

# Bandstand

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Welcome, present and past bandies, to the Brown Band newsletter, the Bandstand. The first new issue met with general approval, or at least a lack of pitchfork- and torch-wielding mobs clamoring for our swift demise. To this end, we have embarked on a new report on the Band's current activities. We hope you enjoy it.

- *the aforementioned*



## Mid-Year Convocation

What better way to start off your Brown academic career than with the band leading the way? A sizeable group of devoted bandies showed up and braved the recently-fallen snow on Tuesday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> to lead new students, like that non-band-uniform-wearing guy in the picture at right, through the Van Wickle Gates. Most of the other students were hunkered down inside their dorms, eyes glued to their television screens [important event going on in Washington, or something like that].



After this, we led the new students on a "scenic" [next time, probably safer to trust google maps than a vague recollection of a pre-frosh campus tour] journey to the Faculty Club, where the Band enjoyed a brunch easily able to outclass the V-Dub and the Ratty combined [fresh pomegranates! French Toast that actually looks toasted, and French!].



# Princeton Extravaganza

As you may or may not have known, the Brown Band managed to hook up with the Princeton Band [non-sexually on both counts, to the best of our knowledge] – here is the account of the madness, mayhem and marvel that resulted:

January 31<sup>st</sup> – At Brown

[To the tune of the “Fresh Prince of Bel-Aire” theme song ]

Now this is the story all about how  
Our winter got flipped, upside down  
And I'd like to take a minute, just sit right down  
I'll tell you how Princeton's Band hit the ice with Brown



Alex Barnard  
'09 of Princeton  
was pretty  
enthusiastic  
about the whole  
thing



The combined Brown-  
Princeton Band Line.  
Impressive, eh?

In the West Side of Orwig, windows ice-glazed  
Where the Band Board spent most of its [Tues]days  
When an e-mail hit us like somebody pulled up the rug  
From the Princeton Drum Major, a man named Doug  
He wanted to know if, when we went on the ice  
Could Princeton come too, if they asked real nice?  
So even before the Bandies had all sat down  
We knew that Princeton's band would hit the ice with Brown

The hockey team lost, that much was clear  
But to the Band's skating skills no one could draw near  
Princeton shoes, not skates, hit the ice sole-down  
And lined up on the end, along with Brown

The script-reader's voice rang over the rink  
And the Bands ran forward, too fast to even think  
From form to form, we had it all down  
And Princeton would return the favor when they next  
played Brown.

The Bands are forming a Pterodactyl. You don't want to know why. Its an inside joke. There's a reason its an inside joke. So inside its practically agoraphobic.





February 20<sup>th</sup> - Round 2 - at Princeton

The Band kicked off its Winter Trip by heading to Princeton for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time this year, and was pleased to learn that it would make it onto the ice as Princeton attempted to put on its own ice show [nice attempt – maybe they'll get there... some day]



The two bands were mixing it up from the moment Princeton security gave up trying to regulate the number of decibels the Brown Band could produce [as a rule of thumb, sound of band =  $\infty \wedge n$ , where n is the number of... well, you can probably work it out]

Band Presidents Hannah Valdez '11 and Andrew Marshall '10 in secret negotiations for next year's football game... watch this space.

Princeton and Brown drummers team up, along with some idiot trumpeter who doesn't know what section he should be in.



Seated across from the Princeton Band, the Brown Band had a wonderful view of yet another Brown Hockey defeat before joining the Princeton Band on the ice yet again [still no ice skates for them – when will they learn????]

Conductor Sarah Cocuzzo '10 knows that you have a fever... and the only prescription is more cowbell!

However, this awesomeness was only the first step on a wonderful Winter Trip – follow this golden flying statue as we move on to our next stop – the Big Apple!



# New York City

After spending at the night at some wonderful lodgings in Newark [and managing to back the band bus across 3 lanes of traffic without a major accident] the band headed to Rockefeller Plaza, NYC for some skating and exploring, with help from the generous donations of Joseph MacDougald '87 and Walter Armstrong '82.



See the Band.



See the Band try to play at Rockefeller Plaza without getting stopped by the police.



See the Band get stopped by the police



See the Band move on from this setback, hit the ice, and have a great time. From there, we split up across the city, then moved on to our next destination – Quinnipiac.





# Quinnipiac

Our winter trip drew to a close with a mixture of stuffed animals, crazed Quinnipiac fans, and a surprising hockey win. Here are some of the highlights from that most interesting of evenings.



For whatever reason, the locker room we were given to store our instruments was filled with stuffed animals, a photo op Jesse Errico '09 just couldn't pass up. John Katahara '10 looks on in amusement.

While wedged into seats that make Metcalf auditorium seem like a room full of lounge chairs, the Band was treated to the delightful cheers of Quinnipiac fans, reminding us that Brown's team was in last place... even as the scoreboard tipped in our favor.



