Hey Band!

It's about time! The 2015 WTAMU Buffalo Marching Band is about to unite. As always, I can’t wait to get started! This year’s first show will be a “Dr. Who” show arranged by our own Dr. Brooks.

Our second show was going to feature T-Pain live; however, the deal fell though due to an unfortunate grill accident involving Taylor Swift’s braces. It was very dramatic. Not to worry, everyone is ok, and Taylor Swift has already written a song about it. I guess we'll all have to wait until next year to premiere the T-Pain Bang Bang Pow Pow Booty Wurk Buy You a Drank Show. Instead, our second show will feature the classic hits of The Wiggles. You’ll love it just the same.

Seriously though, we are looking forward to yet another awesome marching season. **We are going to be performing at Cowboys Stadium again this year on September 19th!** Be sure to invite all your friends and family that live nearby. Our game against Tarleton State University is at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are already on sale via Ticketmaster. Discounted advanced tickets can be purchased at the West Texas A&M Ticket Office in the First United Bank Center for $25 for adults and $10 for students. Telephone orders also will be accepted at 806-651-1414.

The last page contains a Band Information Card. Please email your responses today. We need to hear from everyone so that we can start planning the show. Check to see if we have you down for the appropriate instrument or color guard selection for marching band. Color guard and drumline members will begin prior to the winds. Please take note of the Early Band Schedule and the schedule of marching performances.

If you still need to register for band!

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If you know of any student that will be attending WTAMU in the fall and might be interested in joining the band, we would appreciate his or her name, address, and phone number. Please forward this information to me by email at rtwewelet@mail.wtamu.edu or call me at (806) 651-2863. Remember: PLEASE RETURN YOUR BAND INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY. It is vital for our preparation for the fall season. I am honored and humbled to be your director and can’t wait to see all of you in August. Go Buffs!

Don’t blink,

Russ Tewelet
Dear Friends:

I hope that all of you are enjoying your summer break. The WTAMU Band Camp was a huge success this summer, and I would like to thank those of you that worked with us to make it a wonderful experience. We have an exceptional group of incoming students to welcome into the Buffalo Band this fall. I have no doubt that they will have a profound impact on the quality of our program.

Many of you have heard the news about the WTAMU Symphonic Band. For a college student, performing at TMEA is an experience that you will remember all of your life. Being selected to perform at the Texas Music Educators’ Association is an honor that affords us an opportunity to showcase your talents on a national level. This will be the Symphonic Band’s fourteenth appearance at the Texas Music Educators’ Association convention, and is a record among university bands in the state of Texas.

Audition music for membership into the Symphonic Band will be made available to you when you arrive on campus this fall. Auditions for the Symphonic Band will be held on September 28th and our first rehearsal as an ensemble will begin on Wednesday, September 30th. You will have approximately six weeks to learn the music for the audition. We will begin section rehearsal during the first week of October.

I have asked Dr. Bradley Garner to be our guest soloist at TMEA, and Dr. Gary Garner will be a guest conductor. I hope that you are as excited about this wonderful opportunity as I am. We look forward to being with you on the stage of Lila Cockrell in San Antonio in February of 2016, with an audience of over 2,300. This is going to be a great year at WTAMU. I’m excited about our opportunities to showcase your talents on the field and stage.

Sincerely,
Don Lefevre
Director of Bands
West Texas A&M University School of Music

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I’m thinking that a Dr. Who themed show should look like this on the field...
**The Showman Pg. 3**
“ALWAYS BRING A BANANA TO A PARTY; YOU JUST MIGHT INVENT THE BANANA DAIQUIRI A COUPLE CENTURIES EARLY.” ~Tenth Doctor

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**The First Week Meeting Schedule:**

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At the first meeting, make sure you have:
- Comfortable Shoes and Socks
- Bottled Water
- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- A Hat

Sunburn will not excuse you from rehearsal.

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It’s Everything You Wanted to Know About the Universe on One Page...

