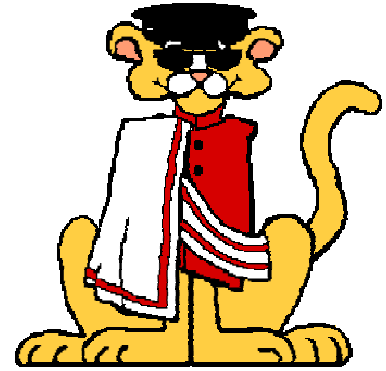


TUBADS – TRADITIONS

The Tubads are full of traditions that came about over the years through careful deliberation, focus groups, and thorough impact studies as to how these activities would affect the attitude and morale of the band at large. But we do them anyway because they're fun.



Tubad

The word Tubad is always capitalized. It is a reverent name given us by the people of the Third Ward. The word tubas coming out of Mr. Mayes mouth usually denotes an error that should be corrected.

Tubad Stance

Mean and nasty, like someone you would not want to meet in a nice clean well-lit alley on the nice side of town.

Tubarobics

These are our warm-up exercises the Tubads do prior to the pre-game show at home games. They include Tubajacks, ins-and-outs, various stretching of the odd ligament or three, and the occasional Egg Roll. They are performed before an audience in full uniform with our horns on. Cracks, groans, and moans are not uncommon.

Standing Up

The section as a whole is expected to stand for the entirety of the game, even those four hour pass fests of the Run and Get Shot Down Days. This provides ample preparation time when the director or drum major decides to spring a tune or cheer on us during the heat of the game. There's no heat in the Dome, but we're hoping for a little excitement down there on the field this year. And it's easier to see the action when you're standing up. Just forget that there's a forty foot Diamond Vision screen at opposing corners of the field. A short period in the Third Quarter, just after halftime, is reserved for those who don't have the fortitude to last the entire game. Those chairs can be quite comfortable, especially when you're losing.

Cheers

Future federal regulations will surely prohibit the printing of many of our cheers her, besides it's probably nothing you haven't heard before. References to the other team, blood, the side bets the refs have going and their particular loyalties, whose got who by the you-know-whats. They can be violent, rude, stupid, or all three.

Dragnet

The Tubad song. It is to us what the Budweiser theme is to the trombone section. It is played loud and nasty after Friday rehearsal and once in a blue moon, loud and clean when the football team scores a touchdown or makes a field goal.

Friday Alma Mater

A lone Tubad plays the bass line to the Alma Mater and the band sings backup.