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I. LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Alumni,

I hope your New Year is off to a great start! My name is Halle Purdom, and I'm the new President of the Brown University "we love our crusties" Band. I'm a junior concentrating in Astronomical Physics, and I'm the first president to come from the arguably best section in the band, the melodica section! Yes, you heard that right, I play melodica (and as of this year a bit of flute, too). This fall, I made the transition from RecSec to President, and I'm very excited to spend another year on band board. The ALs this year have done a wonderful job putting this semester's newsletter together for y'all, so I just want to give humongous thank you to Zachary Goldstein '19, Vicky Phan '21, Timothy Peltier '19, and Kelvin Wong '20 for all that they do.

The football season this semester mostly went as expected, but something truly historic happened! After Brown's "second consecutive season without an Ivy League win", the head football coach has stepped down, which means that hopefully next year we can have a winning band AND a winning team. Apart from that, we loved seeing everyone who could join us this season, especially at the alumni game against Georgetown, which was the ONLY game we won this football season. Now that we know that the alumni have this power, we ask that you come to every future game Brown ever plays at. Just kidding, but we would like you to join us at our alumni ice show this semester, which will be on Saturday, February 23rd against Dartmouth. You should also save the date for Commencement Weekend this year, which will be May 24th through 26th.

All of your support has allowed us to continue to be the fun-loving, welcoming band that the Brown Band has been since 1924. This year, we've had to replenish sweaters, rugbies, and most importantly hand warmers to keep up with all of the new additions to the band--all of which would not be possible without our alumni. Y'all created the history and spirit of the band that is kept alive today through the traditions and continued through our community of past and present bandies. I'm so excited to meet some of y'all in the spring, and if you ever have questions, want to chat, or need to reach out for any reason, feel free to contact myself or any of the ALs.

Evertrue,
Halle Purdom
(Yes, I am aware that "ever true" is two words)

II. AN UPDATE FROM YOUR ALs

Hi alumni hi!

It's us again, your friendly neighborhood Alumni Liaisons, bringing you yet another edition of Bandstand, the Brown University Band's semiannual alumni newsletter. A lot has happened in the previous semester! We welcomed a new class of Bandies, got rained on during Halloween, did changeover at ~Dartmouth~ instead of Columbia because of a whole new football schedule this year, and won an entire game of football! We were very happy to see many of you at our alumni football game versus Georgetown this past semester. We also hope to see many of your faces at the 2019 alumni ice show, which is happening on Saturday, February 23rd following a 3:00pm Women's Hockey Game versus Darmouth. If you have not already done so, be sure to RSVP at the link we sent via email if you plan to attend, or send us a quick email if you did not receive that RSVP link.

We want to once again thank all of you who contribute to the band. Your donations allow us to make our world-famous buttons, keep the band well-fed, and replace our uniforms and fix our instruments when necessary.

Please be in touch if you have any questions for us. We would also like to remind you that the new AL email address is brownbandals@gmail.com. You will still continue to receive emails if you were on the listserv before, and if you accidentally send an email to the old AL email address it will just be forwarded to the new one. Please be in touch with any questions about the alumni ice show or anything else you want to discuss!

Sincerely,

Zachary Goldstein '19, Vicky Phan '21, Timothy Peltier '19 (AL Emeritus),
and Kelvin Wong '20 (AL Emeritus)

III. TESTIMONIALS

Anh McGrane '22, Band First Year

Hewwo! I'm Anh and I joined the band this year! I play trumpet (the superior brass instrument) and decided to waste my 10 years of classical and jazz training to play in the meme-lovin', song-hollerin', horn-tootin' Brown Band!!

But in reality, my time with the Brown Band has been far from a waste. I've made new friends, experienced new joys, and learned new tricks. Like ice skating with an instrument or learning to survive several hours of torrential rain and cold temperatures as the band tromps around on a muddy field while making noises. Or standing in a cold fountain in my underwear while my feet turn blue. I can sure toot my horn, but a Southern kid like me must learn to wear layers and withstand the cold of the Northeast.

My fellow bandies, however, warm my heart. At the start of the year, all the organizations of Brown make claims on social cohesion and degree of welcome, but the band truly delivers the wholesome (and unwholesome) bonds of musical comradery. I had heard some things about the band, so I checked them out at club day. A girl in a cheese-shaped hat gave me a neat pin, so I decided to make the 15-minute walk to Fulton from Pembroke to the first rehearsal.

After that fateful rehearsal, we played a home football game against Harvard. On the march to the stadium, the trumpets sprinted ahead and our first-years laid on the ground as the others mourned our deaths with soft trumpet crooning. In the process, I dropped my mouthpiece and rushed to return to the others, plopping myself down in a sweat like I was actually dying. I realized I probably needed to work out if I was to keep this gig up every week.

Regardless of the geometric difficulty of field forms or cold rain or strangers seeing me in my underwear, it's good fun. Good fun with even gooder people.

