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# Bandstand



The official alumni newsletter of the  
**Brown University Band**

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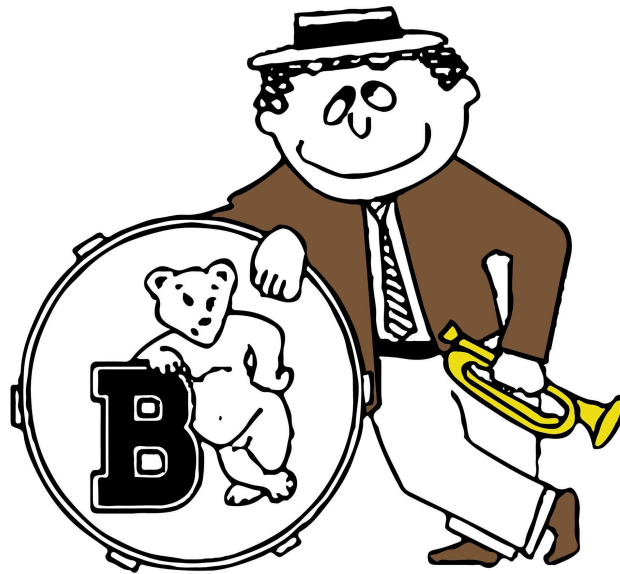
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Alumni Newsletter

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# I. A FEW QUICK ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your ALs are shifting to a new email! Our previous email was friends.of.the.brown.band@gmail.com, but our new email will be ...

**brownbandals@gmail.com**

We decided to change over to a new email because it reflects the current name of this position (and is easier to type to boot!). We will forward emails from the old email to the new one in case you forget, but all future AL emails will come from this new email address.

In addition, here's an announcement from a current historian of the band, Sean Briody '19:

"Hello there, crusties!

***I'm writing my American Studies honors thesis on the band! But...***

In order to do so, I need your help. We have letters, scripts, and form sheets from past bands, but we don't have recorded personal experiences and stories. What weird traditions sprung up in your time? What classic band stories do you enjoy retelling? I want to hear!

I'm specifically focusing on how the band has both stayed the same and changed throughout its history, as well as writing a narrative history from 1924 to the present day the best that I can, which has never been done before. If you wouldn't mind being interviewed by phone or in person for my thesis, please contact me! sean\_briody@brown.edu

Additionally, if you have any old photographs or band memorabilia you want to send copies of, that would much be appreciated."

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## II. LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Alumni,

After much waiting in antici.....pation, the Fall 2018 edition of Bandstand is finally here! First of all, I want to extend a warm welcome to our newly graduated class of 2018 as this is their first ever newsletter addressed to them. Congratulations! Hello from the other side. Your fantastic alumni liaisons Zack, Tim, Kelvin, and Vicky have been hard at work over the summer to bring you this edition of Bandstand. I'm sure all of you will enjoy hearing all about whatever ridiculous antics the band has been up to recently in the following mischief-filled pages.

Recent band shenanigans aside (for now), I'd like to thank all of you who came out for this past Commencement! The weekend was jam packed with all sorts of fun including but definitely not limited to:

- A. Thanking Dave Binder for somehow keeping the rain away
  - B. One definitely flawless countermarch
  - C. Brand new Brown Band graduation stoles
  - D. Sting looking lovingly at the bari sax players in the band during the procession through the Van Wickle gates
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- E. Hearing alumni stories about the band's censorship issues with URI and it's Butt, and
  - F. The Princeton Band

As always, having the alumni come back for Commencement makes the whole weekend that much more special. If you couldn't make it here or if you're already looking forward to next year, mark your calendars now for May 26, 2019!

Coming up sooner on the band's schedule is our Alumni Football game! Brown football will be taking on some school that seems to be obsessed with rocks on Saturday, October 29 th . Hopefully the Georgetown team will perform just as they did last year when Brown secured twice the amount of wins they did! Ignoring my definitely not misleading statistics, our wonderful ALs have already sent out an RSVP for this game to all of you. Please be sure to let them know if you're planning on making the journey back to Brunonia so we can get you connected with all that you'll need. Stay tuned for more information regarding our Saturday call time!

Aside from the Georgetown game, we'd love to have alumni come visit us throughout the fall season at other games. Having our alumni back in town is always a great reminder of how the spirit of the Brown Band and its welcoming community will remain even after our time at Brown ends. We are ever grateful for both your exceptional generosity and your unrelenting enthusiasm for the band. Thank you all for your dedication and making the Brown Band experience eternally goofy, irreverent, and fulfilling.

