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Highly-Tighty alumni and friends,

This morning I met with Colonel Larkin and Senior Chief Bean to finalize details for the schedule of events during Highly-Tighty Homecoming next weekend. Yesterday, the kick-off time for the game was announced as 12:30pm, allowing us to make plans for the other events of the weekend. My thanks go to them for all of their help and cooperation in planning this event, especially during this very busy week as they prepare for Corps Homecoming this weekend.

This Half-Note will provide you with most of the details you need to know about Highly-Tighty Homecoming. I will follow-up with a final Half-Note early next week that will include parking passes for band practice and a map showing the location for the band practice, parking, and the meal.

**First of all, registration for homecoming will continue through this week until Friday at noon. If you're coming to homecoming and need tickets to the meal or the game, your registration must be completed by noon on this coming Friday, September 16.** The link for registration is:

<http://www.alumni.vt.edu/reunion/highlytighty/>

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Tickets for the meal and the football game will be handed out at band practice, at the beginning of the parade, and as you enter Dietrick Hall for the meal. If you ordered tickets for either or both events, you may pick them up at those times. You will also be able to get HTAB hats at band practice and prior to the parade. They are \$10.00 each. Remember, you must be in the correct uniform, which includes the hat, to march with the HTAB.

#### BAND PRACTICE

Band practice will be in the new indoor practice facility as it was last year. This located behind the Coliseum. Parking will be in the lot across the street (Beamer Way) from the Coliseum, and you'll need a parking pass to park there. As stated above, I will send those out early next week. Band practice will begin promptly at 7:30pm, and we have to be out of there by 9:30pm. Please be prompt and please pay attention and cooperate with those conducting the practice so we can get it done in a timely and efficient manner. Highly-Tighty drum major, Bob Cobb, from the class of 1966, will help lead us this year.

**IMPORTANT! KEEP OFF THE GRASS! The Athletic Department and the football coaching staff are generously letting us use this fine facility. But they have asked that we stay off of the outdoor turf practice field that is immediately outside the facility. Please do not walk on or across it. Instead, use the paved sidewalks that go around it and directly behind the Coliseum to reach the practice facility. If you see one of our alumni on the turf, please ask them to get off of it.**

#### GUNNYFEST

Our alumni party, Gunnyfest, will begin immediately after band practice. It will take place at the Briarwood Clubhouse at the intersection of Heather Drive and Tall Oaks Drive. To get there, you drive out Prices Fork road until you get to Heather Drive, which is a major intersection. Turn left on to Heather Drive and drive to Tall Oaks Drive. The Briarwood Clubhouse is at that intersection. The senior class has been invited to join us at the party. Come and enjoy yourselves with fellow alumni, but remember that a few hours later you have to get up and march in straight lines while playing an instrument! Thanks to Dirk McComsey for his work in getting Gunnyfest set up for us.

#### THE PARADE

The parade is scheduled to step off at 9:00am Saturday morning. We will form up where we have for many years, just off of South Main where the old Blacksburg High School/Middle School used to be. That is Eheart Street off of South Main, and the first side street off of Eheart is called Church Street. We will be forming in that area for the parade. We will be marching within the Corps of Cadets again this year. Please be at the start point NLT 8:40am to form up and be ready to step off on time. Again, you can get your tickets and HTAB hat if needed at this time. We will march the parade and end up on the Drillfield for some photos before going to the meal.

If you do not feel you can march the entire parade, you can wait for the HTAB at the end of the Mall, and you can march with us down the Mall to the Drillfield.

**ALL** Highly-Tighty alumni are invited to march with us if you are in the HTAB uniform. You do not need to even carry an instrument, much less play one if you no longer can. Simply fall in at the back of the block and march with us during the parade and at the pre-game.

This year homecoming is earlier than it has been in most years. In all likelihood, it will be warmer than usual. I probably will not be sweater weather, although we will be wearing sweaters. Please guard against becoming overheated, and do not become dehydrated.

#### HOMECOMING MEAL

We have a new venue for homecoming this year, and we are really excited about it. It is the Dietrick Hall dining facility, and we will have a great meal with both breakfast and lunch items to choose from. I am told that the food there is really excellent, and it will exemplify why Tech is rated as having the best food of any university in the nation. Cost is only \$15.00 per person, and that's about half what we have been paying. So it's great food for a very reasonable price. But PLEASE REGISTER and sign-up for the meal on the registration site if you plan to attend. We will go to Dietrick Hall directly from the parade and start going through the line at 10:00am. If you have not already picked up your tickets by this time, you will be able to get them as you enter the dining facility. The Highly-Tighties will go do their Hokie Walk, then, as we finish going through the line, they will come in behind us to join us for the meal.

We will have our annual meeting during the meal. We will hear from General Fullhart, Senior Chief Bean, C/MAJ Nathaniel Oslund, and others. We will present the Schaffer Scholarship, and Charlie Cornelison's Distinguished Highly-Tighty Alumni Certificate will be presented to his son, John, and his daughter, Anne Murphy. We will also install Chuck Rowell, HT '71, as the new president of the HTA. There will be other items and presentations during the meeting as well.

Please go to the meal promptly after the parade. We do have time to get everything done in the time we have, but we have to keep things moving along.

If you are an alumni mentor for a freshman, you will be introduced to your freshman when the Highly-Tighties join us.

The menu for the meal is:

Smoked Pork Loin  
NC BBQ sauce  
Bagel & Yogurt bar  
Fruit Bar  
2 ea. Omelet Station  
2 ea. Waffle Station  
Assorted Donuts & Danishes  
Assorted Cake  
Assorted Cookies  
Fried Chicken  
Garlic Mashed Potatoes  
Chicken Gravy  
Fresh Green beans  
Corn  
Scrambled eggs  
Steamed eggs  
Bacon  
Sausage Link  
French toast  
Hash brown Casserole  
Fried Apples

#### PREGAME PERFORMANCE

We will move from Dietrick Hall to Lane Stadium to be in place and ready to line up at the south end of the field by 11:45am. HT alumni should enter through the tunnel at the southwest corner of the stadium and come onto the field. If you are in HTAB uniform, you should have no problem getting in, and you should not need a ticket if you do not plan to stay for the game. You can go to your seats after the pre-game show, or you can leave if you don't plan to stay for the game.

Additional information about Highly-Tighty Homecoming can be found on our HTA website at [www.highlytightyalumni.org](http://www.highlytightyalumni.org). The website has information about the HTAB uniform, if you're not sure what it is.

This should be a great homecoming for all of us. Please make every effort to attend. You will enjoy the experience!

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President HTA

