

BANDSTAND

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Dear Alumni,

Hello! For those of you who do not know me, my name is Carrie Danielson, the new President of the Brown University "Oh hello there, alumni. I think that you're pretty wonderful" Band! You may be thinking to yourself, "boy, that name sounds kind of familiar." Well, that's because before being elected as president, I served for two years spreading love to our wonderful alumni as a FOBB. I may have changed roles within the Band, but that does not mean that I don't love you all just as much as I did before. I just won't be the one signing all of your emails anymore! I assure you that I leave you all in good hands, however. Lewie and Bethany will both do a great job, as you will see from the remainder of this newsletter.



A little about myself: I'm currently a junior studying music (yes, a music ~~major~~ concentrator in the Band! Who would have thought it?), and aspiring to go to medical school sometime in the future. Although my primary instruments are oboe and piano, I have found my place in the Band playing the glockenspiel along with the percussion section, which, despite what anyone else might say, is the most talented and good looking section there is (though I might be a bit biased).

Enough about me and my great percussion section, though. This past semester was spectacular, and we couldn't have done it without you all! It was great having some of you back for the Harvard game and at other events throughout football season. Your financial support has also been overwhelming, with one very generous donor in particular allowing us to purchase a few new instruments, including two new sousaphones that have needed replacing for a very long time. We appreciate donations from our alumni so much, and they really do make a difference. We are so thankful that your love for the Band continues to show long after walking through the Van Wickle Gates.

Perhaps this continued enthusiasm is one reason that I have grown to love the Brown Band so much. I like to think of the Band as a family (pardon the cliché), and am very grateful for everything that its members, past and present, have given me over the past few years. That is why I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Alumni Ice show this February. Think of it as a family reunion, if you will. Am I starting to get a little too cheesy for you? As a Minnesotan, I tend to be guilty of that sometimes.

Again, thank you for, well, being you. I always feel some pride in being able to say that our alumni are some of the most involved and enthusiastic of any other organization on campus. We are always happy to hear from you, whether it be a story from your time in Band, comments about our current state of affairs, or just dropping a line to say hello. Hope to see you in February!

Ever True,
Carrie Danielson '14



Providence Tree-Lighting Recap

This was our first year performing at the city's tree-lighting ceremony, and so I decided to write a poem in order to capture the moment.

What an honor it was to play
our first show on tree-lighting day!
We all donned our gear,
(some freshmen with fear),
and sped on to the ice, hooray!

A great time was had by all,
since no one happened to fall,
and at the right time
we made our two lines,
and counter-skated on Joanna's call.



The city looked on with pride
as we took our final strides,
with a few last horn toots
and some tweets from the flutes,
we finished, skating off to the side.

As we put back on our sneakers
an announcement came from the speakers,
a little bit later
we'd watch figure skaters
from our spots on the bleachers.

After that everyone gathered round,
as the mic went to the mayor of the town,
she made some remarks,
the tree lit with sparks,
and at last, with a star, it was crowned.

The End!

Mark your calendars for the **Alumni Ice Show**! On Saturday February 9, right after the men's hockey game against Yale, we (along what with what we hope will be a large contingent of familiar faces from our past) will take to the ice for a special ice show! Contact the FOBBs, Lewie and Bethany, if you're interested in coming so we can make sure to have an instrument and uniform ready for you.

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Hope to see you there!

Philadelphia Fashion Week

Last season, we Brunonians decided to capture the essence of Penn's student body through fashion, which included putting on masks and dressing strangely. Here are some of our best photos from our shoot!



Top: the S&M section models YSL's new N64 line.

Left: John "Gucci" Kotheimer and Adam "Gabbana" Siegel are seen here Chanel-ing their inner internet trolls.

Bottom: Spirit fingers- the favorite pose of the Brown University Band. Simple, yet elegant.





Shown here is the full beauty of our Rock and Trollin' Trump section in their favorite designer memes.



This was a season filled with so many feelings for the trombone section, dressed here in Dior's Angry Birds and Prada's Little Green Pigs lines.

