

# BANDSTAND

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Hello, everybody, and welcome to the first reprinting of the Brown University Band Alumni Newsletter! Many of you may remember me, Elrod Snidley, unofficial band mascot, Band member, and current Brown grad student in psychoceramics, under Professor Josiah Carberry. I need to get down to work now, but suffice to say that all of us, from the most hard-bitten Band vets to the freshman too young to legally buy model rocket motors in the state of New Jersey, are glad to be talking to you again. *Elrod Snidley, Editor-in-Chief*

Oh, and before we begin:  
Send us band stories! Tell your friends! Thank you.



Like young Elrod, I, too, have much to tell about this magnificent enterprise. For now, though, I hope you enjoy a brief re-cap of this year's fall semester, as well as a schedule of when you can see the Band in the future.

*Irving Harris, Manager*



## Fall, 2008: Pictures and Words

### Stony Brook –the Sea Wolves : 20<sup>th</sup> September



Winning Team? : Yes  
Winning Band? : Yes  
SSB Rendition: 3.5 stars

Star-Spangled Banner renditions have been pretty spotty this year, so we've been tracking them at our home games.

Free Dunkin Donuts samples. Makes all the hopping, skipping, and section trips worth it, or it would if they didn't justify themselves. The Band prepared long and hard for this first game, dusting off instruments and luring young potential bandies into Lincoln Woods with promises of actual cooked food and fun. The Band spent most of the game trying to figure out what a sea wolf actually is, only to find out that it's really just a great opportunity for a joke.

### Hahvahd, Hahvahd : September 27th

We did it! Well, sort of. I mean, I guess it was more the football team. But, hey, we helped, right? I mean, WE were the ones sitting out in the POURING RAIN for several hours, lending our boys SUPPORT AND SPIRIT! Just look at that SPIRIT on the face of Sam Winograd '11! The Harvard game confirmed both the fact that all of Harvard's script jokes revolve around having huge amounts of money (excuse me, but wasn't that full 32% drop in Harvard's endowment?) and the fact that the Brown Band can play just as well underwater as it can in open air.



Winning Team? : Hell yeah!  
Winning Band? : Hell yeah!  
SSB Rendition: Hell yeah! [4 stars]

# But Wait!

Though I know you like seeing how the band's doing, we want to see how YOU'RE doing, too. So, to let you know when you can see us, meet up with us, take your kids, stop for a chat, we figured that we'd give you our Winter/Spring schedule as far as we know. Stop by. Hang around with the Band. Play with the Band [if you're so inclined]. And so, here it is. All games start at 7:00pm, and Ice Shows still take place after the games. At Brown, Basketball games will take place at the Pizzitola Sports Center, while Hockey will take place in the Meehan Auditorium. Check out the Brown University Athletic Website at [brownbears.cstv.com](http://brownbears.cstv.com) for more information, and feel free to contact the Band with any questions. If we make any major changes we'll be sure to let you know. Continue on for more exciting Band news!

January 30<sup>th</sup> [Friday]– Quinnipiac Hockey – Home, No Ice Show

January 31<sup>st</sup> [Saturday]– Princeton Hockey – Home, Ice Show [4:00 PM]

February 6<sup>th</sup> [Friday] – Dartmouth Hockey – Home, Ice Show

February 13<sup>th</sup> [Friday] – U. Penn. Basketball – Home, No Floor Show

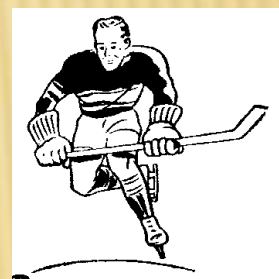
February 20<sup>th</sup> [Friday] – Princeton Hockey @ Princeton – No Ice Show

February 21<sup>st</sup> [Saturday] – Quinnipiac Hockey @ Quinnipiac – No Ice Show

February 27<sup>th</sup> [Friday] – Colgate Hockey – Home, Ice Show

February 28<sup>th</sup> [Saturday] – Cornell Hockey – Home, No Ice Show

March 7<sup>th</sup> [Saturday] – Dartmouth Basketball – Home, No Floor Show



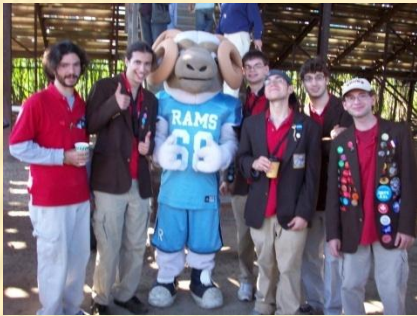
- Quinnipiac Hockey takes place at the TD Banknorth Sports Center. See [www.quinnipiacbobcats.com](http://www.quinnipiacbobcats.com) for details.

- Princeton Hockey takes place at Baker Rink. Just in case Princeton has constructed a new hockey rink or moved hockey to outer space to save on cooling costs, check [www.goprincetontigers.com](http://www.goprincetontigers.com) for more details.





## University of Reykjavik, Iceland – October 4th



Winning Team? : No  
Winning Band? : Puh-leaze

So, sure, maybe you could say we *lost*. But in the end, it's not really the battles that matter, it's the war. Such as the fact that we got the URI mascot to take one of our buttons. Look: he's practically in the S&M section already! The Kingston campus of Brown is destined to open in just four years, people. The Brown Band also managed to prevail against the melding of URI's band and several local high school bands into some bizarre Voltron-like meta-band, throwing the entire audience off balance with the first Holy Cross script in decades.

## The Kingdom of Princetonia – October 18th

And so, verily did the Brown Band ride into the fabled land of Princetonia on steeds of metal and fiberglass with hooves of rubber. And once there, the Brown Band did put on a show of mighty awesomeness, recreating the Princeton Band's infamous run-in [read: just short of a pitched battle] with the cadets of the Mighty Fortress of the Citadel. And afterwards, the Brown Band did Chill with the Princeton Band, and then both factions did play most wickedly in the Princeton Fountain. And then both Bands, independently and together, in sooth created a veritable Maelstrom of awesomeness, eating Hoagies, singing Songs, and wandering aimlessly through Princeton Dorms and arch-ways. And there was much rejoicing.



Winning Team? : Yes  
Winning Band? : Yes [close tie]



## Cornell and Parent's Weekend – October 25th

Parent's Day! 2-3 Generations of Brown Band Genetic Lineage! What's not to love? A great early morning parade to remind all of our loving fans that they could see us at the 12:30 game, followed by the game itself. With all of those additional bandies, Vice President Andrew Marshall '10 was finally able to express just how legit the Brown Band is, with L-E-G-I-T scrawled in block capitals across the field. Cornell's engineers attempted to test out their new silent invisible automaton marching band, but, sadly, nobody noticed.



Winning Team? : Yes  
Winning Band? : Yes [No Contest]  
SSB Rendition : 3 stars



## Penn – November 1st



Halloween? A three-day adventure in Philadelphia? Presidential Election? It's a wonder the Band didn't explode with barely-contained glee. The band turned out in full costume, the field show included an interview with Sarah Palin [portrayed by Wendy Kwartin'11], and the Penn Band, with R. Greer Cheeseman III, once again resembled the contents of an extra-large red-and-blue striped toolbox. The Band managed to dodge falling toast to check out inner-city Philadelphia, eating cheese-steaks and frozen yogurt, jamming through Penn's campus and [for a few] recreating Rocky's run up the steps of the Museum of Art.

Costume highlights included Jeff Blum '12 as the Puppetmaster, Barack Obama as himself, Andrew Marshall '10 as the Band Button, Jesse Errico '09 as Dr. Horrible, Will Miller '11 as Nate Bowling, Rachel Ostrand '09 as "The Final Countdown", Stephanie Craton '10 as "Vehicle", Mara Smith '12 as "The Time Warp" and John Cucco '09 as Inigo Montoya.

Winning Team? : Yes

Winning Band? : Again, no contest

## Get Out of Yale Free Card – November 8th

The game itself was quite nice, even if we lost. The Band's announcer was all but kicked off the air when the Band, in the words of one sportscaster, did "the worst possible thing it could ever have done": played the Canadian National Anthem without the Canadian flag prominently displayed. Luckily, the AD managed to shift all anger over to him, leaving us free to go on to our half-time show. As a result, a crowd of hundreds if not several hundreds got to see a giant Pac-Man swallow the flute section, a sight not to be missed for anything short of a 5-alarm fire.



Winning Team? : No

Winning Band ? : Yes

SSB Rendition: Failed Out, 69%  
Complete

In the lead-up to this week's game, the Band elected a new President on November 4<sup>th</sup>... as it chose its new Band Board.

The faces of the new Board are:



- Andrew Marshall '10,  
President

Maggie Goter '12, -  
Mom



Will Miller '11, -  
Money God



Sara Powell '11, -  
RecSec



- Sam Winograd '11,  
Vice President



- Emily Haskel '11,  
CorSec





# Bandquet!!! – November 14th

Words cannot describe Bandquet. Pictures of the event itself would be so awesome that viewing them would cause the newsletter to spontaneously combust. So, I figure I'll use the pre-banquet photos as an opportunity to see the band in as close to its entirety as we'll ever see in one place. [Names are left to right, rows top to bottom]



Seniors ['09]: Adam Robbins, Jesse Errico, Mike Feldman, Mike Jacobs, Henry Jackson, Saskia DeVries, John Cucco, Liz Schroeder, Rachel Ostrand, Catherine Ono



Sophomores ['11]: Ignacio Abel Santana, Jr., Dan Prendergast, Max Mankin, Bryan Chu, Sam Winograd, Will Miller, Eli Bashevkin, Chris Moynihan, [next row] Wendy Kwartin, Sara Powell, Emily Haskel, Sabrina Boyd, Aminy Ostfeld



Juniors ['10]: Stephanie Craton, John Katahara, Ben Lowell, Jared Stein, Mike Camarillo, Andrew Marshall, Nick Hagerty, Kate Fritzsche, [next row] Elizabeth Langevin, Ksarah Ostrach, Sarah Cocuzzo, , Kristyn Wojciechowicz



Freshmen ['12]: David Stern, Sam Wagner, Jake Franco, Jeff Blum, Ben Leib, Tom Weinrich, Justin Ardini, Mara Smith, Ben Geilich, [next row], Jessica Kirschner, Monica DeSantiago, Wendy Kwartin [school sophomore, band freshman], Maggie Goter

## Awards:



**Irving Harris Trophy:** Elizabeth Schroeder '09

- person who has contributed most to the welfare of the band



**Paul L. Maddock Award:** Michael Feldman '09 and Jesse Errico '09

- person not an officer who has contributed most to the spirit of the band



**Walter Axelrod Award:** Andrew Leber '12

- freshman who has contributed the most to the band





## What do you mean, “if I went to Dartmouth”? – November 15th



The Brown Band put its creativity to good use for the game against Dartmouth, bringing back the wonderful, happy-go-lucky spirit of Dartmouth, a.k.a. Keggy the Keg. An ingeniously built costume hidden in a bass drum was all Emily Haskel '11 needed to start the magic again. Do YOU know what time it is? Braving the rain, the band almost certainly delighted fans and both members of the Dartmouth Band with their avant-garde rendition of “Choose Your Own Brown Band Song”.

Winning Team? : Yes  
Winning Band? : Yes

## Columbia. Oh. - November 22th



Columbia. Was. Cold. In a wonderful turn of events, this Saturday turned out to be the coldest yet for the Band. The Band celebrated seniors leaving with some wonderful lyrics, rapped “U Can’t Touch This” over the airways at half-time, and celebrated the changeover of the band board with some liquid refreshment in the third quarter. The cold slowly wore away at the band, though. Instrument valves iced over. Mouthpieces froze to instruments. Do the smiles in that photo look frozen to you? Mara Smith '12 had to be left in the Barus and Holley furnace room overnight with several space heaters going before she thawed out. On the upside, though, WE WON THE IVY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP!!!

Ivy League Champion Team? : Yes!  
World Champion Band? : Yes!  
SSB Rendition: Failed out [69%]

## Further Sports

The Brown Band also put in an appearance at the basketball game against Northwestern on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, as well as the hockey game against Rensselaer on November the 6<sup>th</sup>.



## Caroling – December 9th

Dashing through Brown’s Campus,  
Like a flute part for “Number 3”,  
Over the hills we went,  
Playing down Thayer Street.

Up and down the SciLi,  
In the Sun Lab under bright lights,  
What fun it was to laugh and play  
Some absolutely wickedly awesome and  
mad legit caroling songs that night.

Oh....





# Pictures, oh lah-da-daa

What with the age of digital camera and all, the Brown Band has more pictures than it knows what to do with! So, we figured we'd share it with you.



Ben Lowell '10 really, really wants you to bang his drum. Literally, not figuratively, you dirty-minded scoundrel.



The Brown Band has been blessed with a delightful new Assistant Conductor, Ben Geilich '12. Ben's interests include music, dancing, playing the saxophone, and being dashing. He is unfortunately not available for private parties.



Best button design award goes to John Katahara '10, for recreating Barack Obama's campaign symbol.



Jeffrey Blum '12 took the new freshman seminar "Lion Taming as an Interpretive Art". On our way to the Columbia game, he personally tamed 3 Columbia lions and one that just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.



Andrew Marshall '10 really was awarded 6 credits towards his U. Penn undergrad degree. He turned them down.

ITS JUST A SONG NAME. SERIOUSLY. A JOKE.

Enough said.



My name is Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die.

Melody, and harmony, living in perfect.... Ummm, never mind.

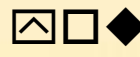
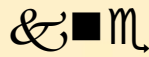


Rachel Ostrand '09 is always on top. Of Bandie human pyramids.

