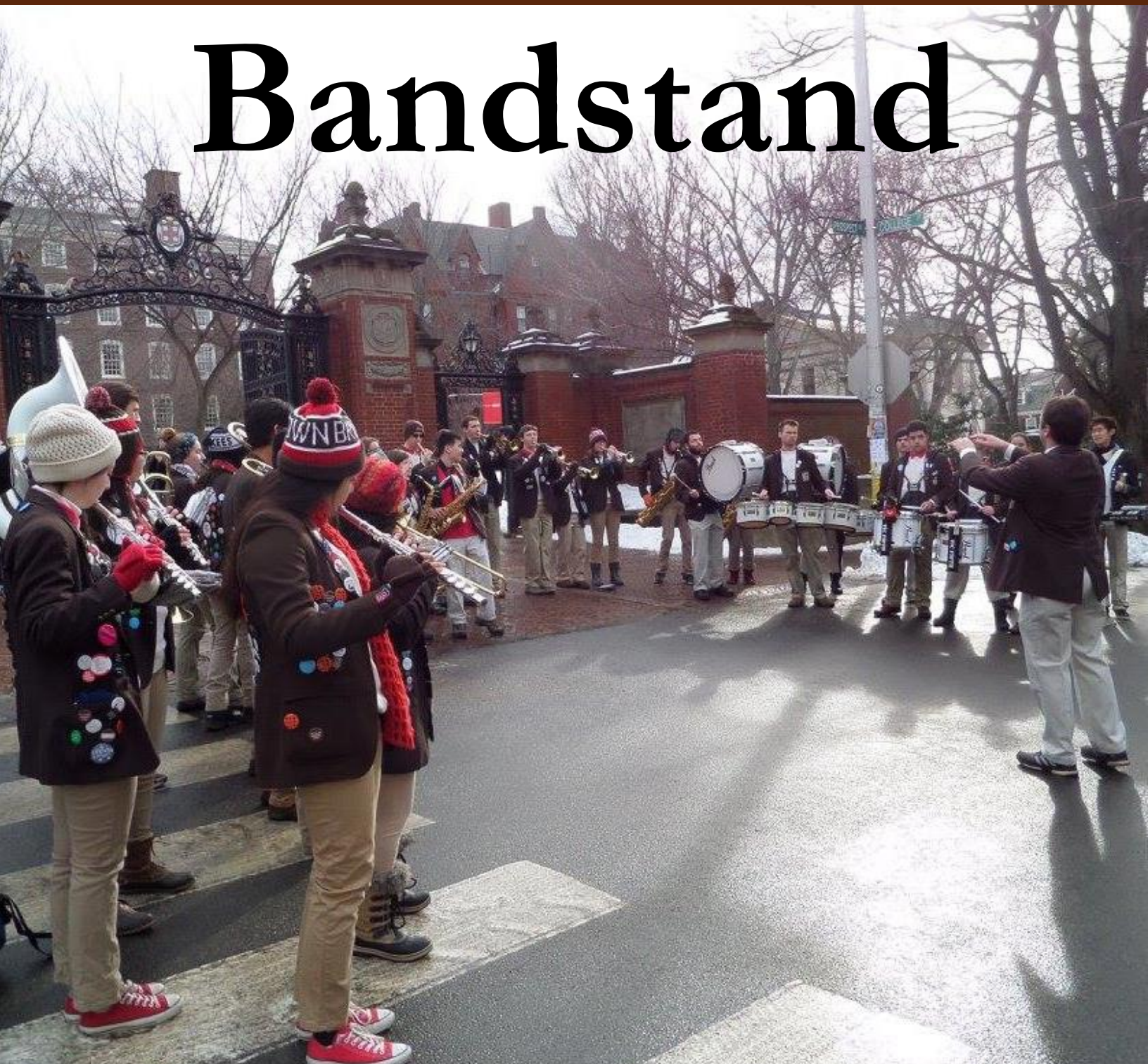


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni,

Extra, extra! Hot off the (digital) press, straight from the Internet and into your ~~spam-filters~~ hearts, it's the Fall 2016 Bandstand! To the newly minted crusties of the Class of 2016, congratulations! This is the first newsletter addressed to all of you, and I hope you keep on reading these as a means of staying connected to the Band. We promise we won't solicit you for *that* much money.

