



# Alumni Notes

## WELCOME ALUMNI!

We welcome you all, students, parents, family members and friends, to the inaugural edition of the *Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music Alumni Notes!*

Since the inception of the instrumental music program at Trabuco Hills High School, our school, our community, and our families have had the ultimate joy and excitement of experiencing the amazing musical talents of literally thousands of incredible kids! Under the last 16 years of dedicated guidance by director Howard Stephens, many beautiful traditions have passed from student to student, and from year to year.

Our alumni students and families have traveled on in life with a million wonderful memories of music... long hot days marching under the sun, picnics to celebrate the summer's end, crisp fall nights and football fight songs, bus rides and butterflies before a competition, hotels and roomies, dinkles left on the field, tuxes and bow ties, flags and sabers, saxophones and jazz tunes, hugs and tears and laughter... and life-long friendships... fabulous years built by a sense of tradition, a dedication to excellence, and a love for the art of music!

It is time now to begin a new tradition, one that will bring the many years of Trabuco Hills High School instrumental music students and families together once again. With this newsletter we are offering a link between past and present. We are hoping to remind you that you are still, and always will be, a part of a very special program, of a very special moment in time, and a very special "music family". We'd like to remind you that your continued participation, in any capacity, from moral support to "hands on" help, is still very much wanted, and so very appreciated! **We'd like to remind you that YOU are the platform from which our current students find the challenge to work harder, perform greater, and to maintain the strong traditions and amazing achievements that have remained constant for the Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music Program!**

It's our hope with this newsletter and your interest, to create and build an alumni association, to offer alumni reunions, and "Thundering Mustang Alumni Marching Band and Color Guard Days" where alumni students return to perform together and amaze us once again!

Please enjoy reading your newsletter. It was created in honor of you, our most esteemed alumni. We ask too that you join us in support and celebration of our current 2007-08 instrumental music program members as we begin another amazing year of tradition, dedication to performance, and honor in competition!

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## Can You Remember The Times of Your Life ?

### Bands of America Summer Symposium by Sam Moehring



BOA was such a novel and enriching experience for me. My first surprise was of course, how flat it is out in the Midwest. As a born and raised Californian, I'm so used to rugged, hilly terrain...not so out in the plains. But that's besides the point. As soon as I arrived at ISU I felt welcome. The staff's recommendation to meet new people was quite possibly the best advice i got there. I met such a myriad of new people from many different places ( and with many different accents! ) that had the same interests as me, and that contributed to the welcoming atmosphere of the whole experience. The leadership weekend was enriching and gave me some philosophy to take back to my experience in leadership, now in progress. Post-leadership weekend, I found myself in the Texas concert band playing bassoon under the direction of Eugene Corporon, the wind symphony director at North Texas U. BOA also provides master teachers of each instrument to give more individual attention to each instrument--Dr. Spaniol was my teacher, and I can't believe how much he taught me in a week. Fast-forward to the day of the performance of the concert bands. I stepped on stage ecstatic, gave one of my personal best performances, and exited the stage the same way I entered it. Only later, when I got home, do I realize what an experience the week had been. I grew closer to the friends I have from the music program at THHS, and I met some new friends, some that I still keep in touch with ( thank goodness for e-mail ).

But I must retell an anecdote that I've told before...as I browsed through my music once I was home, a name caught my eye...it was my director from BOA, Prof. Corporon! Before I had even met him, or been directed by him, I had heard the music he had produced back in Texas. As I sit here listening to Five Variants of Dives and Lazarus, directed by Eugene Corporon of North Texas University, a song that I had played under his direction at BOA, I reminisce deeply. I came home from BOA so convicted to make music and to influence the world around me with that music. I think the only thing thicker than the humid weather at ISU was the passion for the musical arts that all present shared.

*( Sam Moehring is a junior this year, participating in the marching band, orchestra, wind and jazz ensembles. He plays and continues to train on the bari saxophone, bassoon and sousaphone )*



### A Bit of History and Many More Alumni to Come!

SCHOOL YEAR	Marching Band Members	Color Guard Members	Drumline Members	Orchestra Members	Symphonic Winds Members	Total Program Members
1992-93	23	13	0	3	23	62
2007-08	99	28	22	71	47/52	272

### Interested in starting an Alumni Club? Want to be the President?



We sure could use some alumni student help in starting up the Trabuco Hills High School Instrumental Music Alumni Club! We have some great ideas for reunions, get-togethers and networking, but we need some alumni to set up the board of officers and start the fun!

If anyone out there is interested, please let us know! You can contact Dr. Steps at [Howard.Stephens@svusd.org](mailto:Howard.Stephens@svusd.org), or our booster president, Dave Moehring at [desmoehring1@cox.net](mailto:desmoehring1@cox.net).