Gus Kmetz '21, Band First Year

As I rolled into my second semester of my first year at Brown, I was feeling pretty confident that I had life all figured out. I was vaguely aware of the Brown Band, and knew that a couple of cool people on my floor were in it, but I'd never seriously considered it. Scrolling through Facebook, I saw the Band ice show events shared by some friends of mine who were in the Band, and I had to admit, I was curious. A show on ice? With instruments? What even? Watching the Brown Band ice shows changed the direction of my semester. I caught both spring ice shows and thought they were the coolest musical events I'd ever seen, and was inspired to join the Band (as bandies kept shouting at me).

I remember going to my first rehearsal and feeling anxious about if I'd be good enough, but the percussion section was more than welcoming even with how bad I was. I was still pretty skeptical of whether or not I'd come back the next week. But then we played a song I'd never heard before: *Nine in the Afternoon*. It was a pretty easy song, all quarters and half notes, but that was perfect for me. I felt the sound washing over me at the back of the room as I beat out those quarter notes, and it felt right. And even beyond the music, let's be real here, the Band is awesome. Everyone is just so darn welcoming, and made me feel like I belonged in the Band. Even as a spring joiner, people put an effort into making sure I felt included and that I knew what was going on. Learning all the hilarious traditions and memes that accompany the Band was a rewarding journey that made me laugh every step of the way. In twenty-five years, when I'm battling my midlife crisis, I may regret my decisions, but the Band will not be one.

The Band is the most inclusive group on campus. You don't have to apply or be good at music to be a part of the Band. I will never be a great, or good, or, if I'm being perfectly honest, mediocre drummer, but by golly I'm having the time of my life out there cackling and banging the drum hopefully on time (all while giving the conductor a death stare) thanks to the wonderful people playing with and around me.

So yeah, I guess you could say I love the Band.

IV. FOUR MORE YEARS! (Brown Band Senior Profiles)



Name: Kellan Barr

Concentration(s): History

Instrument(s): Percussion + Tenor Sax

What Are Your Post-Graduation Plans?:

AHHHHHH!!!!!!

What Is/Are Your Favorite Band

Memory/Memories?: Away games and bus rides

Name: Sean Briody

Concentration(s): American Studies/Egyptology

Instrument(s): Percussion

What Are Your Post-Graduation Plans?: No longer eating Ratty food

What Is/Are Your Favorite Band Memory/

Memories?: When we played a hockey game in -20 degree weather even after being warned to stay inside because we'd get frostbite after 15 min of exposure outside



Name: Tracy Chin

Concentration(s): Applied Math/Computer Science

Instrument(s): Trumpet

What Are Your Post-Graduation Plans?: I will be working at Google in their Cambridge office

What Is/Are Your Favorite Band Memory/

Memories?: My favorite memory was the URI game my sophomore year. Our script got censored and we weren't allowed to read anything over the PA system, so instead we made protest signs to carry on the field.

Name: Christine Collins
Concentration(s): Political Science & Religious Studies
Instrument(s): Flute / piccolo
What Are Your Post-Graduation Plans?:
shrug
What Is/Are Your Favorite Band Memory/Memories?: caroling



Name: Natalie Delworth
Concentration(s): APMA
Instrument(s): Cymbals!
What Are Your Post-Graduation Plans?:
I'm planning on doing a 5th year masters in data science, and then I'll do something in the real world!
What Is/Are Your Favorite Band Memory/Memories?: I've always loved performing at the Tree Lighting downtown. Hearing the Band (and some people in the audience!!) sing Jingle Bells always warms my heart!

Name: Shane Des Enfants

Concentration(s): Music (multimedia and electronic music experiments)

Instrument(s): Horn, mello

What Are Your Post-Graduation Plans?: I'm going to apply for a grant to go back to Ecuador and continue work on an indigenous language preservation project that I worked on during my semester abroad, and eventually apply to grad school for music production. In the meantime i hope to intern at a recording studio or work at an arts non-profit, probably back home in Montana.

What Is/Are Your Favorite Band Memory/Memories?: This isn't necessarily my favorite but it's one I can think of right now... we did a campus march my sophomore year and while we were walking through grad center cadencing I saw my suitemate, who had kept me up with his bass until 3am the night before, slam the window shut to try in vain to drown out our playing



Name: Sam Frolichstein-Appel

Concentration(s): Mechanical Engineering

Instrument(s): Percussion, occasionally accordion

What Are Your Post-Graduation Plans?: Going back to work at summer camp and then travel and then maybe, hopefully, find a job

What Is/Are Your Favorite Band Memory/Memories?: Waking up all of my friends, classmates, and enemies during the campus march :)

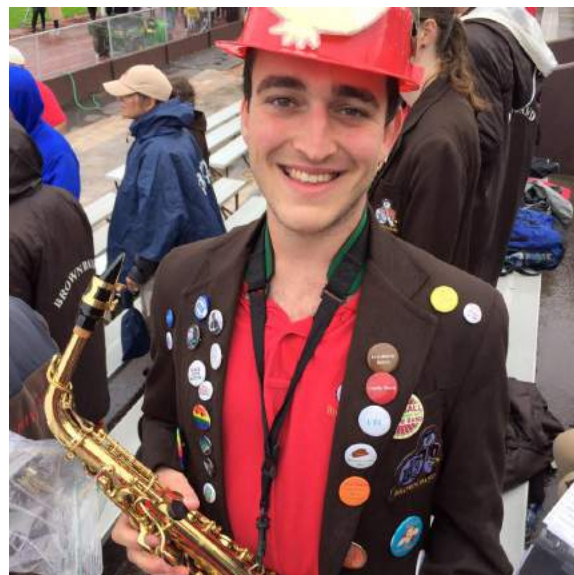
Name: Zachary Goldstein

Concentration(s): Public Policy & Philosophy

Instrument(s): Alto Saxophone

What Are Your Post-Graduation Plans?: Coming back to Brown for alumni games. Also I am looking for a job in policy research and/or advocacy.

What Is/Are Your Favorite Band Memory/Memories?: I think that my favorite part of band might be all of the shebandigans that happens in the Perkins lounge during Commencement Week. When Bandies are in the same building for a week the most ridiculous things happen: watching Disney movies and tagging everyone in the band as a different character, singing our hearts out in impromptu karaoke, doing a "candy bracket" where we try dozens of candies to see which is best, and playing One Night Ultimate Werewolf til 3am. I just love the band.



Name: Katie Hammaker

Concentration(s): Education studies

Instrument(s): Percussion

What Is/Are Your Favorite Band Memory/Memories?: Playing in my first field show on senior day :)

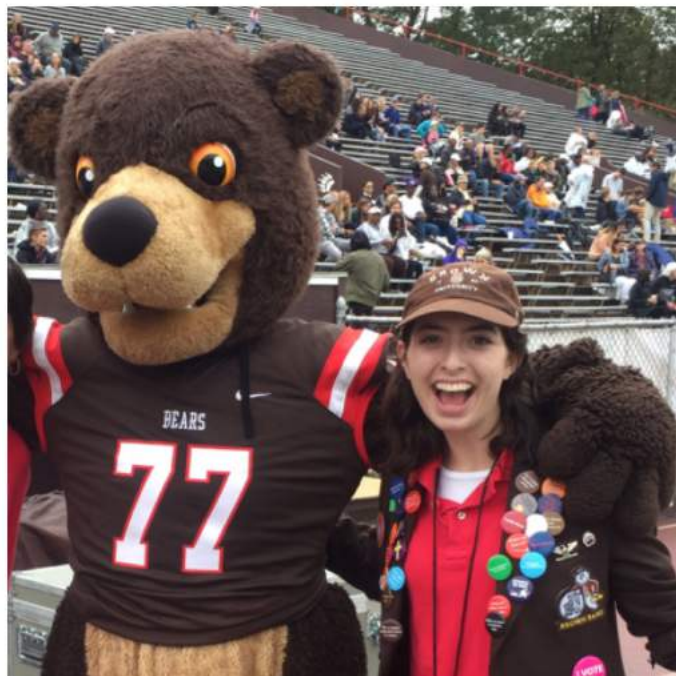
Name: Isabela Karibjanian

Concentration(s): International relations

Instrument(s): Flute

What Are Your Post-Graduation Plans?: Please hire me!! I hope to work for an NGO in the fields of human rights, conflict resolution, or governance, or jump into the messy world of congressional politics and work on Captiol Hill. (But I'm still holding onto my contingency plan of dropping everything and learning the art of making French wine.)

What Is/Are Your Favorite Band Memory/Memories?: My absolute favorite, I-tear-up-thinking-about-this Band moments would have to be our marches to the stadium, down Elmgrove Avenue. On these marches this year, when the sky was often a brilliant shade of blue in mid-October, the leaves were a stunning array of colors, and dogs and families were out on their porches to greet us, I often thought to myself, "I'm so lucky to have found this group of absolute goofs," realizing that just being able to be around them every week would be what I'd miss the most about Brown.



Name: Charles Kocher

Concentration(s): Physics and Math

Instrument(s): Percussion

What Are Your Post-Graduation Plans?:
Grad School

What Is/Are Your Favorite Band Memory/Memories?: Missing the half court shot x2

Name: Mark Liang

Concentration(s): Biology and Science,
Technology, Society (STS)

Instrument(s): Trumpet

What Are Your Post-Graduation Plans?: Medical
School

**What Is/Are Your Favorite Band Memory/
Memories?:** Shake Shack in New York City



Name: Adam Mercier

Concentration(s): History

Instrument(s): Bass Clarinet

What Are Your Post-Graduation Plans?: f a r m

What Is/Are Your Favorite Band Memory/Memories?:

Wow this is so tough and this answer is probably too general but being on Band Board was the time of my life and even though I acted like I was done, I remember those times so fondly and know I always will :)

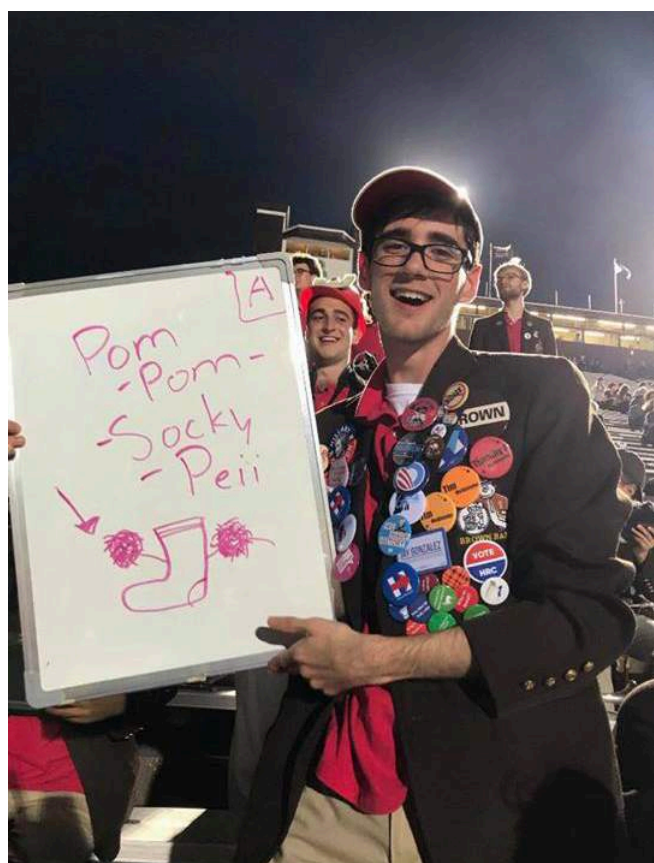
Name: Caroline Moses

Concentration(s): Linguistics

Instrument(s): Clarinet

What Is/Are Your Favorite Band Memory/

Memories?: Being played through the gates by the band at mid-winter convocation, and then playing in the next cohort of mid-year transfers the following year. Also clondings!



Name: Timothy Peltier

Concentration(s): Political Science

Instrument(s): Saxophone, Clarinet

What Are Your Post-Graduation Plans?:

Something involving politics and government

What Is/Are Your Favorite Band Memory/

Memories?: One of my favorite band memories

was from my sophomore year. We had a ridiculously early call time for the Princeton trip and I did not sleep much at all either the night before or on the bus ride. Needless to say, I lost my mind at that game and in the process launched a "Meme Renaissance". In particular, during field rehearsal with the Princeton Band I could not for the life of me remember the cue to change formation. The Princeton conductor said to move at the "Boo Boo Ga", which I reinterpreted as the "Ooga Booga", "Aba Boo Boo", "Goo Goo Ba", etc. etc. As such, I was greeted by the Band for next two years with "Boo Boo Ga", among other ridiculous phrases we found funny from that exhausting trip. We were all kind of a mess on that Princeton trip and that is what helped make it so fantastic.

Name: Gabriela Usabal

Concentration(s): Geology-Chemistry

Instrument(s): Saxophones & Mellophone

What Are Your Post-Graduation Plans?: I am taking a gap year before I go to graduate school for planetary sciences. I will be looking for a job as a research assistant somewhere in the Boston/ New York/Providence area!

What Is/Are Your Favorite Band Memory/Memories?: Freshman year the band decided to have a snowball fight on the green in front of Andrews on the first snow day of the year. I remember being SUPER bummed because the night before I had gotten very sick from some stomach bug and could barely function. I was so sad I was missing my literal first snow day *ever*. Sometime during the afternoon, I heard several intermittent bangs on my window (which was on the fourth floor of Andrews). When I went to check, a bunch of bandies had been throwing snowballs at my window to get my attention. Y'all wanted to see how I was doing! <3 Later, more bandies came to my room and brought me some food too <3 I still think about this a lot. Y'all are so sweet <3 I felt so loved!!!!



But also RIP Tim's face.



Name: Sofia Venegas

Concentration(s): Health & Human Biology, Science, Technology & Society

Instrument(s): Percusscuss

What Are Your Post-Graduation Plans?: I'm not even sure what I'm having for dinner

What Is/Are Your Favorite Band Memory/Memories?: playing in the scili and making people angry :) also commencement band was great the past 2 years

V. FOOTBALL SEASON WRAP-UP

Ladies and gentlemen, friends and alumni, presenting the most-winningest musical organization from the most-losingest school in the Ivy League, it's the Brown University "I come to games for Hawaiian pizza" Band!

Game 1: Brown (15) at Cal Poly (44)

Sadly, Brown Athletics couldn't find it in their hearts to smuggle bandies in suitcases to the distant, sunny land of California. So we had to mourn the first loss of the season from our own coast. Stay tuned to see whether the elusive bicoastal Band will make its appearance next year!

Game 2: Brown (17) vs. Harvard (31)

It was a night game - and we told all our secrets! Our first home game of the season was a loss (Foreshadowing is fun), but the return of Socky and welcoming our members of the Class of '22 sure weren't! Other highlights included Dorle's debut in KPB, stealing a Harvard bandie, and getting kind of excited every time we scored.

Script themes: The 2000 classic Castaway starring one Tom Hanks; Questionably named Harvard courses; Cultural icon Elle Woods



Game 3: Brown (35) vs. Georgetown (7)

Here's what rocks: having our lovely alums come back to join us for our Georgetown game! The Band got to do a Snapchat takeover for the University ("What's the Snapchat?" -Probable quote by a crustie) and saw our first win of the season! Exciting! It wound up being our only win, but we were foolish and optimistic. Regardless, it's always heartwarming to see past bandies make their way back to Fulton. :)

Script themes: Overflowing love for our crusties <3; The other, other Friedman building on campus; Christian Calisthenics, AKA Mass; John Mulaney

Game 4: Brown (0) at URI (48)

Yep, you read that right. Despite Brown taking the Governor's Cup last year, we managed to score no points this time around, which URI loved reminding us about every time they celebrated a touchdown by firing their cannon. On the bright side: The stadium had a Dunkin and even URI's fans loved our field show. I don't know how else to describe it; it was a penis going into a butt. Anyways, remember to pee after sex to avoid a URI!

Script themes: URI's new \$1.5 million tuna research facility; The impending AI and robot takeover; Questionably named URI "majors"

Game 5: Brown (10) at Princeton (48)

It was an early start to a jam-packed weekend for this overnight game! We got to hang with our besties, the Princeton Band(!!!), who treated us to song swapping on their football field, a partay, fancy balloons, and general wholesomeness. There was also double percussion section cadencing (for twice the headache) and partially-naked fun and music in

the fountain! Dorle was not submerged and sacrificed, but there's still time.

Script themes: We don't know how to read; Myths (e.g. Ted Cruz is not the Zodiac Killer); Zeus the Pomeranian; Princeton scientists discover dark matter is "less lumpy" than previously thought

Game 6: Brown (16) vs. Cornell (34)

We didn't get to see a win, but we did get to see wholesome Family Weekend action! From our annual barbecue featuring undercooked burgers (We still love you, Gaby) to our campus march (Angry students have decided to swap throwing ice out windows for pouring actual water) to getting our loved ones in on our favorite cheers in the stands, it was an all-around good time. Plus, we got to jam with our favorite fascist band afterward and play amoeba-themed games of tag! (Simple playground game or low-key cult initiation - you tell us.)

Script themes: Kazoos or insects?; The Cornell student's bucket list; The "majesty" of Ithaca (I'm being "serious.")



Game 7: Brown (7) vs. Penn (13)

After an eventful morning of having to move field rehearsal indoors, we only lost by single digits! But maybe that had something to do with the fact that it was freezing and pouring. :(Nevertheless, the Band huddled together for warmth (wholesome), powered through the sogginess, and put on our annual Halloween field show spooktacular! Section costume themes included but were not limited to: f*ckboys, cards from Cards Against Humanity, and Rhode Island.

Script themes: The Penn Ghost Project; Brown Band's dream vacation itinerary; Vampires; Philadelphia mayor Michael Nutter (I hardly even know 'er!) legalizing marijuana



Game 8: Brown (16) at Yale (46)

To quote the international poet and artisan known by the stage name Pitbull (or Mr. Worldwide): *Yale*. We hit the 95 once again to greet our

favorite stupid building and Connecticut traffic. It was tough, but we managed to overlook the wind and smells of New Haven to successfully flush the Yale Bowl and mingle with some Yale bandies!

Script themes: Mouse sightings at Yale; Ned Fulmer from the Try Guys went to Yale; Let's end all sports!

Game 9: Brown (20) vs. Columbia (42)

'Twas a game fraught with bittersweet tears.

Our seniors are graduating! So it appears.

"Obvious Child" we played.

Gosh, we wish you could stay.

So with this limerick we say, "Four more years!"

Script themes: CUMB got defunded (Awkward.); Quick maths; ASMR; Hittin' the Juul; Dulcet tones from The Sound of Music





Game 10: Brown (7) at Dartmouth (49)

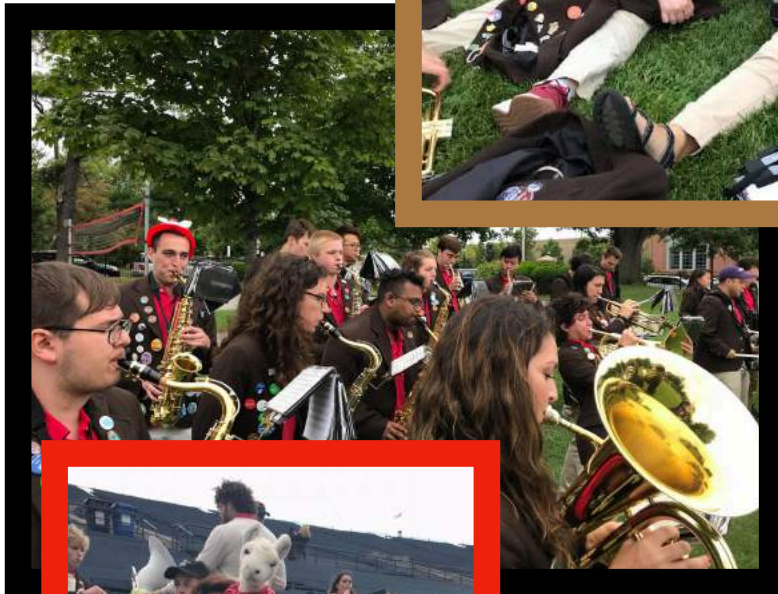
Before the game we paid a visit to our favorite pancake joint! (No pancakes were consumed, but we did play "Africa" by Toto.) Though this game may have marked the end of a zero-Ivy-win season for Brown, it also marked the beginning of our new Band Board! Yay, changeover! We love you, new Band Board! (And we'll miss you, old Band Board!) And even though we didn't get to see our pal Keggy, we did get to see our favorite tiny Dartmouth band and play "Al" on the field before picking up our blankets and hand warmers and peacing out of arctic Hanover. *Script themes: 50 Dartmouth students have hand-foot-and-mouth disease; Hilton or Dartmouth logo?; Dartmouth's corpse flower with scents ranging "from dirty diapers to rotting flesh"*

VI. FALL SEMESTER IN PHOTOS

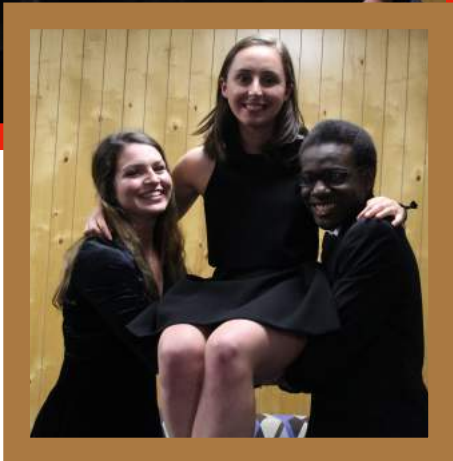


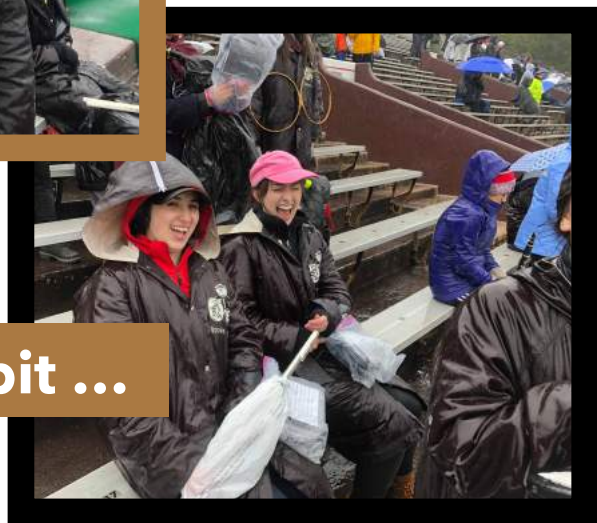
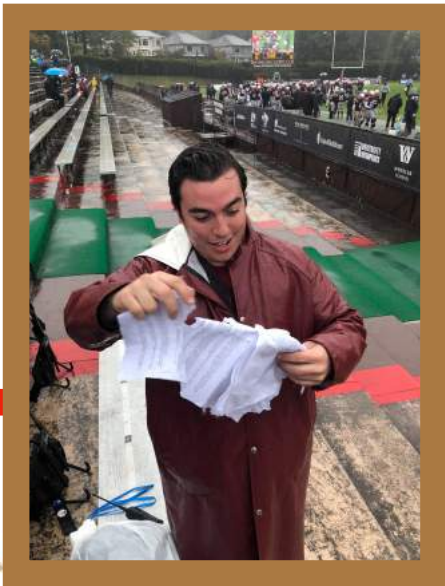


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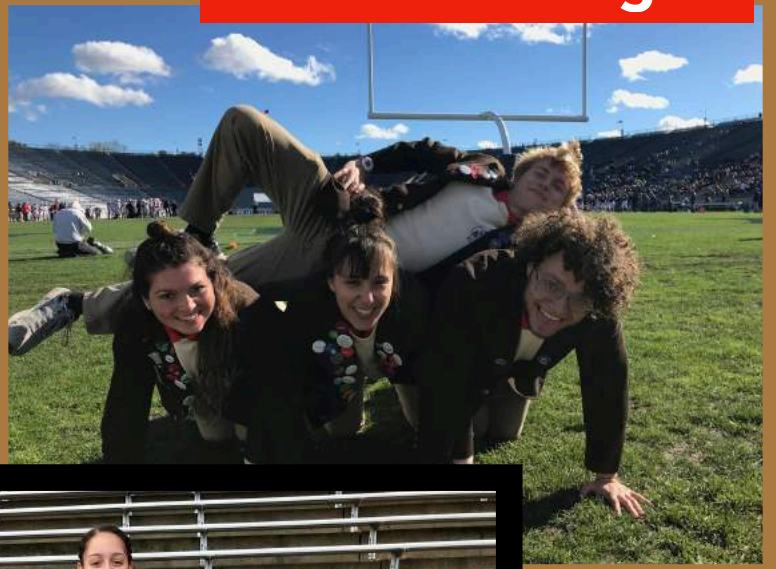
Getting all dolled up!

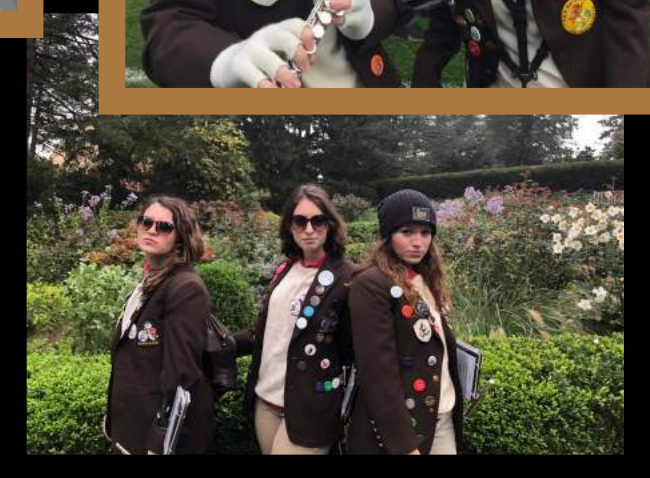
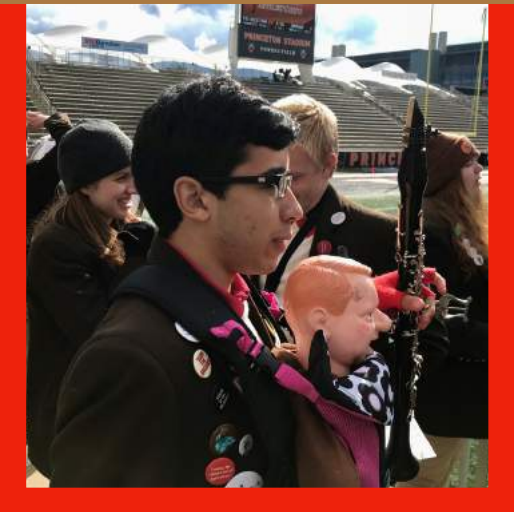
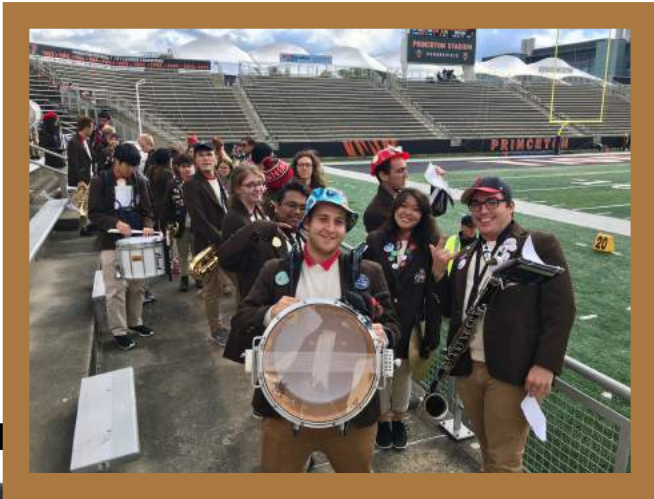




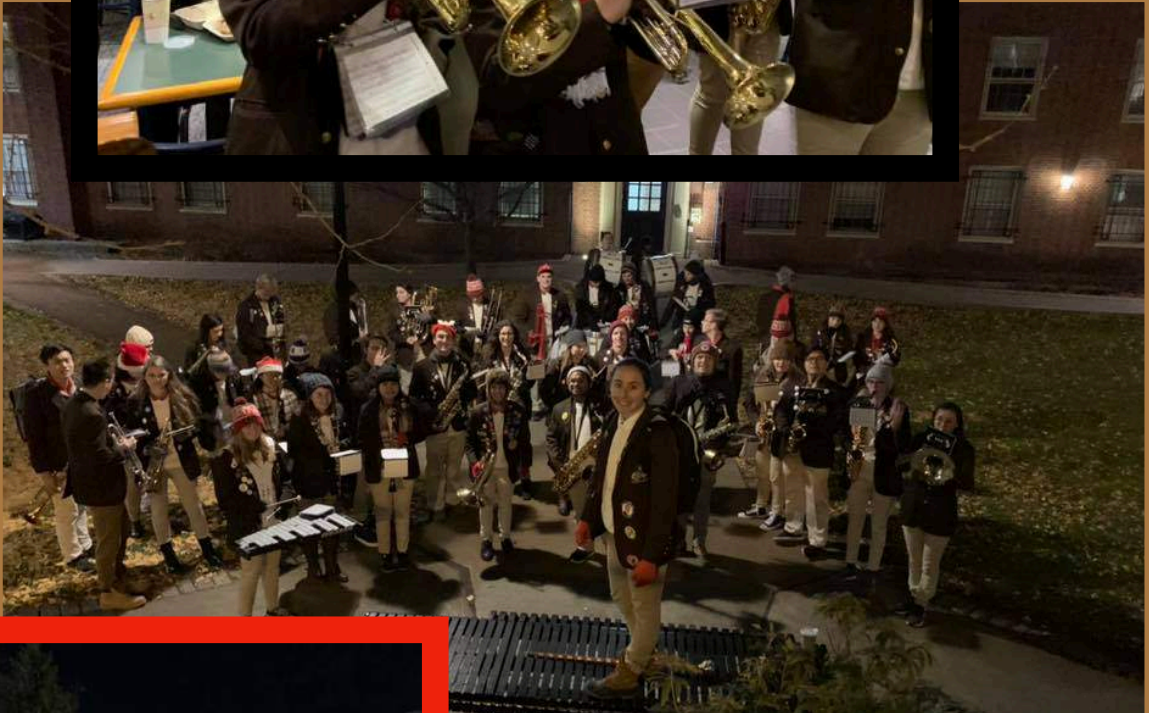
It rained a bit ...

Go low brass go!

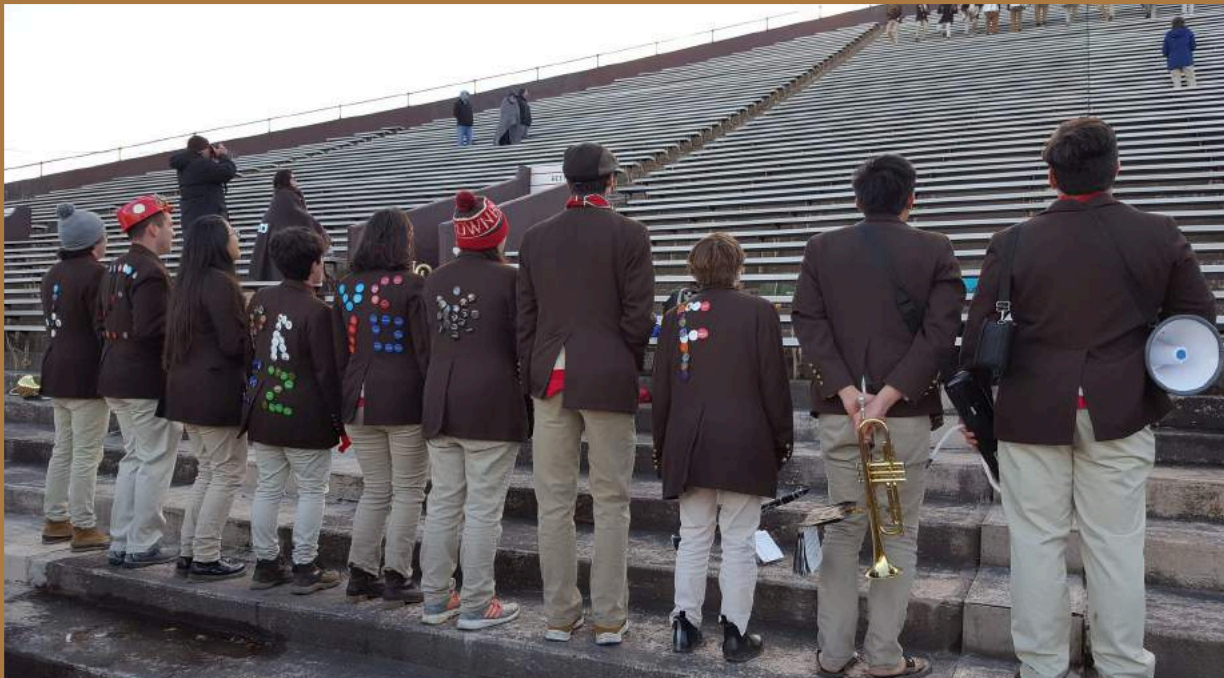




Spreading that cheer!



Four more beers!



VII. 2018-19 BUTTONS!



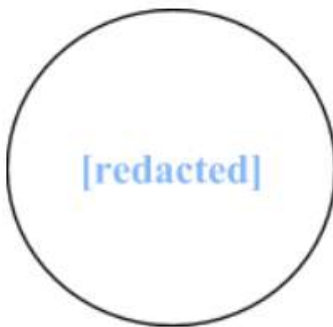
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Contributions from alumni are critical for the continued functioning of the band and are much appreciated! To donate, please visit gifts.brown.edu and select "Brown University Band" from the dropdown under "Student Groups." Please contact the Alumni Liaisons or a member of the Band Board for any questions you have or if you would like to donate for a specific purpose.

Thank you for reading the Winter 2019 edition of the Brown University Bandstand! Congratulations to the Class of 2019!



Ever True,

Zachary Goldstein '19, Vicky Phan '21, Timothy Peltier '19 (AL Emeritus), and Kelvin Wong '20 (AL Emeritus)

Brown University Band Alumni Liaisons

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