An honest to goodness winning scoreboard for us this year. For whatever reason, this made the Quinnipiac fans even more antagonistic, unleashing torrents of slurs, jeers and even a poorly-aimed water bottle. Hopefully those stuffed animals will cheer them up...

# As for the rest...

The rest of the band's winter season was filled with plenty of other Band fun at hockey and basketball games, up to and including a last minute away trip to the playoffs at Yale. Here are some of the more amusing snapshots of the entire season.



↑ Awwwwwwwwwwww.....  
[Emily Haskel '11]



← Rumors of an actual nuclear explosion at the Quinnipiac game were not as exaggerated as people thought...



↑ Will Miller and Dan Prendergast [both '11] serve as foot soldiers in the war on breast cancer at the Penn basketball game. [Wigs? Wait, I thought they were handing out cheerleading poms...]

→ Even Abe Lincoln shows up to Brown Hockey! [disguised as Allan Stewart '10]



→ How many Band songs can we sing in a row? Apparently, enough to fill up the entire ride to Yale... and back...



# But, before we go any further – Commencement Band!



Jeff Blum wants YOU to join →  
commencement Band!

← But, Jeff, where should I go  
for information about  
commencement Band?



You should go to  
<http://students.brown.edu/band/commencement/>  
Or go to the Band's website and click on the  
"Commencement" tab. Events run from Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
to Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, with an optional Picnic/Retreat on  
Friday.

↑  
Who should I  
contact for  
questions?

You should email the band at [friends.of.the.brown.band@gmail.com](mailto:friends.of.the.brown.band@gmail.com) with  
any questions!

Don't  
make me  
go there!



Other contact info:

401-863-3736

- Matt McGarrell, Director

401-863-1331

- Office of Residential Life, for  
information on commencement  
housing

Basically, join commencement  
band if you can. If you don't,  
there's a good chance John  
Cucco '09 will come to your  
house and sing "Barnacle Bill  
the Sailor". All of the verses. All.  
Of. Them. Got it?

# Alumni Spotlight – Women in the Band



And now, on a historical and more serious note...

This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women in the Band! Women had made appearances in the Band prior to this, such as Miss Claire Garland, pictured here with a sousaphone in the 20s, but generally only for charity functions or special events [Miss Garland is shown here raising money for the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary].

### WOMEN IN THE BROWN BAND?

The Brown University Concert Band is preparing for its spring season. The band invites members of the university community, both faculty and students, who enjoy playing and performing good music to attend tonight's rehearsal at 6:00 p.m. in Room T, Faunce House. Considering the rising desire for co-education here, the band especially invites Pembroke.

The band is considering expansion as a full co-ed activity next year, including the football season. The Band Board asks interested Pembroke to the executive board meeting next Sunday at 6:00 p.m. in the Faunce House Lounge to plan and organize a viable program.

The BDH clipping on the left shows the original invitation of any interested Pembroke students to a Band Board meeting in spring of 1969 to judge the possibility of the Band going co-ed. 3 pioneers of female Banding showed up – Christine Curcio, Wendy Fredericks and Karen Kirby, all class of '72. [Sadly, Karen passed away this past year].

From those early years, things have only gotten brighter and better. Though it may have taken over 40 years to get women into the Band, it has been well worth the wait. This fall will be the 40<sup>th</sup> coed football season for the band. The Band is currently seeing if there's enough interest for a reception this fall to celebrate the fact – let us know if you're interested!

### WOMEN TAKE OVER BAND BOARD

by Howie Klein '83

The second Tuesday in November is, of course, (Band) election day and as always, this years election produced some startling results. For the first time ever, a female dominated band board was chosen. Only two males were elected to that august body.

Old  
Bandstand  
Headlines



← The women of the Band today

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**BAND SUCCEDES TO TITLE IX**  
Elects Token Male





# Bandie Shout-out!!!



I choose you... John Katahara '10!



During football season, John sported a trendy Obama campaign button design

Within the Band, John Katahara is best known for knowing all of the lyrics to every Band song ever, but also, and more importantly, for being the engineer behind the one and only Brown Band Bandsaw!!!



John and Jeff Blum '12, a new convert to the cult of the Bandsaw

Fans and supporters of Clarkson's hockey team mark every score by sawing one arm across the other, yelling "Bonesaw!" Their band carries a large saw to emphasize this point. Seeing this back in 2006 gave then-freshmen Andrew Marshall '10 and John Katahara an idea...

Their idea came to fruition in time for winter of 2007. While Andrew worked on the accompanying bone for the bonesaw [not pictured], John spent extra time in Engineering 3 to construct the framework of what was to become the Bandsaw. Never again will the Band be without a ridiculously oversized logging tool to strike fear into the hearts of our enemies!



Complete sets of this year's Band Buttons are available for \$20. Contact us for more info. While supplies last.