



Ladies and gentlemen, friends and alumni...

Greetings and salutations! Elrod Snidley and your Friends of the Brown Band Alumni Liaisons, Sara Powell '11 and Maggie Goter '12, would like to take this opportunity to personally welcome you to this edition of Bandstand. We'd also like to apologize for the untimely arrival of this newsletter. We have no excuse. Well, no good one, anyway.

In this edition of the FOBB newsletter, you will find an overview of the football season, pictures of our annual Bandquet, and other exciting tidbits.

Note the spring 2011 schedule below and mark your calendars for this year's Commencement on **May 29**. Consider coming to play with Commencement Band, which requires participation in only three events. More information to follow. The timeline of events does remain the same year to year, however, so for a guideline, see last year's schedule at <http://students.brown.edu/band/commencement/schedule.shtml>

Alumni relations moves to the interwebs

<http://brownband.wordpress.com>

This semester, the FOBB Liaisons abandon the old-fashioned medium of the newsletter for a weblog — or 'blog' for those in the know. Our blog (mostly empty at the moment) can be found at <http://brownband.wordpress.com>. Here you will find contact information, links to Brown Band and Brown Athletics website, a schedule, and updates and photographs of all major Band events. You will also be able to subscribe via email to make it easier to stay updated. Eventually, we hope to incorporate a number of student and some alumni contributors. Let us know if you are interested in contributing!

Season Recap

Our Brown Bears finished the season with an overall record of 6-4. After beating Stony Brook, Harvard, Princeton, and Cornell, things were looking up at the through mid-October. And it's true that we may have given up on the Governor's Cup, but first we drank the beer. The season brought many challenges and existential crises, mostly precipitated by a 24-7 loss to the Quakers, who shattered our previously perfect Ivy League record. But the Band forged on to win against the Big Green in Hanover, a game televised nationally by the Versus network. The Bears' last hurrah was a home win against the Columbia Lions (naturally).

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Oh, we beat Harvard...

This September 25th, and for the first time ever in its 85-year history, the Brown Stadium hosted a night game. For those of you who could not make it out to the game—or who live sequestered under a rock with no access to reliable wireless—we are pleased to inform you that *venerunt, vidimus, vincimus*. For the barbarians among you: don't worry, we won. The decisive 29-14 victory roused the spirits of not only the Band, but also the near sell-out crowd of 17,360 spectators. Here's to hoping that the Bears make this a yearly Homecoming tradition.

After the game, the Brown Band played host to the Harvard University Band. Was throwing a dorm room basement party for our Cantabrigian foe weird? Yes. Was it fun? Mildly. Did we realize more than ever how glad we were to be at Brown? Definitely.



We tied a knot in the tiger's tail...



Wilson Baer '13 likes free candy. Wilson, didn't your mother ever teach you that you're not supposed to take candy from the Princeton Band's sketchy van?

This year's October 16th away game against Princeton provided us with another opportunity to interact with our Favorite Other Ivy League Band. The Princeton University Band graciously hosted the Brown Band on Friday night. After the party got busted by the Princeton University Police, the bands relocated to the now-deserted Princeton Stadium for a rollicking good time. Saturday brought another victory for the Brown Bears, followed by an impromptu concert in the Fountain of Freedom (aka 'the Princeton Fountain').

Adam Robbins '09 likes the Princeton fountain. Standing are Adam Siegel '14, Brendon Verch '14, and assorted Princeton bandies.

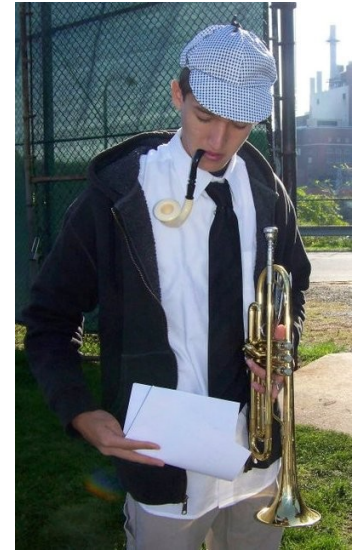


Did your dad go to college? No, he went to Penn!

Approximately how long does it take to drive from Providence to Philadelphia? Google Maps says five hours. The Brown Band scoffs at their algorithms and makes the trip in an astonishing eight after a carjacking in Connecticut and an accident in New Jersey. Though the Band arrived after midnight, some of us still had the energy to knock back a few cups of water before heading to bed. Saturday brought fair skies, Halloween costumes, and bristling discord between the Brown Band and the Penn Band, which is directed by R. Greer Cheeseman III. (No, I'm not making that up. That's his real name.)