If you are a member of the Percussion Section or the Color Guard, you can move into the dorms on Thursday, August 13 between 4p and 6p. You move right into your assigned dorm. You will need a parking permit to park anywhere on campus.

Everyone else can move into their dorms from Saturday 8/15 through Monday 8/17, also from 4p to 6p over the weekend or from 5p – 7p on Monday. The first meeting for Freshmen and Transfer students is Monday, 8/17 at 1:00p in N 1010. Returning students meet Tuesday, 8/18 at 1:00p, also in N 1010.

The band covers meals in the cafeteria starting with the first meal After You Are Required to Report and until your meal cards kick in. Percussion & Color Guard start with lunch on Friday. Freshmen and transfers start with dinner on Monday. Returning students start with lunch on Tuesday. The cafeteria folks have already warned us that they are going to be sticklers about enforcing this, and if your name isn’t on the list I am now required to provide, you won’t get to eat in the cafeteria. So, if you’re a late registrant, send me an email so I know to have you included.

Your meal cards will kick in on Wednesday. The cafeteria will not serve breakfast on the weekends until classes start, so run across the street to United and get some Pop Tarts for breakfast for the weekend.

All of our meetings are held in Mary Moody Northen Hall, in room 1010. You’ll see it abbreviated in a variety of ways: N, MM, MMNH, Northen, Mary Moody…it all refers to the same place. N 1010 is the rehearsal room for Band and Orchestra, and it’s on the west side of the building in the addition. WARNING: Northen is a MAZE to get around in for first-timers. The building is rectangular, the center is triangular, and the hall that connects the building to the addition is invisible until you’re right on top of it. If you’ve been to Band Camp, you’ll find it. If you’re new to the campus, program Ensemble Secretary Tracy’s number in your cell phone and she’ll guide you to it from wherever you end up on campus (806-651-2854).

The first day will consist of a brief meeting, introductions to the “important people,” and tryouts (for percussionists). Percussion and color guard will have been working for a couple of days by the time the non-percussion freshmen and transfers get here on Monday. Be prepared to introduce yourself (or someone else). Dress for outdoor marching on Monday, but don’t bring your instrument.

The band fee this year is $25. It gets you your band t-shirt, free admission to the band’s annual Halloween and Christmas parties, and a discount on the final banquet. You get more than your $25 worth, and you have to have the t-shirt anyhow (as part of your uniform). Bring cash or check to your first meeting. Sorry, we can’t take credit/debit/gold cards.

Odds and Ends, But Still Important: Want to march Color Guard instead of your instrument? Indicate that in your return email (formerly known as your band card) and indicate Color Guard in addition to your primary instrument.
I CAN SEE THE FUTURE...

Calendar of Events for the Marching Band – Fall 2015

8/14  Early Band Begins – Percussion & Color Guard report 9:00a
8/17  Early Band – Freshmen and Transfer students report
8/18  Early Band – Returning upperclassmen report
8/24  Classes begin – Music Major Meeting 4p in NRH
9/3   WT vs. Ausa Pacific (CA), 7:00p
9/4   Mega-mandatory FRIDAY rehearsal 11:00a-12:50p (then your weekend begins!)
9/12  Parents’ Day, 11:30a, WT vs. Colorado State – Pueblo, 5:00p
9/19  Band travels to away game at Arlington Stadium, WT vs. Tarleton, 3:30p
9/25  Pigskin Revue – The Box
9/26  Homecoming parade, WT vs. Angelo State, 5:00p
9/28  Symphonic Band (TMEA) Auditions
10/3  Possible exhibition performance (Bivins)
10/17 WT vs. Commerce, 5:00p, and possible exhibition performance (Bivins)
10/31 WT vs. Eastern New Mexico, 12:00p (In costume!)
11/7  *LSC Playoffs Week I Game
11/14 *LSC Playoffs Week II Game
11/21 *Possible Playoff Game – NCAA Super Region IV First Round
11/25 Classes dismiss at noon for Thanksgiving Break
11/26-27 Thanksgiving Break
11/28 *Possible Playoff Date
11/30 Special Student Recital, 4p, NRH
12/1  Special Student Recital, 4p, NRH
12/2  Last class day, Concert/University Band Concert 6p, Symphonic Band Concert 8p, both in NRH
12/3  Dead Day
12/4  Finals/Juries begin (through December 15)
12/5  *Possible Playoff Date – Football
12/11 December Graduation
12/12 *Possible Playoff Date – Football
12/19 *Possible Playoff Date – Football – D2 Championship Game