A huge shout-out goes to our Alumni Liaison team, Isabella, Cassie, and Tim, and the effort they placed into creating this latest edition of the newsletter. These remarkable individuals dedicate their summer and winter breaks (and an inordinate amount of time during the semesters as well) to connecting the Brown Band and our alumni, and it shows. The number of alumni who approached me during Commencement with touching compliments

about the Band's renewed alumni relations efforts was pretty astounding; I know these sentiments are the result of time and energy well spent by the AL team.

In addition, and perhaps most importantly, I want to shout out to you, alumni. Seeing so many of you at Commencement weekend this year was a joy. We had nearly as many alumni in attendance this year as current students, and your enthusiasm was very much noticed. We're always happy to have you around, and I hope that many of you will make it to campus this fall for a football game. This year, homecoming is on September 24th at the football game against Harvard. Kick-off will be at 2:00 PM and you will receive an email with information about call-time and the official RSVP as the date draws closer.



This year, we raised over \$5000 during our annual fundraising drive. The gifts that we introduced this year are our way of saying thank you for your generosity; we hope you enjoyed the buttons, kazoos, CDs, shot glasses, ruggies, and our brand new sweaters! A current priority for us is increasing the Band's financial accessibility. Our new sweaters are now free-of-charge for bandies, and we want to keep it that way. These are the sorts of worthy causes that your contributions support.

It's amazing to see that you remember so well, in spite of our meager correspondence, the tangible impact of your support of the Brown *Band*. Who else but those who've experienced the Brown Band effect first-hand can understand the impact it has on its members; the camaraderie and the reprieve from academic and career pressures that we represent. Every Tuesday evening, I get to give the post-rehearsal announcements and see fifty smiling, jovial faces looking back at me. Every Saturday morning (in the fall), I get to be *excited* to wake up early because I'm going to spend the weekend with my best

friends—my family away from home. How are these experiences not “important”?

Thank you for remembering that our irreverence, our silliness, is cause for celebration. Thank you for being such a huge part of my Band experience. Thank you for being a huge part of the whole Band’s experience. This newsletter is an expression of our love and gratitude to you all.

Ever True,
Caleb Hersh ‘17



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An Update from Your ALs!

Hey, alumni, hey!

Greetings from your three current Alumni Liaisons: Isabella Martinez '17, Cassie Cole '18, and Tim Peltier '19! We're excited to bring you another edition of our world-famous Bandstand newsletter (Of course by “world” I mean “Alumni Liaisons and Band Board,” since who knows what happens to these newsletters after we release them into the void of the Internet. Is anyone reading this? Hello?!). We're incredibly pleased with the results of our alumni fundraising efforts this year, and we would be remiss if we didn't thank you for

everything you've done to help the Band! Of course, this wouldn't be a quality edition of Bandstand without a reminder that we **LOVE** our alumni <3 <3 <3. But I'm sure you're wondering, what does that mean for you?

Well, in addition to the fact that we spend all of our spare time (and much of our not-spare time) sending "we love our alumni" vibes out into the world and hoping that our telepathy skills are up to par, it also means that we want to hear from you! We're always hoping to improve communication with our alumni, and we would love to hear from you regarding your thoughts on what we can do better. Send us feedback on our fundraising efforts, reminders on what type of events you want to attend (ice-shows, anyone?), and just keep in touch!

We love having alumni at our events; just let us know if you're interested in attending a game, and we'll get you the info you need! Improving communication with alumni also means continually making sure we're doing whatever we can to get information out to you; this fall, that will mean sending out monthly update emails (in the style of the rec-sec's weekly emails to the Band) to let you know what we're up to and how you can be involved.

Not only do alumni keep the band afloat financially, telling stories of Bandies past is how we recruit and how we bond on those long away trips. Whether your year is immortalized in a verse of a song or if a *slightly* embellished story of a particular away game lives on through word of mouth, your enthusiasm, spunk, and spirit still lives on in the Brown Band. We are always very excited to see any and all of you, and hope to continue meeting you in person. On behalf of all of the Brown Band: thank you.

So, without further ado, we hope you enjoy this edition of the Bandstand newsletter!

