. I'd like to encourage anyone who can to come and play these events if at all possible. Most of our activities result in donations to the Scholarship Fund, so it is important to have a strong showing whenever we can.

Please note: If you are not receiving our e-mails 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

LHB Report

In case you missed it at the Friday night business meeting, Dr. Robert Carnochan, LHB Director, reported on the status of LHB.

The LHB continues to be an organization of diversity in majors with Engineering leading the way with 19%, followed by Liberal Arts 16% and Fine Arts 14%.

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Natural Sciences, Business, Education, and Health Industry round out the 100%. The males still lead with 53%, but the females are gaining with 47%. Freshman and Second Year make up more than 50% of the 385 members. Texas still leads with 94% of LHB members. Hook'Em!

Obituaries

Raymond L. Kohler
LHB 74-77 Sax

Ray Kohler died Sept. 29, 2006 in Austin at age 51. He has been battling cancer for almost three years. He was a criminal attorney in Austin. An activist in the Austin community, Central Christian Church, the Democratic Party, and a LHAB member. He loved the Longhorn Band and the Longhorns, everything Disney, and decorating for Halloween. As his many friends celebrated his life at Central Christian Church a recording of some of his favorite songs were played including March of the Longhorns and Texas Fight. Ray's wife,

Mickey, his daughters Hayley and Jordan survive him along with his mother Anne and brother Danny.

Todd E. Linstrum
LHB 74-80 Horn/Flag

Todd E. Linstrum, 50, died of a heart attack Oct. 18, 2006 in Cleburne. Todd was board certified in internal medicine and in private practice in Cleburne. He was a beloved member of the community and his service was moved to the largest church in town to accommodate his friends. He and his wife Belinda, a piccolo player, participated in Band Day. Todd was a great UT sports fan, scuba diver, loved live theater productions and travel. He was active in his medical associations. Todd and Belinda were contributors to the LHAB Scholarship Fund and a scholarship in Todd's name is being established. Other survivors are his father Thomas and his wife Jane, and sister Karen; Belinda's mother, Bea and her husband John, and brothers David and Danny.

Thanks for the Donations!!!

Thank you all for your generosity. We received \$12,596 in donations for scholarship funds through registration. The donations were broken down by scholarship as:

•General Scholarship Fund	\$10,316
•Dunagan Scholarship Fund	\$ 715
•Hurt Scholarship Fund	\$ 1,055
•Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$ 510

We also received donations for Adopt a School in the amount of \$253.

During the business meeting Friday night, we received an additional \$991.81 for the Dunagan Scholarship Fund. The auction of Mr. D's hat raised another \$1,621.00 for the general scholarship fund.

Thanks again for your contributions.

Karen Hanson, Treasurer



Ronald Aldis, his family, Mr. DiNino
Showband of the Southwest Presentation

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