*Playoffs times/locations to be decided

This schedule is subject to change!
We arrive at the stadium two-hours prior to each home football game and rehearse for 45 minutes prior to the start of the game. Dates in bold are mandatory performances.
“Don’t blink, don’t even blink. Blink and you’re dead. They are fast, faster than you can believe; don’t look away, don’t turn your back, and don’t blink. Good luck.”

Welcome New Freshmen and Transfers!

Flute
Etsehiot Degefu, Garland, TX
Nakita Harris, Midland, TX
Sandra Lopez, Roma, TX
Maritza Mendoza Minas, Duncanville, TX
Ruben Najera, Alice, TX
Emily Ramsay, Las Cruces, NM
Carla Sanchez, Calexico, CA

Clarinet
Courtney Bezner, Bushland, TX
Stephinie Bost, Smyer, TX
Samantha Carter, El Paso, TX
Bayleigh DePoyster, Stroud, OK
Catherine Jorge, Williams, CA
Destiny Krahn, Bridgeport, TX
Adrienne Meza, Clovis, NM
Micah Schneider, Dalhart, TX
Gabriela Valenzuela, Pampa, TX
Austin Zimmerman, Katy, TX

Saxophone
Logan Aragon, Clovis, NM
Jonathan Avila, Midland, TX
Logan Evans, Mart, TX
Jose Fernandez, Lubbock, TX
Andrew Garcia, Amarillo, TX
Kaleigh Jones, Amarillo, TX
Kalie McCaughn, Slinger, WI
Tori Palomo, Lubbock, TX
Jonathan Romero, Amarillo, TX
Joshua Sanchez, Alice, TX
Tabitha Taylor, Grants Pass, OR

Trumpet
Ethan Brian Avila, Amarillo, TX
Joshua Blashill, Amarillo, TX
Andres Cardenas Casillas, Canyon, TX
Nicholas Deluna, Amarillo, TX
Aaron Hebert, Austin, TX

Trumpets (continued)
Bryant Jackson, San Antonio, TX
Nathaniel Lerma, Amarillo, TX
Roberto Limon, Amarillo, TX
Nicholas McCullough, Odessa, TX
Molly Moore, Midland, TX
Aaron Olson, Mcallen, TX
Matthew Rightenour, Amarillo, TX
Stetson Sullivan, Kemp, TX

Mellophone
Alika Archuleta, Midland, TX
Wesley Bauer, Mckinney, TX
Brandee Brown, Midland, TX
Jerrick Cendejas, Dalhart, TX
Michelle Coronado, Edinburg, TX
Chloe Michalec, Akron, OH
Patrick Soto, Amarillo, TX

Trombone
Sarah Carey, Amarillo, TX
Damian Holmes, Carrollton, TX
Brantley Powers, Stratford, TX
Andrew Patrick Riley, Canyon, TX
Seth Yarbar, Big Spring, TX

Baritone
Kasey Blackwood, Vernon, TX
Wyatt Boswell, Mansfield, TX
Allen Gipson-Alexander, Plano, TX
Isaac Gutierrez, Amarillo, TX
Dustin Wells, Dimmitt, TX

Sousaphone
Garry Hamilton, Midland, TX
Robert Stratton, Amarillo, TX
Jordan Wiechec, Amarillo, TX

Percussion
Alex Bergeson, Odessa, TX
Jacob Cicherski, Lubbock, TX
Elizabeth Eldridge, Plano, TX
Adam Flores, Amarillo, TX
Jorge Flores, Amarillo, TX
Kaitlin Lawson, Plainview, TX
Crystal Munoz, Fort Stockton, TX
Chesney Perryman, Amarillo, TX
Kallie Smith, Midland, TX
Viana Vasquez, El Paso, TX
Chase White, Sunray, TX

Color Guard
Jesus Rodriquez, Crane, TX
Lexi Rodriguez, Lamesa, TX

Unknown Instrument
Jacob Davis, Taylor, TX
Andrew Lee, Amarillo, TX
Blakley McCurdy, Amarillo, TX

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**The Showman Pg. 7**

“Do what I do. Hold on tight and pretend it’s a plan.”