# 15th Annual Tournament In The Hills! By Quincy Nguyen

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It has been a long time and I hope all is well with you and your family. As I've done the past several years, I just wanted to let you know about our annual field show tournament - 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament in the Hills @ Trabuco Hills High School in Mission Viejo, California on Saturday, November 10, 2007. This is the last weekend of shows before the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual WBA Marching Band Championships the following weekend in Monterey Park, so it will be the best tournament of the season!!!

*As alumni parents & students, you are receiving this email for 2 reasons:*

First, I wanted to inform you of the date of this year's tournament. Mark down **Saturday, November 10, 2007** on your calendar! If for only once a year, it is great just to see all the alumni parents & alumni students at the tournament. If you can are willing to help and volunteer, that is even better! Come out and show your support!

Second, as you know, we always could use volunteers and assistance on the day of the tournament. We are expecting a record number of spectators and participants for our tournament and we could use all the help we can get! Here are the committees where we still need volunteers. There are usually 2-3 shifts per committee throughout the day. If you would like to volunteer for any shift(s), don't be shy about dropping me an email.

- BAND ASSISTANCE (Chair: Tom Smithson, John Selegean)
- BUS PARKING (Chair: Brian Larson, Desmond Chatteleton, Tom Tveit)
- KITCHEN (Chair: Annamarie Bishop, Venus Woods)
- SECURITY (Chair: Neal West, Joe St. Martin)

If you would like to volunteer and help out on Saturday, November 10, 2007, please email me the name of the committee and the shift that you can work.

Thank you for your time and continued support & I hope to at least see you at TITH!!!

*Quincy Nguyen*

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*Tournament Director, 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament in the Hills*



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## NEW- Alumni Link on [www.thhsmusic.com](http://www.thhsmusic.com)!

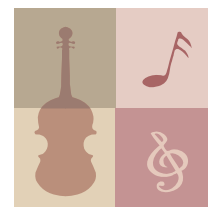
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### Calling All Alumni Students!!

WHERE in the world are you?! WHAT are you doing now?!

How can instrumental music friends contact you?!



We miss you guys, and we're dying to hear all about you...what you're doing, where you're going to school, where do you work, how is your family, are you rich and famous yet?.....and now we have a way for you to let us know! Just go to [www.thhsmusic.com](http://www.thhsmusic.com) and scroll to the bottom right of the page. There, you'll find a link for alumni to enter their current information. It says, "alumni contact form". Once we get up and running, and we have enough alumni entries, you'll be able to access the [www.thhsmusic.com](http://www.thhsmusic.com) website, and see a list of our alumni who want to be "public". Then, we can all keep in touch! Please join us in creating this important list of friends!

# FALL TO WINTER CALENDAR



## TRABUCO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Dr. Howard Stephens—Director  
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Saturday, October 6, 2007:

[3rd Annual Tesoro Invitational Field Show Tournament \(Independent\)](#),  
Tesoro High School, Las Flores, California

Saturday, October 20, 2007:

[21st Annual South Coast Invitational \(WBA\)](#),  
Costa Mesa High School at Newport Harbor High School, Newport Beach, California

Saturday, October 27, 2007:

[2007 Marching Band Open Series, Downey High School Contest \(WGASC\)](#),  
Downey High School, Downey, California

### FOOTBALL

Friday, October 26, 2007

Varsity Football: Woodbridge HS  
vs. Trabuco Hills HS, 7:00 P.M.



Saturday, November 3, 2007:

[24th Annual Big Orange Classic \(WBA\)](#),  
Riverside Community College, Riverside, California

Saturday, November 10, 2007:

[15th Annual Tournament in the Hills \(WBA\)](#),  
Trabuco Hills High School, Mission Viejo, California

Monday, November 12, 2007:

[2007 Capistrano Valley Black and Gold Field Tournament \(SCSBOA\)](#),  
Capistrano Valley High School, Mission Viejo, California

Wednesday, November 14, 2007:

[31st Annual Westminster Field Show \(SCSBOA\)](#),  
Westminster High School, Westminster, California

Saturday, November 17, 2007:

[18th Annual Western Band Association Marching Band Championships, Class Championships \(WBA\)](#),  
Weingart Stadium, East Los Angeles College, Monterey Park, California

Sunday, November 18, 2007:

[18th Annual Western Band Association Marching Band Championships, Grand Championships \(WBA\)](#),  
Weingart Stadium, East Los Angeles College, Monterey Park, California

### FOOTBALL

Friday, November 2, 2007

Varsity Football: Northwood HS  
vs. Trabuco Hills HS, 7:00 P.M.



Saturday, December 1, 2007:

[2007 Southern California School Band & Orchestra Association Championships \(SCSBOA\)](#),  
Location TBD\*

Friday, December 28, 2007:

[30th Annual Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona Fiesta Bowl National Band Championships \(Independent\)](#),  
University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale, Arizona

Saturday, December 29, 2007:

[37th Annual Fort McDowell Fiesta Bowl Parade \(Independent\)](#),  
Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona