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Dear SJSU Saxophone Major Alumni,

Greetings from San José State! I want to invite you to an exciting event I'm hosting for all SJSU saxophone alumni on April 10th at 7:30pm. We want to celebrate the great players and teachers who have gone through the SJSU saxophone program over the last 40 years, including yourself!

Bill Trimble retired 5 years ago and I was fortunate to take over the program. We have been growing, with some excellent players, a large saxophone ensemble, and a very positive atmosphere that reminds me of my own days at SJSU in the 1970's.

The plan is to rehearse the day of the program, as well as having you attend at least one of the rehearsals before on March 23 and/or April 6 from 7-9pm. There will be opportunities for you to participate as a player, composer, arranger, conductor or just to attend the concert and hang out afterward. I plan to include pieces from the past that many of you have arranged or composed, including the infamous "Shot Down of La Grange" by Brad Barnett (complete with special effects,) and many others.

In addition, we will honor the recent passing of professor emeritus Bill Trimble with a special tribute. Bill had been invited to attend, but sadly passed away on February 22nd. We will be memorializing Bill at the concert for his life and contributions.

I have set up a Facebook Event to help communication in advance of the concert. In addition, if you have photos or stories from your time at SJSU that we could share, post them on Facebook. Just do a search for <SJSU Sax Ensemble Alumni>.

Please send me an email at <u>dale.wolford@sjsu.edu</u> so I know if you'll be attending and can start communicating with you about the event. Let me know if you want to play or do other things at the concert. In addition, please pass the word to anyone not on the list below that is an alumni and might want to attend.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Best,

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