**Meet the Time Lords**

**Flute**
- Lea Baumert, Dalhart, TX
- Caroline Boerner, Lubbock, TX
- Samantha Ellis, Canyon, TX
- Kaitlyn Ridge, Weatherford, TX
- Danelly Vazquez, McAllen, TX
- Emily Wilkerson, Arlington, TX

**Clarinet**
- Emily Brewer, Amarillo, TX
- Cicely Cain, Amarillo, TX
- Rex Delgado, Canyon, TX
- Charity Garrison, Fort Worth, TX
- Emilia Garza, Mabank, TX
- Naomi Harlow Amarillo, TX
- Katelyn Huckaby, Canyon, TX
- Abigail Hutchcraft, College Station, TX
- Emma McClellan, Fredericksburg, TX
- Taylor Otts, Cleburne, TX
- Nikita Padilla, Amarillo, TX
- Miguel Salazar, Pampa, TX
- Melissa Schoenenberger, Amarillo, TX
- Mary Spurlock, Stratford, TX
- Cory Tamez, Midland, TX
- Sarah Wetterau, Richardson, TX

**Saxophone**
- Garrett Breaux, Arlington, TX
- Isaias Cabello, San Antonio, TX
- Edward Cosio, Irving, TX
- Jessica Cundiff, Amarillo, TX
- Ross Edge, Midland, TX
- Caleb Fletcher, Lewisville, TX
- Cory Gabel, Amarillo, TX
- Nicole Juarez, Odessa, TX
- Kaitlyn Leeper, Corinth, TX
- Ephraim Lorenz, Canyon, TX
- Nathan Nuckols, Longview, TX
- Joshua Shelton, Canyon, TX

**Trumpet**
- Brian Barrientes, Odessa, TX
- Zachary Figueroa, Abernathy, TX
- Jennifer Francis, Canyon, TX
- John Gonzales, Odessa, TX
- Ashley Robinson, Amarillo, TX
- Sean Rowell, Midland, TX
- Jacob Sexton, Pampa, TX

**Mellophone**
- Michelle Balboa, Canyon, TX
- Luis Bencomo, Dalhart, TX
- Michelle Casso, Amarillo, TX
- Kyle Correll, Lubbock, TX
- Isaac Johns, Amarillo, TX
- Kendra Jones, Fredericksburg, TX
- Tyson Leyba, Amarillo, TX
- Matthew Miller, Amarillo, TX
- Maggie Moore, Midland, TX
- Brianna Perry, Canyon, TX
- JP Reyes, Shallowater, TX
- Karen Rock, Canyon, TX
- John Stacy, Midland, TX
- Ian Tackitt, Amarillo, TX
- Charles Valliant, Richardson, TX
- Hannah Wilcox, Midland, TX
- Steven Zahn, Lubbock, TX

**Trombone**
- Ashlynn Baumgardner, Amarillo, TX
- Samantha Cantu, George West, TX
- Katie Dutcher, Dumas, TX
- Ryan Lane, Midland, TX
- Erik Lemna, El Paso, TX
- Travis Peters, Seminole, TX
- Andres Prieto, Hereford, TX
- Derek Vasquez, Stratford, TX

**Baritone**
- Dino Cardenas, Laredo, TX
- Jordan English, Mansfield, TX
- Bo Galvan, Laredo, TX
- Paticus Henderson, Bossier City, LA
- Michael Vargas, Kermit, TX
- Kinsey Wood, Amarillo, TX