The flute section hipsters seen here in Proenza Schouler. It's pretty obscure. You've probably never heard of it.



The clarinjas strike fear into our hearts, wearing this season's Vena Cava.

This Fall, the studly and sassy percussion mafia went Undercover in the new line "Cosa Nostra." Carrie wears a special Versace boot for the occasion.



We hope you enjoyed our (fashion) show at the alumni tent!



Dear Elrod,

Back by popular demand, it's Dear Elrod, an advice column for people with questions about the Brown Band! After the great success of his first mailbag, we're reprinting his sage wisdom from the summer with updated information. Enjoy!

Dear Elrod,

I am an alumnus and/or alumna with fond memories of my time in the Brown Band and access to a computer. How can I keep up with the Band's adventures via the World Wide Web?

Sincerely,
Grandon Buarino

Dear Grandon,

Thanks for reaching out! Our website (<http://students.brown.edu/band>) and our blog (<http://brownband.wordpress.com>) are your best online sources for all things Brown Band. You can also connect with us on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/BrownBand>) and follow us on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/BrownUBandStand>), and you can always email the alumni liaisons at Friends.Of.The.Brown.Band@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

*Ever True,
Elrod*

Dear Elrod,

I am an extraordinarily wealthy alumnus and/or alumna with gratuitous amounts of money to throw around and a great passion for the Brown Band. Might I be able to offer the Band some financial assistance?

Regards,
Lord Baron Richwald
Bankington III, Esquire



Dear Lord Bankington,

Absolutely! We depend on help from alumni donations to fix and purchase new instruments and to travel with our sports teams, among other expenditures. You can email the alumni liaisons, Bethany Marshall and Lewie Pollis, at Friends.Of.The.Brown.Brand@gmail.com or Band President Carrie Danielson at Carrie_Danielson@brown.edu if you are interested in giving to the Band.

*Ever True,
Elrod*

Dear Elrod,

Woohoo! I love sports. Nothing like watching the snapback make an interception at half court shortstop. When can I see you guys play at a game?

Roll Tribe!
Champ Q. Nebraska

Dear Champ,

First of all, what you wrote doesn't make any sense. Are you really a sports fan? Your name is clearly made up and your incoherent description of an athletic event suggests that you are not, as you claim, a sporting aficionado.

You can find a tentative schedule of our appearances at winter and spring sports games elsewhere in this newsletter, and you can get updates on our adventures via our blog, our Facebook page, and our Twitter account. You can also find information about Brown sporting events at the athletic department's website, <http://BrownBears.com>.



2013 Band Season Schedule

January

Friday 1/25- Women's Hockey: Home vs. Colgate (7:00 pm) Ice Rehearsal afterwards, 10 pm

February

Friday 2/1 - Men's Hockey: Home vs. Quinnipiac (7:00 pm) Ice Show THEMED!!

Saturday 2/2 - Men's Hockey: Home vs. Princeton (4:00 pm)

Friday 2/8 - Women's Basketball: Home vs. Princeton (6:00 pm)

Saturday 2/9 - Men's Hockey: Home vs. Yale (7:00 pm) ALUMNI Ice Show!
(Ice Rehearsal Weds. 2/6 8-8:45pm)

Friday 2/15 - Men's Basketball: Home vs. Columbia (7:00 pm)

WINTER TRIP: Friday (2/22) Men's Hockey at Princeton (7:00 pm) -Saturday (2/23) Men's
Hockey at Quinnipiac (7:00 pm)

March

Friday 3/1 - Men's Hockey: Home vs. Cornell (7:00 pm) ICE SHOW!
(Ice Rehearsal Thurs. 2/28 10:10pm)

Saturday 3/2 - Men's Hockey: Home vs. Colgate (4:00 pm)

Friday 3/8- Men's Basketball: Home vs. Penn (7:00 pm)

Saturday 3/9 - Men's Basketball: Home vs. Princeton (6:00 pm)

Thanks for your continued support of the Brown Band! We hope you enjoyed this newsletter ☺

Ever True,

Bethany Marshall '14 and Lewie Pollis '14
Friends of the Brown Band Alumni Liaisons