Reunion '98 - Last Rites for Mother Shak

Claire Bacher

As if there weren't enough good reasons to come to the Reunion - seeing your buddies, playing the good ol' tunes, drinking, seeing Barnes, seeing Barnes drinking - there's now one more reason. This reunion, which marks the Shak's 25th year of use by the Band, will also be the last event held in the Shak. The Shak is scheduled to be torn down in late October of 1998 to allow the University to build offices for its new Alumni Association/Office of Development conglomeration.

Surprised? We were too. We learned of the University's plans while most of the stuff was in China (see back page) in July. This lack of internal communication in the University has left us somewhat in the lurch. Last Spring, we made arrangements with the Athletic Department for the Band to get a wing of Encina Gym after its retrofitting. The wing would be remodeled to fit our specifications (large rehearsal room, office space, etc.). However, the timetable for the Stanford Museum to move out of Encina and the repairs to be made leaves the Band with a window of eighteen months to two years in which we'll have to use a different space. We're currently working with the University and the Athletic Department to find an acceptable space for the interim period. There are a number of options, but competition for space on campus is fierce, and we will have to fight tooth and nail for a new home. The Athletic Department and Dr. Leland have been quite helpful, but the situation has not yet been resolved.

Our greatest asset in this fight is the dedication of the student body, the Stanford community, and alumni to the Band. The University can be forced to pay attention to our needs if we can demonstrate a wide base of alumni support.

What can you do? Write a letter to Gerhard. Sing the Band's praises. Tell him it's important to you that the Band be adequately housed now and in the future. Write a letter to the Provost. Tell him that alumni won't stand by and let the Band suffer from University neglect.

So come to Reunion and see the Shak one last time - the Botticelli Target, the bathroom fixtures in Mich Terrace, the boob-prints in the Dollie Room, the Tear Loft, Shak Baby, the signs, the smells, the garden of earthly delights... And come to show your support for the Band.

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Condoleeza Rice
Provost's Office - Building 10
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Athletic Director
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What's Going On...
Band Reunion '98

Friday, October 9

2:00-3:00 **Registration.** Come by the Shak and tell us you made it. Get your name tags, t-shirts, albums and take a quick look at the Shak before...

3:00-5:30 **Field Rehearsal.** Rehearsal is for all band members and alums. We would like the alumni to be able to fully participate in the shows, so please plan to be at Friday rehearsal. This will be held at a field to be named later.

7:00-10:00 **Banquet.** The catered Alumni Banquet will take place at the Mausoleum, and there will be lots of veggie foods. There will also be a cash bar serving drinkies, a slide show, and live music.

Saturday, October 10

8:00-11:00 **Field Rehearsal.** This rehearsal will be preceded by B&D (there will be coffee as well). If you are playing with us on the field, you need to be at this rehearsal.

1:00-?? **The Game.** Stanford vs. Oregon State. Rank up will be one hour before game time. The alumni band will be seated on the sunny side of the stadium near the 35 yard line. Alumni who attended rehearsals will join the student band on the field, however, we ask for everyone's sake that you not bring little rugrats down onto the field. They will only get trampled. Alumni Dollies will be on the track during the game. After the game we will have the traditional post-game rally on the track.

After the game **Post-Game Tailgate.** During this time you can eat yummy food, look at the Shak, start lots of ancient songs, or just dink around. Then you can go home.
Dear Stanford Band,

Let me give you my money, and by the way I’m going to Reunion.
(Print clearly, otherwise we will misspell your name)
Please return this page along with your check made out to “The Stanford Band” by **September 21**. After this date there will be an additional charge of $15.

Name:

Section:

Graduation Year:

Current Address:

Current Phone Number:

Vegetarian?

Special Value Meals:
For all events and a t-shirt- $90 x _____ = _____
(You will receive a banquet ticket, t-shirt, tailgate meal, and a seat at the game)

...all that plus a greatest hits CD set-$100 x _____ = _____

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T-shirt Info:
Sizes  [Child M, L; Adult S, M, L, XL, XXL] If you were a Dollie and would like a special v-neck dollie shirt please say that you would like one.

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More Information Than You Probably Wanted

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- Information on hotels in San Francisco and the Bay Area can also be found on the internet at www.fodors.com/hi.cgi and sfbay.yahoo.com/Travel/Lodging/Hotels

- Band Reunion Weekend is also Homecoming Weekend for the classes ending in 8's and 3's, so there will be a lot of people on campus, as well as a lot of people in the Palo Alto hotels. Plan accordingly...

- This weekend will be the debut of the Band’s Greatest Hits CD Set, including cuts from every album since the Revolution and a few new tracks to boot. It’s better than Cats!

- Need a sitter for Friday night during the Banquet? Let us know and we'll see what we can do.

- Some instruments will be provided for toobz and drumz, but everyone else needs to bring their own instrument. Start digging in storage closets, attics, and garages or try renting an instrument from a music store near you. Get those chops in shape - we look forward to playing with you in October!

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These people are coming to Band Reunion...Are You?
Band Goes to China, Doesn't Die

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One fine day in May, the Band received the strangest e-mail ever. In broken English, the e-mail complemented the Band's web page and invited us to participate in a festival. Not just any festival, but a BEER festival. Not just any beer festival, but a beer festival in CHINA.

After many questions and investigations, the invitation seemed to be legit: ten days in Beijing and Qingdao, all expenses paid. In the quickest vote in Band history, staph decided to go for it. After all, it shouldn't be that hard - it's not like we'd be going to the ebola forests of Zaire or a war zone or somewhere with a sulfuric acid environment, like Venus - it's just a totalitarian place with little tolerance for deviation or loud musical demonstrations. Heck, we go to USC every other year, don't we?

Forty intrepid Band members and dolly's got their passports in order and gathered at the Shak on June 30th for their last taste of freedom and donuts. We were ready for everything from cholera to gulags, but nothing could have prepared us for the full surreality of China.

What did we do in China? We rallied the Great Wall. We drank beer, which cost about fifty cents per gallon. We saw a really big picture of Mao. We played on Chinese television. We nearly got blown up by fireworks. We met and befriended an all-girl Dutch band. We frequented opium dens. We played for the Tsingtao brewery in exchange for all the beer we could drink. The Tree ate food that no one else would touch. Every passing moment had us more and more convinced that we were all still sitting in Mich Terrace tripping on acid-laced donuts.

We left China with a joyful feeling in our hearts, an enhanced cultural understanding, and pockets full of cigarette lighters that play happy communist songs. And so it was.

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