**Sousaphone**
- John De La Garza, Laredo, TX
- Brian Gruben, Lubbock, TX
- Bruno Gutierrez, Laredo, TX
- Chance Houston, Odessa, TX
- Oren May, Fredericksburg, TX
- Avery Mount, Lorenzo, TX
- Gary Owens, Odessa, TX
- Reynaldo Trejo, Vernon, TX
- Rachel Tretow, Vega, TX

**Percussion**
- Bert Capetillo, Amarillo, TX
- Landry Kendrick, Canyon, TX
- Victoria Kreutzer, Amarillo, TX
- Daunte McCray, Tulia, TX
- Zachariah Machuca, Odessa, TX
- Danella Meza, Cactus, TX
- Jared Perry, Brenham, TX
- Kristy Taylor, Midland, TX
- Hope Vasquez, San Antonio, TX
- Victor Villagran, Amarillo, TX
- Jeremy Williams, Odessa, TX
- Joseph Yañez, Maxwell, TX

**Color Guard**
- Johanna Balboa, Canyon, TX
- Cheyenne Birdsong, Robinson, TX
- Jamie Bloodworth, Amarillo, TX
- Alyson Crawford, Amarillo, TX
- Sean Dilley, Midland, TX
- Sarah Koennecke, Fredericksburg, TX
- Sandra Lindsey, Odessa, TX
- Courtney Ma, Pampa, TX
- Anissa Martinez, Canadian, TX
- Brittain Mudge, Canyon, TX
- Ashley Munoz, Laredo, TX
- Krystal Munoz, Laredo, TX
- Andy Pimentel, Amarillo, TX
- Kevin Strickland, Yorktown, VA
- Fred Talamanets, Cactus, TX
- Heather Valenta, Canyon, TX
- Elizabeth Willis, Canyon, TX
Hello everyone, my name is Brad Smith and I'm one of your drum majors this year! I'm a music education major and this is my 6th year with the marching band at WT. I'm from the thriving oil metropolis of Midland, TX and I've been a member of the WT symphonic band every year here, a member of and principal clarinet player in the WT Symphony Orchestra, as well as a part of many chamber groups on campus. I am a member and vice-president of Phi Mu Alpha and a member of Kappa Kappa Psi. I teach private lessons and wait tables at On the Border in Amarillo (how convenient that Morgan works there too!) You can learn more about me if you ask me to the annual feed-a-fish during summer band!!! But enough about me, a few things you need to know coming into the marching band here: Water is your friend. Water is your friend's friend. Please please please bring water (in a fancy container or even just a plastic bottle). We provide extra water in case you forget yours, but please try to bring your own. Since we rehearse for many hours a day during our summer band remember to wear a good pair of tennis shoes or something along those lines. My personal choice is TOMS... I have a designated pair of "marching toms" that have lasted me for 5 years of band and I look forward to showing off my toms tan!

I'm sure there's so much of this you've heard or read before, but we like to remind you because we love you! There are so many memories and friends to be made and they both can last a lifetime. You'll meet people like James Caleb Fletcher who work at Taco Villa who would love to get you a free bean burrito! Being in the marching band at WT is one of the best choices you could make! Preston says hi!

Greetings friends, and welcome to your first year (or more) of membership in The Sound of West Texas!! My name is Morgan Coplan, and I'll be returning as one of your drum majors this fall! I'm from Richardson, Texas, and in my spare time I'm a waitress at On The Border, private lesson teacher, and BRIDE TO BE!! I could not be more excited to be spending another year with you all, but before we jump into the TARDIS lets cover a few things! Traveling through all of space and time was never fun with a sunburn, so be sure you bring lots of sun screen! Canyon isn't as hot feeling as some places in the state at this time of the year so it can be a bit deceiving, plus it's no fun to meet cute new people when you look like a lobster! It's also not a bad idea to pack your black marching shoes, white gloves, and flip folder! Pretend you reading this is really you traveling back in time to pack it the first go around! My parents had to send me 4 packages before school even started...oops... I'm really excited to get to know you all and make some really special memories this fall. You'll find out very soon that this is one of the most loving and welcoming places on the planet. In my time here I've met my very best friends, I mean, you never know, you could be marching by your bridesmaids! So let's make this the best year the WT marching band has ever seen!
Hi there!

