



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- **Oct. 9, 2010**
Annual Reunion
UH vs Miss State
Robertson
Stadium
- **Oct. 29, 2010**
7th Annual
Marching
Band Concert &
Silent Auction
Moores
Opera House
- **Nov. 13, 2010**
Homecoming
UH vs Tulsa
Robertson
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- **Mar. 26, 2011**
5K Fun Run/Walk
On Campus
- **June 25-30, 2011**
Reunion Cruise
Departing :
Galveston

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First Issue ALUMNI BAND AID

Welcome to the Inaugural Edition of the UH Alumni Band Newsletter

Your alumni board is very excited about producing an electronic newsletter to keep everyone informed about what is happening with your alumni group. As the cost of mailings keeps rising and with so many people connecting with each other through social networking, we have decided this will be the best way to share information about this organization and let everyone know about upcoming events. We will be posting the newsletters on our Cougar Band Alumni website which can be viewed at <http://www.uhbands-alumni.com/>. We would also like to be able to send updated editions of the

newsletter directly to your computer and are working on setting up an Eblast system.



**SPIRIT OF HOUSTON
FALL 2009**

How can you help?

- Please send us a current email address to Nancy Derr Hess at hessn@yahoo.com. Please include your name, years in band, instrument played,

and current home address.

- Share this information with your friends who were in band with you or with band friends on Facebook.
- Let us know about some of the exciting things that are happening with you that we can share with your fellow alumni.

We will be posting a calendar of events and other articles each edition. This group has been very active over the past several years with tailgating, scholarship fundraising and other events supporting the Spirit of Houston Band. Consider joining us this year and attending some of our scheduled events. We look forward to meeting you. Go Coogs.

Reunion 2010

Come join the UH Band Alumni as they reunite on Saturday, October 9, 2010 at Robertson Stadium on the UH campus. Game kickoff is at 7 p.m., with reunion in the afternoon. It's "Beat the Bulldogs" day as the Cougars take on that other team from Mississippi - Mississippi State. We beat them last year in Starkville and we plan an equally warm welcome for them in the "Coogs House!"

Plans for the day are still being finalized - we want to make sure there's plenty of time for

catching up, rehearsing, meeting the current band members and having lots of fun. Plans have been made to honor our past drum majors. If you are a past Drum Major and can attend please contact Rhonda Pitts at ral22@peoplepc.com

Reunion Tickets will be around \$20 per person for the BBQ meal and beverages. The deadline to RSVP/pay is October 6th . No meal tickets will be sold on gameday.

You must purchase your own

football game tickets separately - and they're going quickly! With this year's highly anticipated football season, ticket sales have been brisk and we cannot secure seats in the section by the band. We still want you to attend so be sure to get your tickets ASAP! The ticket office number is 713-743-9444 and the website is www.uhcougars.com.

Please check back on www.uhbands-alumni.com for the latest information on the day's schedule and payment information.

2010 Band Alumni Scholarship Recipients



**Dr. William C Moffit
Scholarship**



**Mr. Robert Mayes
Scholarship**

For the third year, the University of Houston Alumni Band has awarded scholarships in memory and honor of past directors of band Dr. William C Moffit and Mr. Robert Mayes. After reviewing the scholarship applications, the committee is proud to announce the 2010 winners. Each recipient will receive \$1000 to use toward their tuition and fees.

Dr. Bill Moffit Winners
2010 Winner

Sammy Lee Butts II -
Trombone
Adrianna C. Vargas -
Drum Major/Flute

Eligible students for this award must be entering their 4th or 5th year in the band program and display outstanding spirit and commitment to the program.

Mr. Robert Mayes
2010 Winners

Scott Dupre -
Drum Major/Mellophone
Amanda Sellers -
Flute

Eligible students for this award must be entering their 3rd year in band and display outstanding commitment to the program.

Recipients have their names

engraved on plaques that will be displayed in the band hall.

We are also pleased to have \$5,000 donated by a family which the UHAA asked the Band Alumni Board to administer. Pictured with the Mayes Scholarship winners is Nicole Taylor. She and each of the Moffit & Mayes awardees received \$1000 from this private donation.

In the past 3 years, we are proud to have awarded \$15,000 in scholarships. With your continued support we look forward to continuing this new Cougar tradition.

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**2009 Homecoming/
Reunion
Most Sprited Group
For the Third Year !**

Tailgating 101

Did you know the UH Band Alumni hosts a tailgate party before every home game? Make a day of your UH game experience and join us a few hours before kickoff at the center pad in the Tailgate village, just outside the home entrance to Robertson stadium. Just look for the white tents and Band

Alumni Banners.