Low brass does Star Wars! Pictured are Bethany Marshall '14, Maggie Goter '12, Dennis Walsh '14, and Jon Cox '13.



Cooper Tamayo '14 reviews his case files.

Buttons

SUNY Stony Brook: Gurgle Woof Gurgle

Harvard: Sponsored by Tampax

Brown (Homecoming): Sex/No Commitment

URI: U of and Providence Plantations

Holy Cross: Reserectile Dysfunction

Princeton: I thought WASPS were yellow and black!

Cornell: If it's big and red it's probably infected.

U Penn: Dbag

Yale: Why did I choose Yale?

Dartmouth: Est. 1769

Columbia: If I only had the nerve.

Bandquet: November 12, 2009

This year's Bandquet was held at the Marriott Hotel. It is rare that Brown Bandies make an effort to look presentable (Halloween aside... right?), so I'll let the pictures speak for themselves.



SO MANY FRESHMEN. We love them, but it sure does make it difficult to learn all of their names.

Standing (left to right) are Dennis Walsh, Chris Piette, Cooper Tamayo, Jamie Fried, Brendan Verch, Elijah Ben Izzy, John Kotheimer, Louie Zweig, Zifan Yang, Alex Rubin, Adam Siegel, Taran Raghuram, Bethany Marshall, Alex Buslov, Lewie Pollis, Michelle Graff, Veronica Chiou, Ayano Kondo, Carrie Danielson, Catherine Bautista. Seated are Lena Barsky, Izzy Castner, Brook Achterhof, Dara Illowsky, Kayla Rosen



Band sophomores. Here we have (standing, left to right) Brian Guest, Nawal Traish, Sam Askin, Laken Hottle, Wilson Baer, Danny Gleave, Zach Rowe, and Jon Cox. Seated are Isaac Goldberg, Michelle Han, Courtney Mazur, Joanna Lustig, Jenny Steger, and Michelle Graff.



Our contingent of juniors is small but mighty. Like a pen! Standing are Jeff Blum, Justin Ardini, Ben Leib, and David Stern. Seated are Jessica Kirschner, Andrea Weber, Ben Geilich, and Maggie Goter.

Band seniors say goodbye to their last football season. Standing are Ignacio 'Nacho' Santana, Matt Edelman, Mike Johnson, Chris Moynihan, Bryan Chu, Dan Prendergast, Will Miller, Max Mankin, Sam Winograd, and Eli Bashevkin. Seated are Emily Haskel, Wendy Kwartin, Sabrina Boyd, and Sara Powell. Splayed across their laps: Aminy Ostfeld.



Brown Band vs. Unsuspecting Students

Ah, finals season. Surely the most wonderful time of the year, if only because the Brown Band mixes up a potent concoction of hot chocolate mix and wa-

ter and takes to the streets, libraries, and dorms of campus to spread their holiday cheer. Some more studious Brunonians don't appreciate the interruption, but,

damn it, we will fill them with joy whether they like it or not!



CorSec Lena Barsky '14 loves hot chocolate!



Lena's only been on Band Board for a few weeks, but she can drive a shopping cart full of hot chocolate like a boss.



"You'll never catch me now, DPS!"



Success! Toasting the safe journey to the SciLi with Mom Michelle Graff '13.

Miscellaneous photos from the season



The Band goes to Dartmouth, with Brandon Guarino GS on vuvuzela. This is before he'd officially joined the Band, mind you. Clearly it was meant to be.

Chris Moynihan '11 rides his drum bike, masterfully played by Jamie Fried '14. The jury is still out on whether this is incredibly cool or incredibly dorky. Why not both, we say?