My name’s Krystal Muñoz and I will be the president of Tau Beta Sigma for the 2015-2016 school year. I hail from the wonderfully HOT town of Laredo, Texas! (I mean it... it’s hot... it was 105 degrees outside today.) I’ll be a Junior Music Education major this year! My primary instrument is the clarinet, but you’ll probably see me out on the field swinging a flag with the colorguard. (I can’t promise I’ll catch every toss, but I will try my hardest!) My summer this year has consisted of a lot of laying around, reading, blogging and fighting the good fight for equal rights and social justice! Oh yeah and I worked this summer’s WTAMU Band Camp, which was a lot of fun. Taxing, but a lot of fun.

Now, I’m sure by now you’re wondering what Tau Beta Sigma is and what we stand for. I’ll start off by saying that Tau Beta Sigma is a national honorary band service sorority. Many of you may have been on a leadership or service team when you were section leaders or band officers in high school, or perhaps you had band boosters helping you guys out. Tau Beta Sigma takes care of a lot of the behind the scenes stuff during the fall season for marching band. We make sure all the yard line markers are up and that there’s nice, cool (maybe) water for you guys to enjoy during our oh so many water breaks. :) Jokes aside, our sisters are role models and eager to help anyone who needs it. If you have a question while you’re out on the field, don’t be afraid to ask around, there’s at least one of us in each section! (Unless it’s the Flute section… then there’s like 5 of us.)

Tau Beta Sigma really is such an unbelievably wonderful organization filled with some of the most wonderful people I’ve ever met. Aside from helping out during marching band, some of the most fun we’ve had, as sisters, has been through servicing our community and the fundraisers we have throughout the year. Our kind and loving sisters all have a huge heart for service. One of our favorite service projects is to visit the Ronald McDonald House in Amarillo to help cook breakfast for the families, clean up around the place, or do some gardening! Our fundraisers help us come up with the money to help send students to band camp as well as to help out our own marching band.

Every year, Tau Beta Sigma, along with our brothers in Kappa Kappa Psi offer our big, strong muscles in what we like to call THE GREAT FRESHMAN MOVE IN. If you need help moving in, the brothers and sisters are all too happy to lend a hand. Just give us a call and we’ll be right over! (Kinda like the State Farm jingle. Like a good bandie, Tau Beta’s there! Catchy, right?)

Now, we’re all so very excited to come back to our friends, make some new ones and see all your smiling faces, but no one knows better than Crybaby Krystal that homesickness is a real thing. If any of you are feeling sad or like you’re not fitting in and making friends as quickly as everyone else is, please don’t hesitate to find me after practice or on facebook and I’ll do everything in my power to make you feel better and at home! It takes time to get used to being away from home and sometimes it takes longer than we’d like to find our niche and make some friends, but it will all be okay in the end, I promise! Hang in there! You won’t regret it 😊

On a final note, make sure you’ve got everything you need for band, including performances for both marching and concert, which begins sooner than you might expect. Remember to bring the appropriate clothing and shoes for practices, sunscreen, and your own personal water jug/bottle to avoid the long lines that start up at the water jugs provided by Tau Beta Sigma. Remember your black shoes and flip folders for the football games and your concert black attire for concerts. Guys are expected to wear black tuxes and ladies are expected to wear appropriate concert black attire: No tights or leggings, dresses must be floor length, no cleavage, sleeves must be ¾ length, remember to wear black shoes and black trouser socks or pantyhose. Oh… and don’t forget your jeans in the washer… It happened to me and I spent my first snow without jeans. It wasn’t nice. Please check your washers and dryers before you leave home!

