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Dear Alumni,

It's that time of year again! With a new school year just around the corner, it's time for your annual Fall newsletter! Your friendly alumni liaisons Lewie, Bethany, and Sid have been working hard to keep you up to date on all of the happenings of the Brown Band, and I am sure that you will enjoy what they have put together for you within the contents of this newsletter.

Before going any further, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who ventured out to Providence to join us during Commencement Week last May! The Commencement Office was especially pleased with our turnout and performance, and it was such a joy to see you and reminisce about past Band experiences, whether that be at Saturday's rehearsal, the Band Alumni reception, or during our down time throughout Sunday's procession. It is always great to hear about the Band's history and strengthen our understanding as to why we are such an important and unique part of the Brown tradition.

Speaking of Brown tradition, did you know that this spring will mark the 250th anniversary of Brown as a university? This means big celebrations will be in store, especially during this year's Commencement! We'd love to have as many of you back as possible for this event, so be sure to mark your calendars for May 24th and 25th! As the date gets closer, we will of course have more information for you, but it's never too early to start planning your trek back to Brunonia!

However, you never need to wait until Commencement to see us and join in the fun! If you are ever in the area and would like to join us for a football game, rehearsal, or other event, please let us know! We'd love to have you, and you are always welcome! I am especially pleased to announce that for the first time in a few years, we have been funded to travel to ALL of Brown's football games, whether they

be home or away. Not only does this mean that we get to see more of our beloved alumni, but it also means that more of your donations are going directly to the Band in the form of new instruments and (hopefully) uniforms. Again, we thank you for all of your support!

Finally, I just wanted to take this time to note all of the hard work that many of our members have put into making our organization such a success. Our webmaster, Ben Weedon '16, has spent a great deal of time this summer updating photos on our website (check it out at <http://students.brown.edu/band>), and our conductors and board have been busy preparing for the semester ahead, not to mention the countless other members donning their khaki pants for orientation and recruitment activities. I could not be more pleased with the dedication and enthusiasm of our current group of students, and am excited to see what the new semester brings.

As always, feel free to drop us a line if you have any questions, comments, concerns, or even if you'd just like to say hello! It's always a pleasure to hear from you!