Ever True,

Gaby Usabal

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### III. AN UPDATE FROM YOUR ALs

Hi alumni hi!

Greetings from your alumni liaisons, Zack, Kelvin, Vicky, and Tim! We are excited to bring you the latest edition of our biannual Brown U Bandstand. We would like to extend a congratulations to our newest crusties, the class of 2018! Interacting with alumni is among our favorite parts of being in band. We love hearing about the traditions and history of the band, and it is so cool to know that the Brown Band has always been this weird. We were happy to see many of you at commencement this year, and we are especially grateful for those of you who gave us feedback at the AL meeting during lunch.

We hope to continue hearing from you throughout the year! Keep in touch by sending us your thoughts on our fundraising efforts, how you would like to reconnect with the band (whether through email or messenger pigeon, or at football games or ice shows), or just sharing stories from back in the day or what you are up to now! We are so thrilled to meet the bandies of 2022 about to head into Fulton for their first rehearsal, and they will be even more thrilled to hear about all the history and hijinks of the bandies that came before them.

We love seeing alumni at events, and we hope that many of you are able to come to events this semester! The alumni football game will be on Saturday, September 29th versus Georgetown. We will be sending out more details soon, but we welcome all of you to attend! (Let's face it, the football team can use the support.) Later in this newsletter you will find

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the schedule for the fall semester – please let us know if you happen to be in town some other time or if the band will be coming to a city near you. We welcome you to any of the games this semester! The ALs will send you monthly updates so that you know what events are coming up.

We love that so many of you continue to stay involved with the band! As you know, your donations help to keep the band banging and blowing (wunk). Without them, we would not be able to continue to repair our instruments, go on fun away trips, buy our food, or continue to grow the band! We are grateful for all of your donations through the years.

Hope you enjoy this Fall 2018 edition of the Brown U Bandstand!

Ever True,

Your ALs

Zack Goldstein '19, Vicky Phan '21, Kelvin Wong '20, Tim Peltier '19

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## IV. FALL FOOTBALL SEASON PREVIEW

### **Game 1, Brown @ CalPoly (Unfortunately the Band will not be there) Friday, September 14 at 10:05am**

That's right, folks! This is no ordinary schedule! The Bears of Brown University played the Mustangs of California Polytechnic State University! While the football team travelled to the faraway lands of San Luis Obispo, the band unfortunately did not join them (Even though we are only a 1,012 hour walk away according to Google Maps!).

### **Game 2, Brown vs. Hahvahd Friday, September 21st at 7:00pm**

Brown took on Hahvard in this first home game of the year! While Hahvahd likes to think that "the" game is the one where they play Yale, we all secretly know that Brown vs. Hahvahd is the real *the* game!

### **Game 3, Brown vs. Georgetown Saturday, September 29th at 1:00pm**

**\*\*\*ALUMNI GAME!\*\*\***

Brown plays the Hoyas, which really doesn't sound like a team but somehow is. Also their mascot is a bulldog but they're not from Connecticut? I'm confused. Anyway, we'll watch as Brown fooball plays a team from the totally functional city of Washington, D.C. (lol). **This is the alumni game (!), meaning that we are excited to welcome band alumni to play with us in our field show and on the stands! Please let the ALs know ASAP if you will be attending this game.** Also you may notice that the games do *not* alternative between away and home games this year - what's up with that, Ivy League Football™?

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**Game 4, Brown @ URI**  
**Saturday, October 6th at 1:00pm**

It's time for the Governor's Cup! Will Brown take home its 74th victory in this infamous rivalry? Who will be crowned the champion in this state of ocean and coffee milk which is nor a road or an island? Tune in on this day to find out! Hopefully, the band will not get censored this time. Krusty Krab is unfair, Mr. Krabs is in there! Standing at the concession! Plotting his opression!

**Game 5, Brown @ Princeton**  
**Saturday, October 13th at 1:00pm**

The band travels to the land of self-pumping gas to face the Tigers! And we get to party it up with the Princeton Band! <3 Stay tuned to see whether the Band gets to take a dip into the fountain.

