

# The Band of Gold

The Official Newsletter of the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagle Marching Band

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## Hi, Everyone!

I just wanted to drop you a short note to let you know how excited I am to be the new Associate Director of Bands at Tennessee Tech University. Kelley, my wife, and children Dylan and Ragan, are very excited about moving to Tennessee and joining the TTU family. The Tech Band has an outstanding reputation across the nation, and it is my goal to build upon the outstanding traditions of the athletic bands and to even add a few more traditions through time.

I am anxious to visit with you when I arrive to Cookeville regarding the upcoming marching season. I am in need of YOUR input as to the favorite "stand tunes" you would like to play, as well as in choosing several of the marching band shows we will be putting together this fall! Our first performance will consist of the traditional TTU pregame and the halftime show will be an exciting take-off of jazz trumpeter Bill Chase hits including..."Get It On", "Give it One", "Vehicle", and "Open Up Wide." It will be a lot of fun to put this first show together and will also be a great crowd pleaser!

In working very closely with Mr. Hermann, our goal is to provide you with the best and funnest college marching band experience possible while performing great musical arrangements and executing fun drills. While we will continue to work hard during band camp and rehearsals when learning new drills and maintaining that great TTU band sound, it is my goal for all of us to have a great time while performing at the highest level! For those band members who are joining the TTU Band for the first time, you will be amazed at how quickly shows come together with minimal hours of rehearsals due to great leadership from the band staff, section leaders, and all returning bandmen! You are going to become a part of a wonderful organization, and will have 150 friends before you attend your first day of classes. These are the *BEST* times of your life, and hopefully participating in the bands at TTU will be the best part of your four years at Tennessee Tech University!

Once again, I look forward to seeing all of you in a few short weeks! If I can be of any assistance to any band member, or if you have some ideas and would like to contact me before I arrive in Cookeville, please feel free to contact me at E-mail address: [rkdrfoster@sunflower.com](mailto:rkdrfoster@sunflower.com)

Sincerely,

Robert E. Foster, Jr.  
Associate Director of Bands



## Foster Joins Band Faculty

I am delighted to announce that Professor Robert E. Foster, Jr. has accepted the position as Associate Director of Bands, Director of the Marching Band, and Music Education professor beginning this August.

Foster, a graduate of the University of Kansas and the University of Illinois, has done doctoral work at the University of North Texas and the University of Kansas. He has served as an Interim Associate Director of Bands at the University of Maryland, Director of the Marching Band and Associate Director of Bands at Texas Christian University, Director of Bands at Indian Nations University in Kansas and as Band Director at Eudora High School in Eudora, Kansas.

He and his family, wife Kelley, son Dylan, and daughter Ragan, are enthusiastic about moving to Cookeville, establishing a home and getting actively involved in the university and community.

Mr. Foster brings an energy and an effervescence to Tech. He is excited about becoming a part of the traditions of the Tech Bands and is already eagerly developing ideas for shows and special activities for all of you.

I would be remiss if I did not wish Mr. Spinazzola and his wife, Kathleen, the best. Spin's work in the department was distinguished, and I know we all wish him well as he enters his doctoral program at Louisiana State.

Personally, I am looking forward to getting all of you back home again. Campus is empty. Traffic is light. The Bryan Fine Arts building is a bit of a "tomb." You bring life to all that we do. Enjoy the rest of your summer.....but hurry home!

Send your reply card in. The information really helps us get ahead of the game. See you soon!

Best,

Joseph W. Hermann  
Director of Bands

**August 13<sup>th</sup>**  
See schedule

Tennessee Tech Band members are urged to complete their pre-registration activities and initiate any Drop/Add procedures before

## August 6.

Priority registration for returning band members took place late in the Spring '03 semester. Entering freshman and transfer students have had the opportunity for early registration during the course of the summer months.

**Take care of your registration problems now!  
We will all benefit from your individual effort!**

If you have any questions, please call (931) 372-3165 for assistance.

## Residence Hall Information

All of the Tennessee Tech Band members who will be residing in the dorms during the 2003-2004 academic year will be able to check directly into their rooms when they report to Fall Band Camp on **Wednesday, August 13, 2003**, if they report **after 6:00 PM**.

The University Band Office will give the Housing Office all of the names of the band members, and arrangements will be made for students to check in upon their arrival on Tuesday evening.

**Reply Cards should be completed and returned in a timely manner so that this matter can be accomplished with a minimum of problems.**

The Housing Office is making this special accommodation possible for the band members only. Other students will not be able to check into the residence halls until later.

**If you want to take advantage of this convenience, send in your card, and plan your arrival sometime after 6:00 PM on Tuesday, August 13. Then report directly to your assigned dorm. Nothing to it!**

## Return the Reply Card Today



For more information about the TTU Bands contact:

J. W. Hermann, Director or Robert Foster, Associate Director  
Department of Music and Art, TTU Box 5045, Cookeville, TN 38505 (931) 372-3165  
[www2.tntech.edu/bands](http://www2.tntech.edu/bands)

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## Performance Schedule (subject to change)

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Date	Opponent	Call Time	Kickoff
Sept. 27	Murray State	5:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	Tennessee State	11:30 a.m.	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 1	Samford University (Homecoming)***	12:30 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 15	Southeast Missouri	11:30 a.m.	1:00 p.m.

\*\*\* Homecoming will have an additional morning call time for the annual parade.

All schedules are subject to change. Other performance obligations could be scheduled.

## TTU Jazz Ensembles

There are two jazz ensembles at Tennessee Tech, the "Troubadours" and the "Trouveres." Auditions for these fine organizations are held during the first week of classes and consist of two, short prepared pieces and sight-reading. Musicians who can improvise are encouraged to do so during the audition, but it is not required.

The required music for the auditions and specific information about the jazz program will be posted on the TTU Bands bulletin board located on the first floor of the Bryan Fine Arts building near the loading dock doors.

We are very interested in pianists, bassists, and drummers. If you have never played jazz before, now is the time to learn.

For more information, contact Mr. McCormick at 931-372-6182 or at [cmccormick@tntech.edu](mailto:cmccormick@tntech.edu).

*Return the Card!!*

*Have a Great Summer!!*

# 2003 BAND CAMP SCHEDULE

## Tuesday, August 12

After 7:00 p.m. Percussionists, Drum Majors, Golden Girls and Undergrad Staff may check into residence halls (those with housing contracts)

## Wednesday, August 13

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Percussionists and Golden Girls rehearsals  
Drum Majors and Undergrad Staff meetings with Mr. Foster  
After 7:00 p.m. **All band members may check into residence halls (those with contracts)**

## Thursday, August 14

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **BAND CAMP REGISTRATION** (BFA Lobby)  
10:00 a.m. – Noon Chair Auditions  
Percussion and Golden Girls in rehearsal  
1:00 p.m. Full Band meeting (Wattenbarger Auditorium)  
3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Music Rehearsal (Band Hall)  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Marching Rehearsal

## Friday, August 15

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Morning Off! Take care of class matters, books, drop/add, etc  
1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Marching Rehearsal

## Saturday, August 16

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Marching Rehearsal  
1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Marching Rehearsal

## Sunday, August, 17

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Morning Off  
1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Marching Rehearsal

## Monday, August 18

**Classes Begin - Regular Rehearsal 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.**

## Wednesday, August 20

**Regular Rehearsal 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. (early dismissal for Par-Tee!)  
Band BASH! Splash dive competition! 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Echo Valley**

## Friday, August 22

**No Rehearsal!!!**