Ever True,
Carrie Danielson '14
President of the Brown Band

Winter Trip Recap

By: Sid Karesh

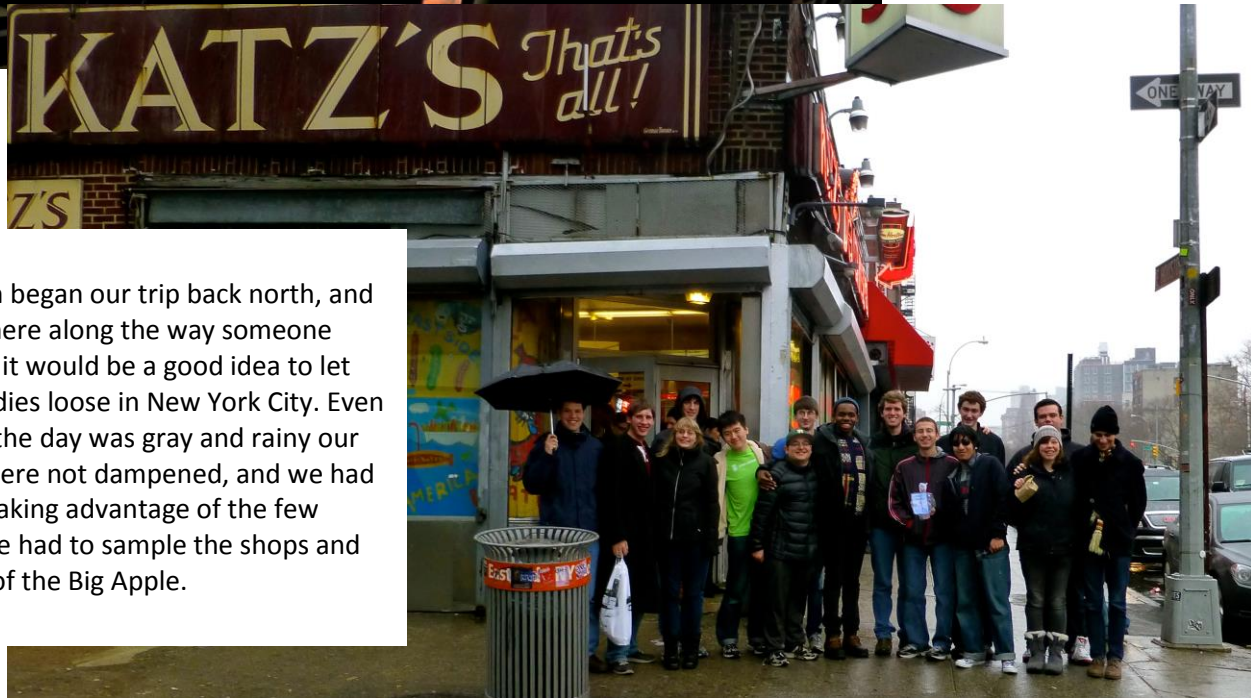


The band kicked off its Winter Trip this year in February to combat the spring semester cabin fever.

We packed up and sped to Princeton to cheer our hockey team on to a 4-1 victory over the Tigers. Afterwards, of course, we reunited with the lovely and illustrious Princeton band members for a short jam session.



We then began our trip back north, and somewhere along the way someone decided it would be a good idea to let the bandies loose in New York City. Even though the day was gray and rainy our spirits were not dampened, and we had a blast taking advantage of the few hours we had to sample the shops and cuisine of the Big Apple.





Finally it was time to get the band back on the bus to our next game, at Quinnipiac. We approached the arena with wariness, having heard the stories of bandies past...



...but the fans proved relatively docile and we escaped without a scratch. And, lo and behold, our Bears managed to keep up with those Bobcats and finish with a 3-3 tie! Overall, the trip was fantastic, and we can't wait to suit up for next year's.

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,
Bilson Waer

Dear Bilson,

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 uniforms among other expenditures. If you are interested in giving to the Band, you can email the alumni liaisons, Sid Karesh, Bethany Marshall and Lewie Pollis at:

Friends.Of.The.Brown.Brand@gmail.com or
Band President Carrie Danielson at
Carrie_Danielson@brown.edu



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,

You can find a tentative schedule of our appearances this fall in the "Season Preview" segment of 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>.



Commencement Week





Congratulations Class of 2013!!!

2013 Fall Season Preview

Ladies and gentlemen, friends and alumni! Presenting a football season preview that will accurately and helpfully preview the upcoming football season, it's the Brown University "Here's What to Expect This Football Season" Band Football Season Preview!



Game 1: Brown vs. Georgetown

September 21, 12:30 PM

A relatively new addition to our football schedule, this is the first time any current bandies will see the Georgetown team—last year's was our first Georgetown game in years and sadly we didn't make the trip down to DC. Their loss—literally. We crushed them 37-10. Here's hoping we see a similar outcome to start the season off on the right foot!

Fun Fact: Superstition holds that prospective students who step on the mosaic seal right outside Georgetown's Healy Hall will not be admitted to Georgetown. Four years ago I stepped on the seal before a campus tour, and sure enough I didn't get in! (To be fair, I didn't apply.)



Game 2: Brown @ Harvard

September 28, 7:30 PM

The good news: This is our first night game of the season. The bad news: Instead of the friendly confines of Brown Stadium, we have to journey to the awkward U-shaped confines of Harvard Stadium (real original name, guys). Either way, we'll show the Crimson who the real best color in the Ivy League is. Roll Tide!

Fun Fact: According to Wikipedia, Richard Nixon called Harvard the "Kremlin on the Charles." And no, I did not just edit it to say that.



Game 3: Brown vs. University of Rhode Island

October 5, 6:00 PM

Remember how I said the Harvard game was not going to be played within the friendly confines of Brown Stadium? Plot twist: This one is! (Chekhov's gun. Boom.) According to another Wikipedia page that I promise I did not edit, we are 69-26-2 since the first annual game in 1909. In fact, we are riding a two-game winning streak that spans the entirety of Governor Lincoln Chafee's '75 tenure in office — almost as impressive as the 23-game winning streak we had going until URI finally won for the first time in 1935.