Ever True,

Isabella Martinez '17, Cassie Cole '18, Tim Peltier '19

Fall Football Season Preview

By Isabella Martinez '17

For this Fall Preview
We are doing something new
Do you like Haikus?

Game 1: Brown @ Bryant
Saturday, September 17, 1 PM
If it's the DawgPound
Can we have a band puppy?
Away game? Sort-of.



Game 2: Brown vs. Harvard
Saturday, September 24, 2 PM
*****ALUMNI GAME*****
"That school from Boston"
Join us for our Homecoming!
We love Alumni!



Game 3: Brown @ Rhode Island
Saturday, October 1, 12 PM
Mascot is a keg
Again with short away game
Freshmen won't know songs :(

Game 4: Brown vs. Stetson
Saturday, October 8, 12:30 PM
Recent news headline:
Florida man sends football
Team to Rhode Island





**Game 5: Brown @ Princeton
Saturday, October 15, 3 PM**

“F the Princeton Band!”

It’s affectionate – we swear!
Finally we get –

Proper away game
I wrote two haikus but still
Ran out of syllable–

**Game 6: Brown vs. Cornell
Saturday, October 22, 12 PM**

Family Weekend

Called “Big Red Football”
Sounds like a disease symptom
Parents, rescue us!

Game 7: Brown @ UPenn



Saturday, October 29, 1 PM

Costumed Brown bandies
Throw bagels onto the field,
Mock Penn's traditions

Game 8: Brown vs. Yale

Saturday, November 5, 12:30 PM

If we have Band dog
It can drink from the Yale Bowl
Wait – that’s really gross

Game 9: Brown @ Dartmouth

Saturday, November 12, 12 PM

Middle of nowhere
Their uniform is parkas
Bring ALL the layers

Game 10: Brown vs. Columbia²

Saturday, November 19, 12:30 PM

Does their band still stay –
Up all night drinking when they –
Have to come to us?

Unfortunately,
Say goodbye to the seniors
We will miss you all



Spring Season Recap



*WE SCREAMMMMM FOR ICEEEEE
CREAAAAMMMMM*



*The bear, the myth, the legend:
Bruno.*



*To our great surprise, all of Little
Rhody joined us in the fan section
to cheer on Brown in the Men's
Lacrosse Finals!*

"COME HUNGRY! THE FOOD IS GOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOD"

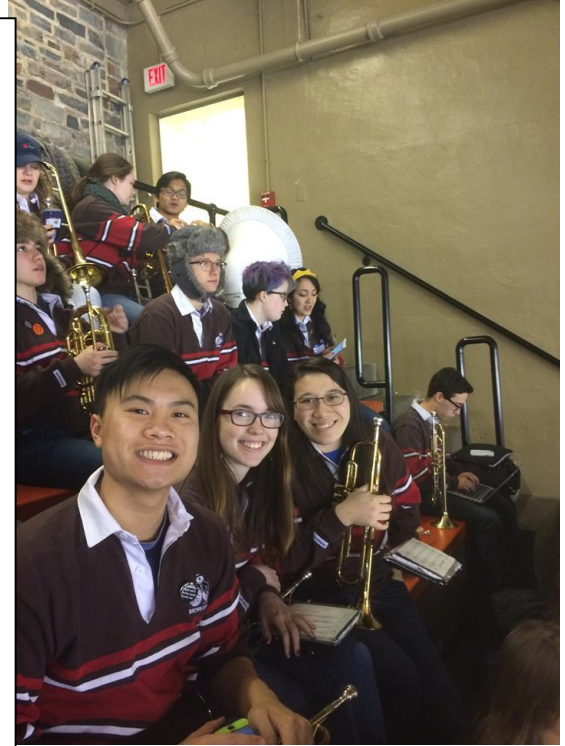


*The Band scares...wait no...arouses...hold on, that's not right...WELCOMES transfer students at
Mid-year Convocation.*

Winter Trip



For the second year in a row, the Band traveled round and round to Quinnipiac, New York City, and Princeton for our winter trip. This year, we were prepared. Proudly proclaiming that *WE ARE SANDWICH GIRL*, we fought off the barbarous hordes of Quinnipiac (including an over-zealous heckler who insisted on chanting “Stupid Pep Band”) and escaped across the frigid plains to the open arms of Princeton. It was a bonding (well, *hellooooo* there S&M) experience certainly like no other.