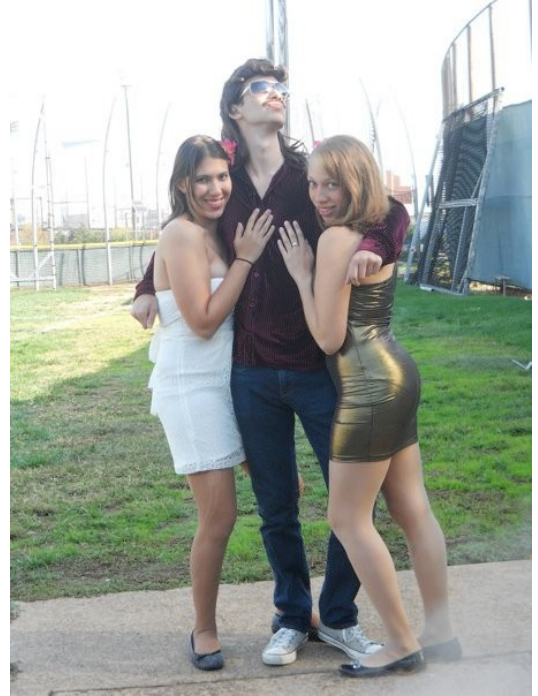
Former head conductor Bryan Chu '11 conducts in front of the alumni tent.



Misc. photos continued



Former Vice President Sam Winograd '11 goes down at the season's last field rehearsal.



Joanna Lustig '13, Ben Geilich '12, and Sabrina Boyd '11 pose as Günther and the Sunshine Girls at the October 30th game against Penn. Don't understand the reference and suddenly feel really old? Don't despair

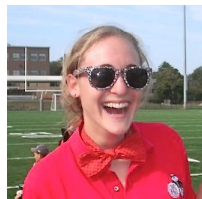


Dressed as gangsters (or is it 'gangstas?'), the percussion section uses the pre-Halloween Penn game as an opportunity to show their true colors.

Out with the old and in with the new Band Board



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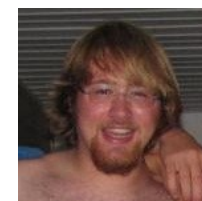
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Fundraising: an appeal from the percussion section leaders

Dear Most Treasured Alumni—

This semester has been especially eventful for the percussion section. Starting out with a small but dedicated core of returning upperclassmen, the first rehearsal open to new members brought us around 15 freshmen! Then, at Brown's first night game, our homecoming against Harvard, the section had an amazing 26 percussionists show up to bang and crash and support the team! Although our numbers have shuffled and settled since that night, we still have about 25 percussionists who continually show their dedication to the section and the band. At a dinner this past week, Karen, our percussion coach whom I assume most of you know, said that this is the largest the section has ever been, despite our slightly reduced numbers for the outing.

While we couldn't be happier at this dedication and love of the Band, percussion has some restrictions on how well we can accommodate these large numbers

because we are relegated to using the Band's equipment. For the Harvard game, we actually had to switch off for the pregame and half-time shows and bring practice snares for the stands because our 4 basses, 5 snares, 2 quads, 5 pairs of cymbals, and 1 set of bells weren't enough for our vast numbers. And even the equipment that we do have is falling apart: one of the sets of quads has a broken drum, making it barely playable; the harnesses for the snares have barely any padding left; and some of the basses have different tones depending on which side you hit. While we can continue to manage well with what we have now, the situation is not ideal for the accommodating-to-all-members-and-sounding-good band that we hope to be. And only 3 members of our section are seniors, so our problems providing the section with enough instruments will persist in the future, not to mention the ever persisting problem with instrumental upkeep and replacement.

As we move forward into next semester and the band's exciting transition to hockey, basketball, and ice skating, we just hope that you'll keep these issues in mind. We want to continue to retain the interest of all our percussionists, but that gets increasingly difficult if they get discouraged from attending events because there won't be an instrument for them to play. The contributions from alumni last year were especially appreciated: the bass drummers actually have adjustable and comfortable harnesses now!! And I know that the rest of the Band is grateful as well, with the other new instruments they were able to purchase after last year's generous donations. We just hope that if you get a call sometime next semester, you'll be willing to open your hearts to an institution that made such a big impact on your college experience, and help that continue for many years to come!!

Jessica Kirschner '12 and Carrie
Danielson '14

We understand that Brown alumni are beat over the head with the University's fundraising efforts, and we sincerely appreciate all the help that our alumni community has given us. Over the evenings of February 2nd and 3rd, the Brown Band called alumni asking for support and raised over **\$4000**. This is an amazing sum that far exceeded our expectations. It will go a long way to helping the Band repair and replace instruments (maybe we'll even get food at some hockey games this season!).

If you'd like to contribute to the Brown Band, it's as easy as visiting gifts.brown.edu. Choose to donate to the Brown Annual Fund. The Brown Band is located under 'Annual Giving to Athletics' towards the bottom of the list. If you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact us. Thank you!

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