If you need any help or have any questions or concerns, don’t hesitate to send me an email or find me on Facebook! If you need help moving in, I’ll include our lovely Vice President, Johanna Balboa’s, phone number at the bottom. I won’t be here for summer band, but fret not because she will be here to help you out as well with any questions and concerns!

Yours truly,
Krystal Muñoz
Email: Kdmunoz1@buffs.wtamu.edu

Johanna Balboa
Cell: (210) 818-3095
Kappa Kappa psi would like to welcome all of the incoming freshmen and transfers to the Buffalo Marching Band. We're all so excited to meet every single one of y’all! We know you all will enjoy every single second of being with the WTAMU Marching Band.

Who is Kappa Kappa Psi? Kappa Kappa Psi is an honorary national band fraternity. Our goals are to provide the band not only with organized and concentrated service activities, but to give our membership valid and wholesome experiences in organization, leadership and social contacts. As brothers of the fraternity we service the band alongside our beautiful/handsome sisters of Tau Beta Sigma. Together we fundraise to help future West Texas A&M Band Campers have funds for their band camp fees. Also, we do service projects for the community as well as the surrounding schools’ band programs. We will be rushing this fall so if you would like to join this brotherhood please let one of us know! We would love to have you!

Freshmen! All of us know how difficult moving-in can be. So, please let the brothers and sisters of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma help you move into your dorm room. If you need help, please contact John or Johanna at least 24 hours before arriving and the brotherhood/sisterhood will help you out! If you have any questions about band or Kappa Kappa Psi, feel free to call/text our president John De La Garza at 210.355.8354.

Got Guard?
Remember, you can march Color Guard instead of your regular instrument! Just let us know when you email your band info.
Questions about Guard? Call Aly at 806-674-7658
Welcome from Dr. Hansen
(Which doctor is he again?)

Band Members!

Welcome to the new marching season! And to our new members, welcome to the WTAMU School of Music! Whether you are a music major or not, you always have a place with us!

The Sound of West Texas is rich with tradition. The fans in the stadium, the team you support, the administration, and the faculty and staff all appreciate the long hours you devote to the university.

As the Director of the School of Music, I want to thank you for your commitment to the band and for coming back to campus early to start the marching season. Your skill contributes enormously to the university during the fall season and the university community supports what you do. The marching band provides an essential component of the school spirit that makes your college years memorable, for you and for the entire student body. When you hear “Go Buffs!” it is not just a cheer for the football team—it is for you, too.

Take well-deserved pride in the work you do, have fun doing it, and thanks for your service. Have a great year, and GO BUFFS!

Robert Hansen, DMA
Director, School of Music

Welcome! Or, if you’re an upperclassman, welcome back! I’m Tracy See, and I’m the Ensemble Secretary for Bands, Orchestra, and Choirs. I’m one of the first people you will meet, and some of you will interact with me more than others.

My office (Northen 1012) is part kitchen, part therapy room, and part student/faculty lounge; but most importantly, it’s a Buff Allies Safe Zone Office. That means that if you’re part of the LGBTQIA community, my office is a place to come if you have problems or questions. WTAMU is a pretty open environment, and the School of Music is especially gay-friendly, but you can never have too many options or resources. My office, Dr. Hansen’s office (FAC 202), Dr. Chris Meerdink’s office (FAC 211), and Dr. Kris Drumheller’s (History) office (FAC 192) are the officially designated/registered Safe Zone offices in the College of Fine Arts & Humanities.

Just so you all know: I’m terrible at names, I’m a little bit hearing impaired, and I’m not a musician. If I say something in response that doesn’t make sense, it probably means that I heard something different than what you said. And I may ask you to repeat something more than once. Trust me, it’s infinitely more frustrating for me than for you.

I’m also the “safety Nazi” for the West Wing of Northen Hall. If there’s an emergency (or even just a drill), I’ll be telling you where to go and how to get there. So if you ever see me wearing a bright green vest and hard hat, it’s not a fashion statement – it means to listen now and laugh at my appearance later (trust me, it will be justified).

