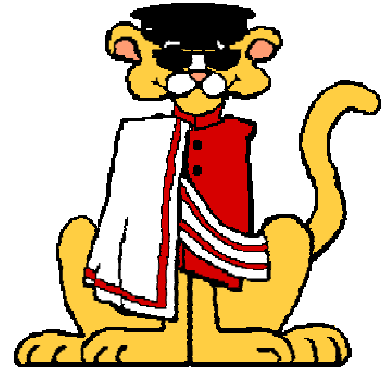


TUBADS – MEMBERSHIP

There are five forms of membership in the Tubads. They are as follows.

Current

All current members of the University of Houston Marching Band who play tuba are considered Current Tubads. Could it be any clearer?



Alumni

All those who once held the title of Current Tubad, shall, upon departing the University of Houston for whatever reason (graduation, cessation of studies, expulsion from university grounds) be known now and forever as Alumni Tubads. (take a breath here)

Proto-Tubads

By far the shortest membership term, this form is reserved for those tuba players new to the band who have not been schooled in the ways of the Tubads and are not yet privy to that which they are destined. This form lasts the course of Summer Band each year before they are given their Tubad name.

Lil' Sis'

Lil' Sis's are a special auxiliary to the Tubads. The women who are designated as Tubad Lil' Sis's are generally admirers of the Tubads and have been approved by the Current Tubads for their special rank.

Tubad Lil' Sis's are treated with love and respect and are allowed to wear Tubad regalia. They are often kind in return and appeal to a Tubads most basic instinct - with baked goods.

Honorary

There are members of the band, who for whatever reason are just not satisfied with their own section and thus feel the need to "hang with the 'Bads". For those who have shown the merits worthy of the name, Tubad, we have created a special form of membership to honor these band members.

In addition, there are those people who have had a profound effect on our section and are thus deemed worthy of the title, Tubad. Included are such notables as: John Philips Sousa; William Rose; Buddy Woodruff, our sectional instructor; Mark Rusch, a former marching instructor; and Cindy Crawford, nuff said.

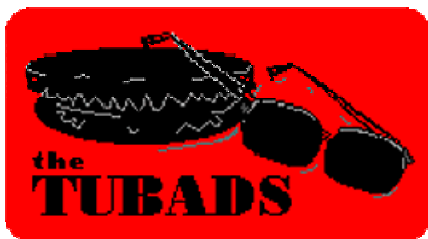
Nicknames

Nicknames are specifically chosen to reflect the innermost moods and ideals of the individual to which the name is bestowed...NOT!

Many Tubads names have their root in something stupid that person did or said, a physical trait, or just as an insult(rare). Then it sticks with that Tubad for life.

Tubad names for Proto-Tubads are carefully thought over by the veteran Tubads during Summer Band and are decide upon before the week is out. After the Section Marching Contest, which closes out Summer Band, the Tubads stage a very elaborate naming ceremony at centerfield. It costs thousands of dollars and involves lots of chickens. Quite a sight to behold.

What follows is a not quite complete roll call of Tubads, past and present.



TUBADS - Uniform

Aside from the standard uniform of the University of Houston Marching Band, the Tubads have personalized their uniform to set themselves apart and say - "We 'Bad".

Glasses

Wayfarers. Cool, hip, and expensive as you are willing to shell out. The Hard Rock has some nice Ray Ban models for about forty bucks or the local Stop-N-Rob has a few pairs they wouldn't miss. Black is the appropriate color for the rims and none of those fancy-shmancy colored lenses – black is it. Anyone who has seen the Blues Brothers knows the indelible image of classic black on black Wayfarers.

Glasses broken in the course of a performance are immediately and ceremoniously destroyed, kinda' like an American flag that has touched the ground. The glasses are thrown to the ground with all force godly possible and then stomped with both feet in unison. If you have seen some of the Tubads you would know that there is not a pair of sunglasses around that would survive this treatment, not even those that could survive a shotgun blast at close range.

Hat

This is what really sets us apart from other tuba sections in the country. It is well known that sousaphones and Shakos don't go together. Unlike those who would wear cheesy berets, like every other tuba player in the world, the Tubads don Greek fisherman's caps, 100% wool just like our uniforms. We hail from Greek gods. We wear the garb of the people of our progenitors.

Tubad Shirt

In addition to the shirt the band wears, the Tubads for the last five years have made a section shirt. Themes include our tenth year anniversary, visions of Tubad-ness, and uncommon designs just so people will say "Huh?". We're kicking around a few ideas this year: Eagles' "Hotel California", a biohazard symbol with appropriate text warnings, the girl with tuba from the Perry Ellis 360 degree fragrance ad.