



IN-TUNE!

The Newsletter of
The Lone Star Symphonic Band

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HELLO BABOONS!!! Welcome to a brand new year and another season with the Lone Star Symphonic Band. It appears, through that wonderful process of elimination, that I will be churning out these newsletters for yet another twelve months.

It's hard to believe that so many of you would insist that I continue to greet you every Monday with such adjectives as: Rodents, Vagrants, Swine, Earthworms, Peasants, Sexual Deviants, Scoundrels, Parasites, Hoodlums, White Trash...and Rufus, Bone-Heads, Slime Balls, Scum Bags, Stink Weed, Maggots, and Butterballs.

I can only assume that you are suckers for insult, and I think I can live with that. Seriously, it is going to be my pleasure to do the newsletter. I will continue to provide you with information pertaining to LSSB.....NOT, plus all the gossip and back-stabbing that you seem to enjoy.

Last year, In Tune changed from that old black and white format and was brought to you in a broad range of pastel colors ranging from Smurf blue to nelly pink to vomit green to Miss Clairol yellow/blonde to.....well, you get the point. With any luck, this year's newsletters will continue to be just as colorful and witty.....give or take a few bitchy remarks.

Thanks to those of you who sent me Christmas cards, xeroxed report cards, and magazine subscriptions And an extra special thanks to Connie and Debbie for having me and Jorge over for dinner and entertainment. Can't wait to have you guys over, and this time we'll know who John the Babtist is!! You "wise" guys! (giggle!)

As you may know, I finally got a job last month at Birraporetti's and it is going well. I am also still VERY single. I kinda thought that my break-up with Matt was going to be a temporary thing, but it is Oh-so-very final. Our relationship was getting so bad, it was starting to feel like that old Julia Roberts movie, Sleeping with the ENEMA. But I'm not BITTER!

If you received my form letter last week, you should know that that the purpose for tonight's meeting is to elect our new Board members for this year. And if you caught on to my subliminal message, you also know that I have accepted the fact that I will probably be elected/forced into the secretarial position. That is fine with me because it gives me a good excuse to hang on to David's computer THAT much longer.

Just a reminder that membership dues are due, as they are every year. The cost is \$30 dollars, and keep in mind that you can, if necessary, pay this off a little at a time. We are all fully aware that the economy is not too great right now and we do not expect you to cough up that kind of money on a moments notice. BUT, it does need to be paid, the sooner the better!

And just where the HELL are those LGBA concert tapes?

Also, don't forget that we are still pitching in a buck or two for parking lot security. Jose is saving up for a new pair of heart-patterned boxer shorts, so pay up! It is a great feeling to know that your vehicle is secure out there, even for me, the mere pedestrian!

Whatever you do, don't go to Charlie's for dinner and complain about the cheesecake!

The following pages are filled with such trivial oddities as last year's attendance records for members at rehearsal, Board members at monthly meetings, and a wrap up of the year in general. In the meantime, here's a little something that Connie sent to me during the holidays:



SECRETARY'S END OF YEAR REPORT

LONE STAR SYMPHONIC BAND

1991

by russell ben williams

- 1-09-91 The first meeting of the new Board of Directors took place at Connie's office. Tom Moore was present to announce that he had a computer system to loan to the new secretary who was more than glad to have it.
- 1-14-91 Steve wears his Team Sydney shirt to rehearsal.
- 2-02-91 Mardi Gras in Galveston. Who can forget that that whole Milli Vanilli thing. I think we had a good time, but what do I know, I was cocktailed!
- 2-06-91 The second and only Board meeting with full attendance, or as Connie stated, "WOW, this is the first time in a bazillion years that we have a meeting where everyone shows up." (She missed the next two meetings, but who's keeping track)
- 3-30-91 Spring Concert at MCCR held mostly for our spouses. Boy, our ticket sales sucked!
- 4-08-91 Ted Turner-mania takes over the In Tune! Colorized newsletters are introduced. Keleigh announces that she is a single woman. Steve wore his lovely Team Sydney shirt with a smart Koala earring and necklace ensemble.
- 4-20-91 During swing band rehearsal at Connie's office, it was discovered that if you emptied your spit valves on the front cover of the "New Voice", it turns into a lovely shade of pink that oddly enough matches the walls in her office.
- 4-28-91 Held our BBQ at E.J.'s and got really drunk. Keleigh and Margaret were doing nasties!
- 5-05-91 Swing band concert at BRB.....NOT!!!
- 5-13-91 The Horror-Scope was introduced in the newsletter. My favorite was: Virgo--This is the sign of the virgin, and Lord knows how YOU landed in this category. (Hey Jorge, are you a Virgo?)
- 6-10-91 Russell finally catches up with the rest of the world and gets a telephone.

7-01-91 Tom's computer died and David Schaffner came to the rescue by lending me his handy little Apple Mac. (And once and for all, Jonathan, I didn't have to sleep with him to get it!)

7-15-91 Steve wore his wrinkled Team Sydney shirt with a matching kangaroo-skin skirt and flip-flops.

7-19-91 Board retreat to Corpus Christi. Too, too much fun! Buried Connie in the sand, and discovered that Debbie's snapper is just fine, but goes much better with a lemon wedge.