Enjoy a meal expertly prepared on site by our tailgate committee, have something to drink, and visit with your UH friends, old and new. Our menus vary from game to game, and our location is the perfect spot to watch the Band, Dolls, and

Cheerleaders perform prior to their entry into the stadium. If you make it early enough, you can also catch the football team. And yes, we'll even be there this year for the Friday and early games. With all the activity, you just never know who you'll see there!

Reunion Cruise!



Coogs are Crusin' into summer 2011! Get ready to grab your swimming gear and flip flops and come along on the inaugural band alumni cruise. We're getting a group together to sail the high seas and head down to Mexico with ports in Progresso and Cozumel. It's going to be a blast and you won't want to miss it. Have a chance to reminisce about the good old days. A great time to catch up with old friends and

make new memories. Don't miss the boat!

Feel free to include all family and friends in this invitation. The more the merrier and families are always welcome. Speak with Debbie about family arrangements. The more people we have book for the cruise the more incentives we get for our group so feel free to invite family and friends.

Deposits are only \$50 - so reserve your spot today by

calling Debbie with Love 2 Cruise at 713-996-9962.

Cruise dates: June 25 - 30, 2011
Sailing from: Galveston, Texas
Ship: Carnival Ecstasy

All prices are for double occupancy cabins. All prices include taxes and port fees.

- Interior Staterooms - \$649.09 per person
- Ocean View Staterooms - \$749.09 per person
- Balcony - \$1,059.09 per person

7th Annual Concert and Silent Auction



Spirit of Houston On Stage

The 7th Annual Spirit of Houston Concert and Silent Auction is scheduled for October 29, 2010 in the Moores Opera House on Campus.

This year's concert committee is Patricia Mims and Roxanne Weiner Tiner.

If you've never attended one of these concerts you have truly missed one of the most enjoyable evenings you can possibly imagine for the cost of a \$10 ticket. A link to purchase tickets will be posted on www.uhbands-alumni.com. Rumor has it this year's concert will be a really "Spooktacular" Event!

As always there will be a Silent Auction to support the Spirit of Houston Scholarship Fund. Many

very nice items, all with a UH Theme, will be offered. Last year's Silent Auction raised approximately \$3000 in funds which all went to scholarships for Spirit of Houston students.

Be sure to attend this year if you haven't been before. If you've been to previous concerts, you know it's not an event you want to miss!

There will be a reception hosted in the Green Room prior to the concert for all Hundred Yards of Band contributors. We look forward to seeing you all there.

This year's band will no doubt do all they can to uphold the standard of excellence set by those who have gone before them.

Alumni Feeds the Band!

Date: Friday August 20, 2010

Time: 5:00pm

Location: Tailgate Village

A hearty group of Band Alumni braved the summer heat and joined the Spirit of Houston in Tailgate Village to commemorate the end of Summer Band, present scholarship awards for 2010 and let the current band know that they are part of a

long tradition of spirit and love for not only our band, but our University.

This year's band will no doubt do all they can to uphold the standard of excellence set by those who have gone before them. What a great group of kids!

It's important for them to know the history of our band and University.

The only way they can learn is to see the alums regularly so opportunities are created to pass on the tradition.

A few hours of your time makes such a difference. Get involved today!



Spirit of Houston 5K Run

March 26, 2011

Mark your calendars for the First Annual Spirit of Houston 5K Run!

This event is destined to become not only a premier running event on the greater Houston running calendar, but the main fund raiser for our growing scholarship fund. This event is being headed up by Katie Lopez, Roland Gomez, Joe

Glass, Chris Allen, and Ben Proko. Plans are for the run to be held on campus and this talented group of Spirit of Houston Alums is working diligently to make this event a huge success.

We will need plenty of volunteers as well as runners on race day. Be sure to save a spot in your spring schedule so you can join us for the

big day—running or helping out.

Watch for more details in future newsletter issues, and start warming up those running shoes!



Come run for the SPIRIT of Houston!



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***THE BAND OF
YESTERDAY TODAY!***

The Spirit of Houston Alumni Group is an organization whose primary function is to raise scholarship funds for deserving students and to provide a fun outlet for all Spirit of Houston Alumni—Band, Dolls, Corp, Cheerleaders, etc to meet and fellowship at home games and other events.

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- Cougar Marching Band Alumni, University of Houston—The Facebook Page

CHECK OUT THESE OTHER UH BAND

INTEREST GROUPS ON FACEBOOK

- Univ of Houston Band Annex
- Stars of David
- The Bill Moffit Fan Club
- University of Houston Cougar Marching Band—The Robert Mayes Years

See our website for all the latest info!
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