



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 Stadium
- **Mar. 26, 2011**
5K Fun Run/Walk On Campus

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Reunion 2010—Eat, Stay, Love!

Eat a delicious BBQ meal with your best buds from your years in marching band. **Stay** for the game and cheer on our favorite college team. **Love** those Houston Cougars!!!

Plans are finalized for the best band alumni reunion ever! Former drum majors are being honored this year – please let Rhonda McKenzie Pitts know if you’re coming and were a past drum major. She can be reached at ral22@peoplepc.com.

If you haven’t made your reservations for meals please

do so at the links provided on www.uhbands-alumni.com no later than Wednesday, October 6th. Links for the music are available on the website as well. If you want to play please print copies of the music and bring it with you. Copies will not be available at the rehearsal. Game attire is simple – a red t-shirt and denim shorts/jeans. Comfy shoes are the order of the day, too!

All Alumni Band activities will be part of the pre-game show and families are welcome to participate.

The schedule for the day’s activities is as follows:

IPM—Check in—Room 185 In the Moores School of Music. Afternoon activities will include rehearsal with the band, lunch, pregame pep rally at our tailgate pad, and we will enter the stadium with the band at 6PM.

Game tickets are selling out fast, so if you plan to attend the game purchase your game tickets at www.uhcougars.com today. We can’t wait to see you there!!!

7th Annual Concert & Silent Auction

You are invited to enjoy and experience the Spirit of Houston Marching Band, Drumline, Cougar Dolls, Cheer Team, Twirlers, Colorguard and Mascots as they perform in a “one night only” concert. The Spirit of Houston has been performing their special indoor concert for the past several years and each year it is a special treat. Consider joining us this year in the Moores Opera House at UH on Friday, October 29th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 per person.

There will be a silent auction sponsored by the UH Band Alumni. Bidding opens before the concert and runs through intermission. Donated items include autographed spirit items, handcrafted UH dinnerware, tickets to the Alley Theater, Houston Symphony, Radio Music Theater, dinner at Taste of Texas Restaurant, a hand crafted UH Quilt, and other one of a kind items. If you have any items you would like to donate, please contact Roxanne Wiener

Tiner at rockysand00@hotmail.com. Proceeds from the concert and silent auction benefit the UH Band Scholarship Fund. Tickets for the concert may be purchased at www.uhbands.com. Seats are limited. We hope to see you there.



Tailgating With the Alumni



Tulane Tailgate
September 25, 2010

Tailgating at all of our home games is going great! Trey and Jennifer Garrison are leading the way with set up and cooking. We have had good crowds at the gatherings.

We can be found at our pad in the middle of Tailgate Village. We look for-

ward to seeing everyone at the remainder of our tailgate gatherings prior to the upcoming home games.

10/09/10—vs Miss. State

11/05/10— vs UCF

11/13/10—Tulsa

If you would like to help out with set up or food please contact Trey and Jennifer at

rac3rx@sbcglobal.net

*Did you know
100 Yards of Band
Members are
invited to one
special event
annually?*



Pre Concert Wine & Cheese

All “100 Yards of Band” members are invited to a wine & cheese reception on Friday, October 29. We’ll gather one hour prior to the Marching Band concert. Concert set to begin at 7:30 p.m. Look for us in the Green Room adjacent to the Lobby in the Moores Opera House on the UH campus.

At the reception, we’ll honor those of you who have gone the extra mile for the Spirit of Houston Cougar Marching Band. It’s a great time to see old friends and raise a glass (or two) to cheer on the band program at UH! Invitations will be going out shortly in the mail, so if you don’t receive one soon and you are a 100 Yards of

Band donor, please let Trish Mims know. Her email address is phantomdach@earthlink.net

Another Gold Banner Year!

Spirit of Houston Cougar Band Alumni was honored on September 30, 2010 by the University of Houston Alumni Association with the presentation of the prestigious “Gold Banner Award” for the fifth year in a row!

This is the top award presented to outstanding college and

constituent alumni organizations who achieve goals designated by UHAA in areas including commitment, leadership, integrity, inclusiveness, fun, and teamwork.

We are very excited to have earned this recognition again in 2010. The Spirit of Houston Cougar Band Alumni

Organization is the only alumni group that has received this recognition every year it has been offered.

We look forward to growing and continuing to be recognized as one of the most outstanding alumni organizations at the University of Houston.