Fun Fact: In the first 50 years of the Governor's Cup history, URI won only three games.



Game 4: Brown @ Bryant

October 12, 1:00 PM

On a swing through Quinnipiac during winter trip a few months ago, a large number of Bobcats hockey fans insinuated that the lot of us would have preferred to go to Bryant instead of Brown but that our applications were not strong enough to gain admission. Generally speaking, our reaction was: "What's Bryant?" I guess we'll find out.

Fun Fact: Bryant is a five-time NBA champion and 15-time NBA All-Star.



Game 5: Brown vs. Princeton

October 19, 6:00 PM
(Family Weekend)

Ask any member of the Brown Band who his/her/fe's (it's a spectrum!) favorite Ivy League band is and you'll get the same answer: the Brown Band, of course! Ask him/her/fe who his/her/fe's *second*-favorite Ivy League band is and you'll get another unanimous response: the Princeton Band! With both our favorite other band and our families coming to town, it's going to be a great weekend. Oh, and there will probably be football too.

Fun Fact: According to Wikipedia, a ton of princes equals approximately 13.2 princes. (Okay, I edited that one.)



Game 6: Brown @ Cornell

October 26, 12:30 PM

The giant Cyclops. A pig-farming witch. Bumper stickers that say "Ithaca is gorges." These are the horrors that await those who make the journey to Ithaca. Luckily, we have something Odysseus did not: the band bus. We'll drown out the sirens' song with airs and jigs passed down from band generations past and slay all those unworthy suitors who would stand in the way of our getting to Hot Truck.

Fun Fact: Many scholars now believe the Cyclops legend was born from the ancient Greeks' inability to correctly identify elephant skulls. Not knowing what a live pachyderm looks like, they mistook the trunk cavity for a single, large eye socket and assumed it belonged to a giant humanoid.



Game 7: Brown vs. University of Pennsylvania

November 2, 12:30 PM
(Homecoming)

The last time Penn came to town, we suffered through the worst football weather I have ever experienced. Pouring rain, bitter wind, and just-shy-of-freezing cold drove most fans away and turned the field into a giant mud puddle. So bad were the conditions that neither team managed a touchdown that day. And yet, we scored two field goals to earn a 6-0 upset to snap Penn's 18-game Ivy League winning streak. A repeat would be nice — you know, except for the weather.

Fun Fact: Usually the Penn game is at the end of October so we all wear Halloween costumes. Despite this season's unusual calendar-related circumstances, rumor has it that Penn students are still planning to dress up like Penn students for the game.



Game 8: Brown @ Yale

November 9, 12:00 PM

So Yale, eh? Hmmm...I'm blanking out here. I can't think of anything funny to say. Hey, my uncle went to Yale! He's a pretty funny guy. I'll talk to him, see if he has any ideas. Tell you what: come to the game and I'll have something witty to say by then.

Fun Fact: Despite looking super tiny on a map, after having driven through it numerous times for band trips I have calculated that it takes approximately A BAJILLION HOURS to drive through Connecticut.



Game 9: Brown vs. Dartmouth
November 16, 12:30 PM

Now I have writer's block for the opposite reason. There's an embarrassment of riches of things to make fun of Dartmouth about: the cold, the alcoholism, the bestiality, the alma mater's boasting that the students have granite in their brains (no, seriously). So you know what? Make up your own joke here. Make it a good one. And tell it to me at the game!

Fun Fact: Dartmouth students pride themselves on counting Meryl Streep among their alumnae. However, she actually graduated from Vassar.



Game 10: Brown @ Columbia
November 23, 12:30 PM

The last time we went to Columbia, the CUMB band got banned, then the CUMB band got unbanned and we were gipped out of a pregame show, then we blew a large late lead and lost in double overtime because a certain bari sax player said the phrase that one should not say until the end of the game. None of that can happen again this year. *None of it.*

Fun Fact: Former President of Colombia César Gaviria came to speak at Brown last year.

Well, that's about it for what you should expect this football season. Hope to see you at a game this fall!

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

Ever True,

Bethany Marshall '14, Lewie Pollis '14, and Sidney Karesh '16
Friends of the Brown Band Alumni Liaisons