7-28-91 Jazz Brunch at J.R.'s left me with one very lasting impression.....the bartenders there are bitches!

7-29-91 Margaret and Denise are now doing the nasties! Russell quit his job at the prestigious burger joint and will whine about it in the following months!

8-14-91 Thaddeus writes a letter to band members requesting that they attend all rehearsals because the LGBA concert is only a month away, and we need the practice.

8-26-91 Thaddeus misses rehearsal.

9-06-91 Cocktail party at Lovett Inn provided a perfect opportunity for us to bitch and moan in a public arena. That first trumpetless piece wasn't too bad was it.

9-09-91 Three weeks left 'til the LGBA concert, and I was so scared, my nipples had quit twitching. I was touched over Heartsong's concern over this matter.

9-13-91 Moffet book concert at the Denture Inn. At least we got a couple of free cocktails out of this one. And John Ritchie got a good feel of my butt. Earlier in the week, Connie, Thad and Jorge went to see the Jones Hall, and came back saying that it was "Piss elegant!". I guess!

9-15-91 Folleyball Fest and free draft beer. Oh my gosh, like I was so wasted, I didn't even notice that Steve wasn't wearing his lovely Team Sydney shirt. If I ever hear that Miss America number again, I am going to puke!

9-21-91 LGBA meeting from HELL at Connie's office.

9-27-91 LGBA weekend begins! I will not mention all the details here because there isn't enough room to cover it all fairly, and I'm really hungover right now, so I could care less. Thanks to members spouses who obeyed my plea in the newsletter to not make luses of yourself at the Welcome Party.

9-29-91 Concert at Jones Hall, gold stars, glitter gatorade, "NOT!" signs, and nelly twirlers. You were right Connie, it was piss elegant.

10-06-91 Brunch at Jazz' home! Listened to concert tape and ate a ton of food!

10-26-91 Jorge and I hit Pacific Street for Halloween weekend dressed as.....you guessed it, Milli Vanilli!

11-17-91 Connie, Debbie, Russell and Jorge went camping....TOGETHER, and managed to come back in one piece. Spiders and Shasta and Smores, OH MY!!

11-28-91 Matthew dumped me like a hot potato! Or did I dump him. I was depressed over this for a total of 37 minutes. Ironically enough, the lead lip singer from Milli Vanilli attempted suicide the same week. Is that awesome, or what? Nevertheless, I'm no more of a tramp now than I was DURING the relationship.

12-04-91 The last meeting of the Board of Directors was held at Connie's house. It was great! Thanks Connie! We love you!

12-07-91 Christmas concert....NOT!

12-08-91 Dickens on the Strand. Didn't get to enjoy it as much as last year, but at least we had flute players.

12-08-91 Christmas Tree lighting at Mary's....NOT!

Many things were left out for several reasons, including lack of space, forgetfulness, and my great ability to forget what I did when I've been drinking at some of our events. I hope you enjoyed this report. I had fun doing it! Excuse the typos!

Love and kisses,

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LSSB Board of Directors

Meeting Attendance Record:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Thaddeus Coverdale	■	■		■		■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10
Connie Moore	■	■			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	10
Steve Darby	■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■		■	10
Russell Williams	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	12
David Schaffner	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■				9
Jorge Valdez	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	11
E.L. Jazz Paz	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	11
Keleigh Kretz		■	■	■	■								3
Kirsten Johnson	■	■	■	■	■	■							6
Others:													
Roy Cisneros		■	■	■		■				■			4
Andy Mills											■		1
Rich Corder										■			1
Members present per meeting.....	8	10	8	6	7	9	7	7	7	7	6	6	

NUMBER OF REHEARSALS ATTENDED OUT OF 41: *

* Numbers reflect attendance at scheduled rehearsals and **does not** include swing band, ensemble or extra LGBA rehearsals.....so THERE!! Names listed from highest attendance to lowest (but only because it puts my name at the top), and keep in mind that some of those with lower attendance are new to the band!

Russell Williams.....	39	David Hamilton.....	9
David Schaffner.....	35	Rich Corder.....	8
Steve Darby.....	35	Randy Julia.....	8
Keleigh Kretz.....	35	Alex Montemayor.....	5
Thaddeus Coverdale.....	32	John Lamb.....	5
John Ritchie.....	32	Jim Merring.....	4
Trudy Allen.....	31	Jeff Satterfield.....	4
Rufus Chaney.....	31	Matthew Hymes.....	3
Gary Worster.....	31	Ralph Gutierrez.....	3
Rick Pashkin.....	30	Jeanie Lentz.....	3
Jazz Paz.....	30	Rick Peel.....	3
Connie Moore.....	27	Darrell Carr.....	3
Jorge Valdez.....	24	Richard Bardwell.....	2
Kirsten Johnson.....	21	David Christianson.....	2
Tom Moore.....	20	Douglas Lake.....	2
Kat LeBlanc.....	19	Billy Nail.....	2
Leo Medrano.....	19	Melissa Thompson.....	2
Mark Richmond.....	19	Chris Hodge.....	2
Maggie Stone.....	16	James Bell.....	1
Amy O. Fulton.....	15	Rusty Clark.....	1
Gretta Ott.....	10	Audry.....	1