**Game 6, Brown vs. Cornell**  
**Saturday, October 20th at 1:00pm**

**\*\*\*FAMILY WEEKEND!\*\*\***

We take on the Big Red (What?) in this home game, as band families come to visit their relatives and march with us! We will do our annual family weekend campus march, one of our most popular and least controversial traditions! Who needs sleep on a Saturday? Also, watch out for falling ice!

**Game 7, Brown vs. Penn**  
**Saturday, October 27th at 1:00pm**

The Bears plays the Quakers in this match-off. Also since this is Halloweekend, get ready to see the ~spooky~ band decked out in our section costumes.

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**Game 8, Brown @ Yale**  
**Saturday, November 3rd at 1:00pm**

The band drives through Connecticut and inevitably gets stopped by lots of traffic in order to play the *real* Bulldogs (@ Georgetown). We shall pass the stupid building and shout at it. Get hype!

**Game 9, Brown vs. Columbia**  
**Saturday, November 10th at 12:30pm**

In a strange turn of events, the football schedule has changed this year such that Columbia will now be the second to last game!? And since this is the last home game of the year that means ... limerick time! (#FourMoreYears!)

**Game 10, Brown @ Dartmouth**  
**Saturday, November 17th at 1:30pm**

What? Dartmouth as the last game? This schedule is full of surprises! The band travels to the frozen wasteland that is Hanover, New Hampshire. And since this is the last game of the year, that means that it's time for ... Band Board Changeover! Wow where did the time go?





