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For Band Alumni,
Friends of the
Band & Band
Parents

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Carnival 2012



This is TUMB's 7th Carnival season. In a first appearance in Metairie, TUMB will march in **Thor** on February 12th on Veterans Blvd. Three uptown parades will follow: **Krewe d' Etat** on February 17th, **Thoth** on February 19th and on Mardi Gras day, February 21, **Rex**. TUMB has marched in **Rex** annually since 2006.



TUMB was featured on Wheel of Fortune's College Week, which taped in New Orleans last Spring and aired internationally May 9-13, 2011!



Save the Dates!

Wednesday, April 4 Concert Celebrates Louisiana State Bicentennial

Join us in Dixon Hall, 7pm, for **TUMB's 3rd Annual Spring Concert**—with the **Tulane Concert Band**—*a musical gumbo with all Louisiana ingredients!*
Free & open to the public

Band Alumni Pre-concert Dinner

Former band members are also invited to an early dinner at 4:30 pm on 4/4 prior to the concert, with TUMB director Barry Spanier

Call 504.314.BAND (2263) to make reservations for the dinner

Monday, April 16

Please also join us as Mendel Lee, TUMB drumline instructor & operations coordinator, presents the second

CONCERT OF CONTEMPORARY MUSIC 8pm, Dixon Annex Recital Hall, Rm 152

Featuring Guest Artist **Steve Brown**, from University of Houston, on trumpet & the **nienteForte** ensemble. Lee and Mark Lighthiser, TUMB assistant director, will both present world premiers of their compositions.

Free & Open to the Public

Associates Event

One of the most sentimentally meaningful gifts this year came from Tulane's 1935 Drum Major, **Dudley Talbot, MD** (pictured below with current drum majors **Eleanor Knight & Michael Kahn & at right in clippings**). Talbot met TUMB and director Barry Spanier at the **Shreveport Associates event** November 5, 2011, when TUMB was en route to perform at the SMU football game in Dallas. Also at the Shreveport event was Rebecca Carson Warren, who shared photos of her dad, the late **Joseph O'Hara Carson, Jr.**, TU's 1934 Drum Major (pictured far right). Special thanks to event hosts Henry Walker and Laurie Lyons & The Tulane Associates for a wonderful evening, and a chance be updated on two former Tulane drum majors from the 1930s!



Photo courtesy of Kathy Jacobs

Friends of the Band

The RICHARD B. GRAVES MARCHING BAND STUDENT AWARDS are now funded for five years, thanks to generous donors matching gifts. These awards, presented to TUMB members for loyalty and service, are critical for retention of upperclassmen, and reward those taking on leadership roles.

As of February, Friends of the Band have given more than \$45K for the current fiscal year. This generous support keeps the TUMB marching and playing all year!

Service Learning

To date, twenty-two members have worked on their 'service learning' degree requirement through the TUMB. This Spring, an additional eighteen band members will work with Roots of Music and Langston Hughes Academy.

Hosting Honor Bands

As part of Community Outreach and Service Learning, TUMB again hosted the **Honor Bands of District 6** of the **Louisiana Music Educators Association**, the weekend of January 20-22, 2012. Two hundred young musicians, from the Greater New Orleans area's elementary, middle and high school HONOR BANDS, rehearsed throughout Tulane's Dixon Performing Arts complex. The event closed with a concert presented to an enthusiastic full house.

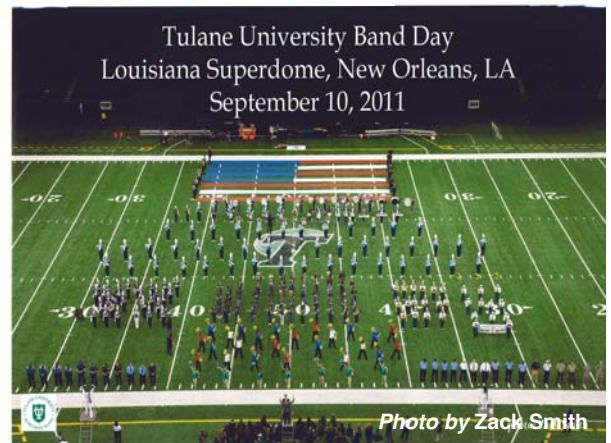


Photo by Zack Smith

Annual Band Day Outreach

TUMB's 3rd Annual Band Day, September 10, 2011, a great success, culminated in a massed band performance of 'Salute to Freedom.' An additional honor for all involved was the tribute to first responders, on the eve of the 10th anniversary of 9/11. The TUMB would like to thank all involved for making it a special day. Visit TUMB's website to see the performance video on YouTube and photos on Picasa. See also http://tulane.edu/news/newwave/090911_marching_band.cfm

Participating were **Harry Hurst Middle School Band & Choir**, **St. Mary's Dominican Band & Choir**, **R.K. Smith Middle School**, and **Martin Behrman Charter School** —altogether over 250 middle and high school students performed.

