



Dear Alumni Band Members,

We are very excited you can make it “home” to be with fellow Pride Alumni. This year’s halftime show celebrates the 50th anniversary Rocky Top was first played in Neyland Stadium. To honor this event, we are “re-creating” the show originally performed on October 21, 1972. We found the original arrangements written by Barry McDonald and the Pride will open the show with the same line drill used in the original halftime show. Even better, we have asked the Drum Major from that show, Bill Connell, to be joined by the other four consecutive Drum Majors from Maryville, to lead the band: Mark Connell, Tom Delozier, Dale Horst and Ed Nichols.

Please note the Homecoming Day schedule. As you will notice, we start with a FULL Alumni Band Meeting at **7:00 a.m.** in the Bandroom.

Those of you checking out an instrument, please bring your own mouthpiece. All marchers need to provide their own lyres (flip folders and music will be provided). Snare drummers need to supply their own sticks. Bass drum and tenor mallets will be provided.

The Alumni Band Uniform consists of: Official Alumni Band Pull-over; Official Orange Hat (provided at registration); Black pants; Black shoes; Black socks; Orange Crew Collar shirt or Alumni Band T-Shirt (provided at registration). As a reminder, *you are required to have a ticket to the game if you are planning to march.*

We are looking forward to getting back to some sense of normal with a march to the stadium and halftime show. The “Pride Family” is an important theme this year and we are thankful you have chosen to take part in celebrating this with us!

Sincerely,

Dr. John Zastoupil

Dr. Michael Stewart

Dr. Fuller Lyon