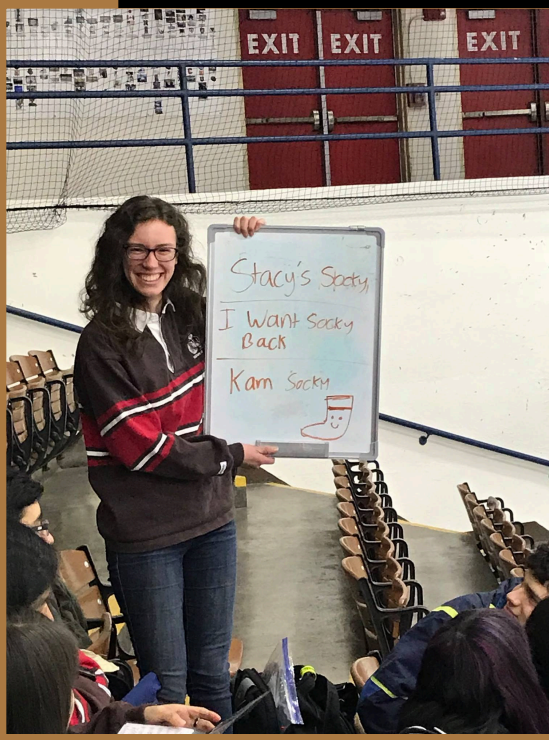
# V. SPRING SEMESTER WRAP-UP



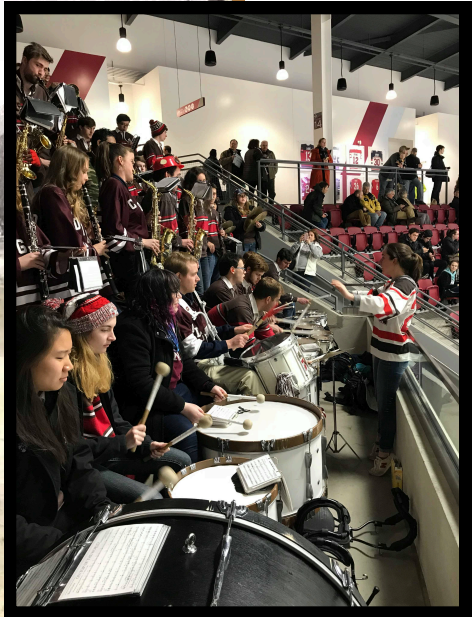
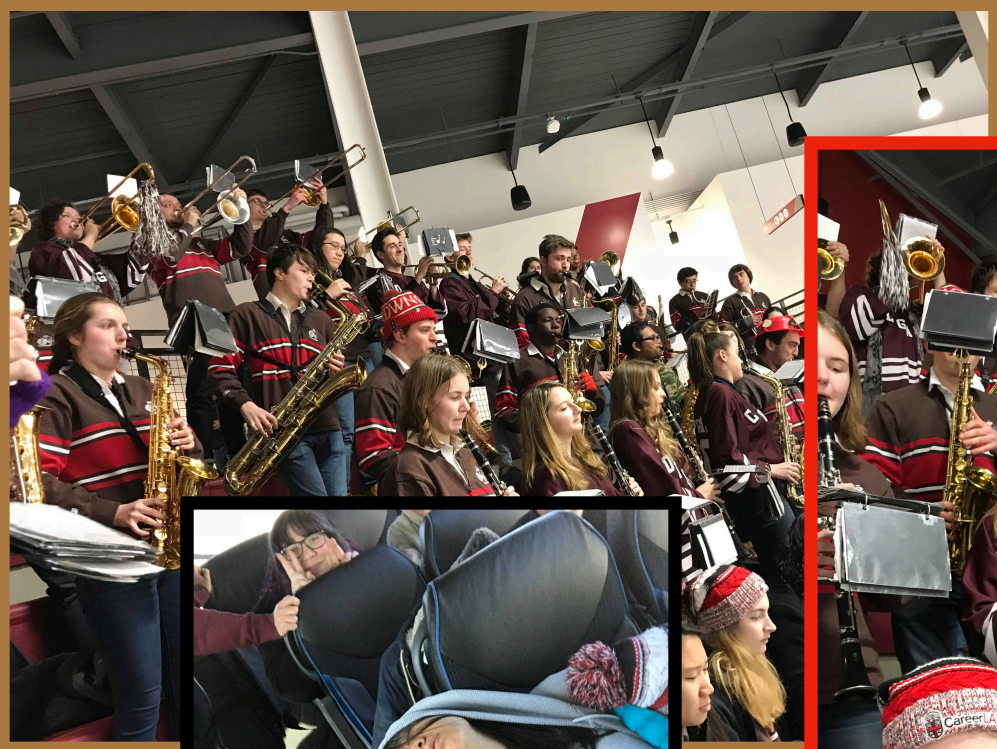
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# Hockey!



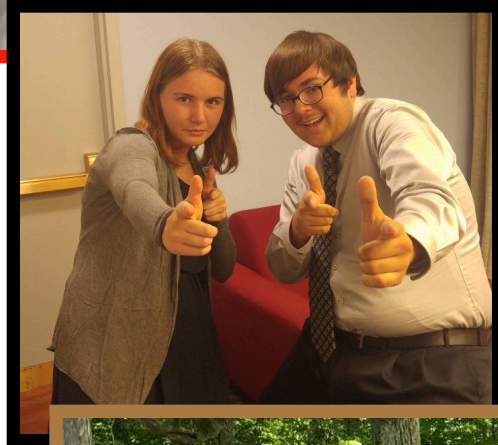




Winter Trip!



# Commencement!



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## VI. FROM THE ARCHIVES

*The following is a letter written from the Brown Band to the Columbia Band in 1978 that we think speaks for itself. Enjoy!*

November 21, 1978

Columbia Univ. Band President  
406 Ferris Booth Hall  
Columbia University  
New York, NY 10027

Dear President,

I would like to thank you for the bananas you provided for our band Saturday. It was a clever idea and our band responded as you probably anticipated by clamoring for the fruit.

However, our band's behavior upset the band board. We would like to apologize to you for throwing the bananas at your band members. It was totally uncalled for. They have been spoken to concerning the incident and we thought you should know we are sorry.

Please accept our sincerest apologies.

Sincerely,  
Bruce Yannett  
Brown Band President

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## VII. 69 SECONDS LEFT ...

### 2018 Band Board

Gabriela Usabal '19 President gabriela_usabal@brown.edu	Adam Mercier '19 Vice President adam_mercier@brown.edu	Summer Gerry '20 General Manager (Mom) summer_gerry@brown.edu
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### Appointed Leadership

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## **Giving**

**From buttons to uniforms to food to instrument upkeep, your donations help to keep the band functioning and are always appreciated! To donate, please visit [gifts.brown.edu](https://gifts.brown.edu) and select "Brown University Band" from the dropdown under "Student Groups". Please contact the Alumni Liaisons or a Band Board member for questions or if you would like your donation to be used for a specific purpose.**

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**Thank you for reading the fall 2018 edition of  
Bandstand! Congrats to the Class of 2018!**



Ever True,

Zack Goldstein '19, Vicky Phan '21, Kelvin Wong '20, and Tim Peltier '19  
Brown University Band Alumni Liaisons

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