Previous Band Day participants include: **Harry Hurst Middle School Band & Choir**, **Patrick F. Taylor Science & Technology Academy**, **De LaSalle High**, **JB Martin Middle**, **Chalmette High**, plus **Roots of Music**, and **McNeese State University**.



Ray Cook with fellow Band alumnus
TU mascot Riptide

Alumni Band @ Homecoming 2011

Former members of the Tulane Band, from all eras, participating at Homecoming 2011 were issued snazzy new Alumni Band blue polo shirts. Participants included (*AB first timers in bold*): **Clarinet**: Tom Slack (*Special thanks Tom, for more photos!*), Cindy Barrilleaux, **Peter Wise**, Stephen Craft; **Alto sax**: Elizabeth Sewell, Ricky Howe, Nancy Chachere, **Richard Logothetis**, **Allison Feibus**, **Sharon Melville Bridges**; **Trumpet**: Jonny Lake, Nick Larberg, **Henry Lowentritt**, Amanda Mahnke, **Martin Sosa**; **French Horn**: Lee Bruner, Ray Manning; **Mellophone**: Katy McPherson, Eric Wilder, Neill Aguiluz, Nicole Perez; **Trombone**: John Craft, **Hunter Showalter**, **Kara Alspaugh**; **Baritone**: **April Harris**; **Tuba**: Ray Cook; **Percussion**:

Daniel Halle, Bob McIntyre, Janet Bruner, Gay Gomez, Judy Weaver, **Twirler**: Erica Andrew. **Special Guests**: Antoine Auri-mond, Katherine Cox, Shelly Moxon, Norman Bridges, Bill Sewell, the late Martha Craft, and members of the Bruner, Slack, Wise, Lake, and Weaver contingents.

This year's Alumni Band is pictured on the back cover of the Fall'11 **Tulanian**! If you missed it, see <http://www.pageturnpro.com/Progress-Printing/33376-Tulane-Magazine/index.html#/44>, and if you haven't read the feature about young band alumni on page 34, see <http://www.pageturnpro.com/Progress-Printing/33376-Tulane-Magazine/index.html#/34>

Alumni Band Members Achieve!

***Richard H. Streiffer, MD** (trumpet, 1960-71+Fall'73) was awarded a Tulane President's Award for Excellence in Graduate and Professional Teaching during Commencement, May 2011; see http://tulane.edu/news/newwave/033011_streiffer.cfm. Rick and his wife also presented an alumni 'chocolate tasting' event recently: see http://tulane.edu/news/newwave/121611_chocolate.cfm *Band Alumnus **Dr. Joseph V. Trahan, III**, APR, Fellow PRSA ('trombone, 1972-76) was elected Chair of the Public Relations Society of America Public Affairs & Government Section for 2012. Dr. Trahan has over thirty years of public relations/affairs experience in governmental, association, and educational and non-profit public relations. ***Judy Weaver** (percussion, 2009) has helped create a new booster club, the Greenie Gals. (*see pg. 4*) ***Amanda Mahnke** (trumpet, 2006-09) is also Greenie Gal member and has helped create the TUMBAA (for alumni of the current incarnation of the Marching Band) which has an on-line forum, welcomes new TUMB members to Band Camp, presents gifts to graduating seniors at the Annual Band Award Banquet, and has hosted the TUMBAA/ Alumni Band Homecoming tail-gating tent in 2010 & 2011. ***James Lancaster** (sousaphone, 2005) is active with a project of the Young Leadership Council, wherayarack.org, installing bike racks around the Greater New Orleans area to encourage cycling. ***Irwin Isaacson** (clarinet, 1941-47) greeted attendees at the December 2011 program held at the New Orleans Jewish Community Center featuring his son, Walter, author of a biography of the late Steve Jobs, Apple's founder.