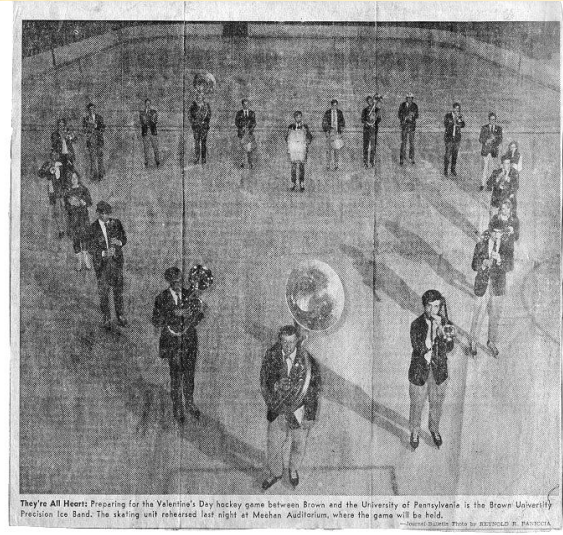




# Even More Pictures!!!



These are some of the pictures kindly supplied by band alumni. Want you or your friends immortalized in these pages? Then send pictures, or links to pictures, or physical descriptions of pictures, or even instructions to re-create amazing pictures, to the address listed on the following page.



- **"They're All Heart:** Preparing for the Valentine's Day hockey game between Brown and the University of Pennsylvania is the Brown University Precision Ice Band." ProJo, 7 Feb. 1970

- All great things have to start somewhere, and the Brown University Skating Band is no exception. This picture is from the Band practicing for its Valentine's Day debut, in 1970. Apparently, even 40 years ago the Band could form a decent-looking heart [to all Brown Med Students, no, that was *not* a gallbladder at the Harvard game]. Thanks to Kenneth Sloan '69 for this photo [on the Sousaphone, at front center].



I didn't know Cornell had such a big police presence... Kudos to Matt Sarasin '05



In 1983, the Brown Band was first invited to the Gross National Parade, an event where even the Band seemed tame compared to the "Toro Toro Toro Lawnmower Precision Drill Team" and the "Briefcase Brigade". Thanks to Rosie Perera '85



Who knew Matt McGarrell was a trained assassin? Pictured to the right of former student conductor David Morse. More thanks to Rosie Perera '85



# Editorials

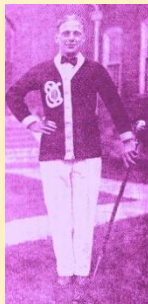
This is the space for you, the Alumni, to send us any stories of your days as a Band member, any questions/comments/concerns/death threats about how the band is currently functioning, and any thoughts/suggestions/12-step recovery plans for the Band in the future, as well as a place for us, the Band, to say anything of importance to you, the readers.

Welcome, welcome, all of my good friends. I, Irving Harris, have finally returned to my beloved Brown Band, to ensure that the kids of today remember all the great kids who've come before them. Luckily for me, the people upstairs view this as "community service", so they're turning a blind eye for a moment.

Now, as always, the band needs to remember its former members. The people mentioned in this newsletter may be the people enjoying this remarkable organization at the moment, but it was you, my dear alumni, who made this great group what it is today. We look forward to seeing you at Band events in years to come, and we hope you can pass on your love of the band to any children of yours, children of friends, grandchildren, people you meet in the street, urban ruffians, students, or employees who may choose to matriculate at Brown. Best of luck, and thank you for all you've done!

*Irving Harris, Manager*

If we don't have your mailing address yet, feel free to send it to us via e-mail. We promise not to swamp your mailbox, and we definitely promise not to sell your address to China [at least unless SAO really cuts our budget for next year ;)]. Tell your friends to e-mail us or mail us so they can get in contact with us too!



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2008 Season Button Slogans:

**SUNY Stony Brook: Our Island is Larger  
Where it Counts**

**Harvard: It's Not the Size of the Drum, It's  
How You Bang It**

**Brown (Homecoming): The Ivy 9 out of 10  
Dirty Hippies Prefer**

**URI: Today's Special at the Butt: Tossed  
Salad**

**Holy Cross: Turning Water into Franzia  
since 0000**

**Princeton: I can haz trust fund now plz?**

**Cornell: Cornell: \$250/Night "Ivy League"  
Education: Priceless**

**U Penn: I Got 6 Credits for Wearing this  
Button**

**Yale: GET OUT OF YALE FREE CARD**

**Dartmouth: OMG, they killed Keggy! You  
bastards!**

**Columbia: SUNY Bogotà**