Home Coming 2010

NOVEMBER 13, 2010
UH VS TULSA
ROBERTSON STADIUM

Fall is busy for us all and Homecoming will be here before you know it.

The theme for this year's Homecoming is "Live the Pride".

University of Houston Alumni Organization will be releasing

the details for the fourth Annual Tailgate Challenge shortly. We have won the "Most Spirited" award all of the last four years. We have never managed to beat the Ft Bend Alumni Group, but we know this will be our year! The new Tailgate Challenge criteria will include more involvement from the groups at the tailgate so we feel like we should have a really good opportunity to win it all this year!

Mark your calendars and do plan to attend so you can be part of our efforts to win our first ever most outstanding tailgate group in this year's Homecoming Tailgate Challenge.

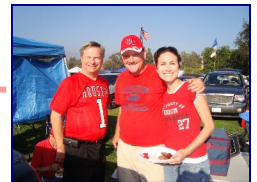
UCLA Tailgating

We didn't win the game, in fact we ran into a buzz saw! But UH Band Alums had a blast tailgating anyway. One interesting fact—UCLA beat our old friend UT the next week. You may not have noted we actually scored more points against UCLA than they did! GO COOGS!

Mark Stephens—Drum Major—cooked some wonderful brisket for those who traveled to the game. Everyone had fun in the fabulous weather under the biggest UH flag on display. In attendance were:

Mark Stephens (and family)
Don Moffit (effer) and family
Rick Moffit (drum major)

Ron and Kitten Muckleroy Page (twirler)
Iris Story (effer)
Katie Lopez (drum major),
Chris Foster (Tubad), Robyn Liebman (Piccolo), Jenny Ziegler-Jones (Piccolo/guard) as well as new UCLA friends and UH well-wishers.



Rick Moffit, Mark Stephens, Katie Lopez



Iris Story



Iris Story & Don Moffit

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.

STAY CURRENT AND CONNECTED:

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FACEBOOK PAGE

- **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!
www.uhbands-alumni.com

Alumni Spotlight

This month's Alumni Spotlight is focused on Trey and Jennifer Garrison. Trey and Jennifer head up our tailgate activities at home games and always plan for us to have delicious food and fun fellowship at our games. If you have someone you would like to see in our spotlight please email Patricia Mims at phantomdach@earthlink.net.

Jennifer graduated from UH with a BA in Political Science in (December) 1992. She did post-baccalaureate work in the Spring of 1993 so she could do the Band trip to France. She received her Doctorate of Jurisprudence in May of 1996. She wasn't in band her Freshman year, choosing to take a break after winning a couple of twirling national championships. After that first year of not being in band, she found that she really missed it, and joined that Spring. Her favorite activities while at UH, in addition to Twirling, included being a VP in Alpha Chi Omega Sorority, and a Senator, then the Speaker of the Senate in the Student Government. She was the UH Homecoming Queen in 1991, and the UH

representative to the Cotton Bowl Queen's Court that year.

Trey earned his BS in Mechanical Engineering from UT in 1997. He has an MBA from UH Clear Lake that he earned in 2004. He's actually older than Jennifer, but was in the army for six years before he attending college. Trey was a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division, a Scout in the 3rd Armored Cavalry Division, and has a Purple Heart from the first Iraq war. Jennifer says "Yeah, his life is much more impressive than mine."

Jennifer is currently the Contracts Manager and in-house attorney for Canrig Drilling Technology, Ltd. Trey is a project engineer for Tenaris Coiled Tubes. Jennifer is also currently the VP for the West Highland White Terrier Club of SE Texas and their Rescue Coordinator. Trey and Jennifer travel all over Texas and Louisiana to rescue Westies in need and place them in new loving homes. Jennifer also acts as a Case Sponsor for people who are trying to have prior marriages annulled in the Catholic Church.

Jennifer says "I think this is our 4th year cooking for tailgates. Trey does it because he enjoys it. He loves college football and likes that the people at UH are so open and make participation so accessible. I enjoy involvement with the Band Alumni because it is a fun and simple way to remain some level of involvement with the University and the Band. I have met so many great people who allow us all to experience that sense of tradition that so many people think the University of Houston lacks. We have a great tradition but it doesn't seem to be as recorded as it is at other schools. The UH Band has one of the greatest traditions of any organization on campus and I think it is meaningful to be a part of that."