TUMB Colorguard alumni **Lindsey Keifer & David Ewens** (3rd & 4th from left) & other TU students traveled to Honduras and spent a week building a school, Summer 2011

VALUE of VINYL

Gifts of recordings and programs of former TU Bands greatly assist in building band archives and identifying former TU Band members. Donors can receive a CD of the music on the 'vinyl', as well as tax credit for a 'gift-in-kind' to Tulane.

The recent invaluable gifts of two Band Alumni are greatly appreciated:

In January 2011, **George Horne** (percussion, 1956-66) donated twelve albums, plus programs and other items;

In January 2012, **Russell Krogsgard** (French Horn, 1949-58) and wife Judith donated for their second time, adding thirteen more recordings—LPs and 78s—from John Morrissey's era.

IN MEMORIAM

Former long-time Tulane University Band director
John Dilkey passed away
September 14, 2010

<http://obits.nola.com/obituaries/nola/obituary.aspx?n=john-m-dilkey&pid=145389454>

The wife of Alumni Band member Stephen Craft,
Martha Craft, passed away
November 6, 2011

<http://obits.nola.com/obituaries/nola/obituary.aspx?n=martha-bearfield-craft&pid=154529880>

Martha was also related by marriage to several other Alumni Band members.

Both will be greatly missed.

Band Camp Fall'11 The 2011 TUMB started off in August with the largest freshman class in TUMB's history under director Spanier. Although logistically complicated by construction work on campus, Band Camp was, as usual, long, hot, and very productive. Beginning with the arrival of drumline and colorguard on Monday, August 15, additional sub-groups arrived daily at Band Camp—student leadership, production workers, volunteers, then dance team. On Friday, all the remaining musicians arrived to rehearse music and 'moves' for the remaining week of camp.

During band camp, TUMB prepared their 5-minute pregame presentation— which included forming a 45-yard long fleur-de-lis during 'When the Saints Go Marching In' - and a 6.5 minute halftime show with an amazing special-effect ending for the 'IGNITE!' show, and learned many stands favorites for football games. On the TUMB website you can see and hear the pregame show and see the final IGNITE show on YouTube. Can you guess how the "pyrotechnics" were created?

Restaurants and businesses graciously donated or discounted evening meals, snacks, drinks and 'goodies,' to add variety and authentic New Orleans 'flavor' to band camp dinners. Not incidentally, they saved TUMB approximately \$7,000 this year.

Especially welcome were the two wonderful groups who cooked and served dinner to TUMB members during Band Camp: Dinner the first Saturday was home-made lasagna (plus popsicles!) served by a new booster club, the **Greenie Gals** (*shown below*). **The Ray Hester Chapter of the Tulane Athletic Fund** (long-time TUMB supporters and Friends of the Band) donated the final camp dinner, serving up delicious jambalaya and chicken— they have generously cooked on-site for the last night of Band Camp for a number of years.

Please patronize our donors and thank them for supporting TUMB: the complete list of their addresses and websites is on the TUMB website. Food & beverage sponsors, donors & discounters included:

Whole Foods Market, Arabella Station
Ray Hester Chapter, Tulane Athletic Club
Greenie Gals (*pictured at right*)

Mr. Mudbug
Five Happiness
Corky's Bar-B-Q
Fresco Café
Café Freret
Ted's Frostop
The Dough Bowl
Canseco's Metairie Market

Dessert donors were:

Creole Creamery
John Koerner Company
Flowers Baking Company
Creole Delicacies
Southern Hospitality Catering

The following donated goodie bag items:

Audubon Dermatology
Halftime Magazine
The Mushroom
Tulane University Services
Woodwinds Brasswinds
Yamaha's Band & Orchestral Division

A Very Special Thanks to the 'Hire Tulane' Office/Tulane Career Center, their staff & director Barry Thompson, for use of their facilities while TUMB band camp was held on Brown Field.



*Greenie Gals cooks pictured above with TUMB director Barry Spanier include two GG members who are also TUMB alumnae, **Judy Weaver** (percussion) holding sign & **Amanda Mahnke** (trumpet) 2nd from right*

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR TUMB Play a vital role in establishing the foundations and traditions for a great and unique band program: join **FRIENDS OF THE BAND**, our donor support group. Make a credit card donation through the "Support the TUMB!" page of the website, www.tulaneband.org OR mail a check, payable to "Tulane University Marching Band," to: **Tulane University Marching Band, 102 Dixon Hall, New Orleans, LA 70118**



A new initiative begun this past Fall will be on-going annually — the TUMB will wear pink plumes and other pink accents, at each October game, honoring Breast Cancer Awareness Month.