I’ll give you the secret to college in seven words: Show up, even if you’re not prepared. It applies everywhere, but especially in your ensembles. When you’re missing, it messes up the form and the sound. Take advantage of the things that are offered (like the Freshman Move-In) Enjoy your time a WT and get involved in things that interest you.

I can be reached at 806-651-2854 or tsee@wtamu.edu. If I can’t help you, I’ll put you in contact with someone who can.
WT Symphony to tour Europe

The WT Symphony Orchestra’s upcoming season will include Brahms’ *Requiem*, Hanson’s “*Romantic*” *Symphony No. 2*, Gershwin’s *An American in Paris*, live cinema, and much more. The ensemble will also tour Prague, Vienna, and Budapest May 15-24, 2016. Therefore, the upcoming auditions will include participation in both fall and spring semesters. Non-string musicians that intend to travel on the tour and can participate both semesters will receive priority. Tour costs are $2499 per person, and full-time students may be eligible for grants through the WT Study Abroad Office.

Auditions will be held during the first two days of classes, August 24 and 25.

**All String, Woodwind, and Brass musicians:**
Sign-up sheets for audition times will be posted outside Dr. Bartley’s office, N-257.

- Prepare two brief contrasting pieces/excerpts that best demonstrate your abilities.
  - Music may be chosen from solo repertoire, etudes, or orchestral excerpts.
  - Choose the most essential portion of the music to play, neither excerpt should exceed two minutes.
  - Flutes should perform the audition material selected by Helen Blackburn.
- You’ll be asked to play two major scales. This is to exhibit evenness of tone quality and pitch accuracy.
- You will also do a short bit of sight-reading.

**Percussion should contact Dr. Tariq (Northen 1001) for audition information.**

String sectionals on Mondays, 11:00 a.m.-12:50 p.m.
Full Orchestra rehearsals on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:00 a.m.-12:50 p.m.
Sectionals as scheduled

**Instrumentation**
Flutes, Oboes, Clarinets, Bassoons, Saxophones (spring only), Horns, Trumpets, Trombones, Tuba, Percussion, Harp, Strings

Students may participate in both Band and the Symphony
No need to pre-register – a successful audition will result in registration in MUEN 1029/3029

Contact Dr. Bartley with any questions: mbartley@wtamu.edu
WHO WILL YOU MEET FIRST?

These are the faculty and staff you will meet in your first week at WT:

**Dr. Robert Hansen**, Director, School of Music
*Dr. Mark Bartley*, Associate Director, School of Music and Director of Orchestral Activities
**Mr. Don Lefevre**, Director of Bands
**Dr. Russ Teweleit**, Director, Marching Band and Music Education
**Dr. Susan Martin Tariq**, Professor of Percussion, Drumline
**Mrs. Tracy See**, Ensemble Secretary

Your Leadership Team for the fall:

**Drum Majors**: Morgan Coplan, Brad Smith
**Station Leaders**: Brianna Best, John De La Garza, Sammy Ellis, Jordan English
**Drill Instructors**: Lea Baumert, Garrett Breaux, Nate Giffin, JP Gonzales, Kendra Jones, Ryan Lane, Kaitlyn Leeper, Danella Meza, Andres Prieto, Charlie Valliant, Michael Vargas
**Color Guard Captains**: Aly Crawford, Fred Talamentes

PARENTS’ DAY

We will host this year’s Band Parents’ Day on Saturday, September 12 in WT’s Legacy Room. Invite your families (and significant others) to have lunch with the President and many other VIPs from the College of Fine Arts and Humanities.

Prices for the event have traditionally been in the $15/person range, and we will have discounted tickets for that evening’s football game available as well. Details will be mailed to your home address soon.

THE “BAND CARD…”

…So named as it used to be a postage-paid card that was mailed. But we’ve long since embraced technology and now ask that you email the following information to Tracy See 

tsee@wtamu.edu

Your name:
Your WT address (NOT your box number…your actual dorm and room number or the full address of your house/apartment)
Your cell number
Your major
Your T-Shirt size

Please send your email before 8/7/15 so that we can have shirts ready by Early Band.