

A great time was had by all! We started Friday night with a lasagna dinner at the home of Chris and Trish Mims - an annual special event for our 100 Yards of Band Members. Fun, food, wine and great fellowship is always the hall mark of this event. Special thanks to Rusty and Nancy Hess for arriving early and helping with the many last minute details. Those in attendance got the first sneak preview of all the great items that will be offered at this year's concert for our annual Concert/Auction -Pictures can be seen at

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On to Saturday and a really great tailgate and Homecoming / Reunion. Pictures from the day's activities can be seen at

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The Alumni Band was directed this year by Robert Mayes - and he was honored for his 25 years of service at the University of Houston. Tailgating was great - with wonderful BBQ dinner catered by Demeris, arranged by Nancy Hess. Display boards with all kinds of old memorabilia that should have been thrown away YEARS ago were set up, several uniforms from different eras were on display, and everyone pitched in to help get set up.

We again won the "Most Spirited AWARD" for the second year in a row at this year's Tailgate challenge - Best Overall was won by Fort Bend Alumni for the second year in a row - I think we are developing somewhat of a rivalry - we WILL beat them next year for Best Overall Tailgate!

The Raffle Items for the Nov 21st Concert, including the Team Signed quilt were on display and we have already sold over \$500 in raffle tickets. I think we did pick a good year to try a raffle format instead of a silent auction given the current economic downturn and the heavy financial burden put on many families by Hurricane Ike. Many people can afford \$20 in raffle tickets, but could not consider participating in a silent auction where the bids might be several hundred dollars.

We had a blast, and we wish more of you had been able to join us.

Plans for 2009 Reunion will begin after the first of the year, and hopefully we won't have hurricane complications next year.

Many thanks to all those who helped out in the set up and tear down of the tailgate displays - and to all those who attended and helped make this a truly memorable event.

Trish Mims  
List Mistress