The Brown Band joins forces with the Princeton Band for the ultimate jam session.



Brooke and Hayley emerge from the shadows of a seemingly never-ending bus ride.



Charlie pauses to reflect on the untold horrors he witnessed at Quinnipiac. “So. Many. Teletubbies.”

Ice Shows

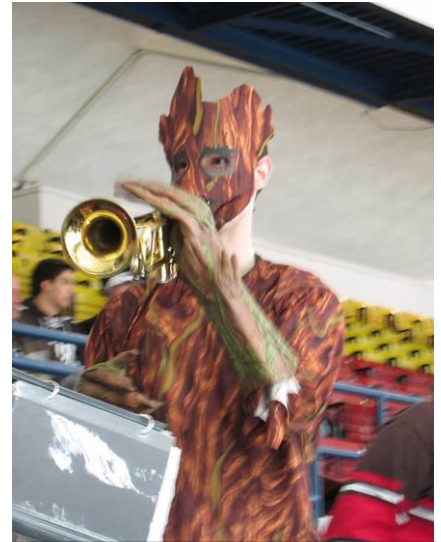
In February the Band took to stars and skated across the desolate ice planet of Hoth for our themed Ice-Show. Star Wars and Star Trek were able to get over their differences (albeit briefly) to unite with Doctors, Terminators, Ninja Turtles, and Evil Robots to reconstruct the Death Star for the umpteenth time (Emo Kylo Ren pouted the entire time).



We also welcomed back our Olympic-gold-medal-winning alumni scramble skaters for a show like no other.



"Help us Elrod Snidley, you're our only hope"



"I am Groot"- Charlie Moder



cue a John Williams theme

Commencement in Pictures



Not only did we get new t-shirts at Haffenreffer, but we also wore our new blazers for the first time at commencement!



"But first, let us take a selfie"



Unsurprisingly, our amazing swing dancing skills got us projected onto the jumbo screen at Campus Dance.



Realizing that they only have a year left at Brown, the rising seniors desperately pretend that everything is "O.K."



"Crying??? What? We're not crying! You're crying!"

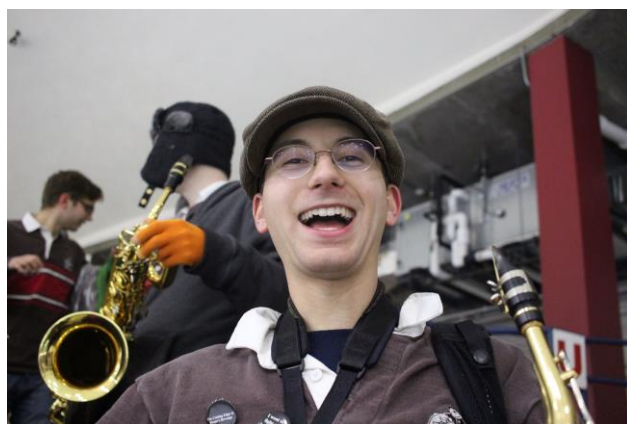
Letters to Elrod

Letters to Elrod is a regular section including alumni updates about their continued interactions with the Band.

Hi, Elrod, hi!

Band has basically been my entire life for the past four years. My fondest memories from Brown are like 99% Band, and those are memories I will cherish forever. But that's the thing, I guess. The remainder of my life will be notably devoid of Band. And I find myself looking forward as much as I'm looking back, and thinking about how those memories will play into my future.

I want to be one of those alums who keeps all their Band stuff as decorations wherever they're living, hanging buttons and pictures and hats on the wall. I want to remain active as an alum, make friends with each incoming class, and come to Commencement every year to tell stories.



I don't really know how long that will last, though. As the people I know in Band slowly graduate, I can certainly imagine my connection with the Band slipping loose. What if four or five years from now, I decide to stop coming to Commencement? What if the next time I move, I never even bother unpacking my Band stuff?

I guess I don't know what the future will bring for my relationship with the Band. But I know that the last four years have stood out from any other time in my life, and if I'm going to carry any memories with me, it's going to be the ones I made at Brown with you all. So, from a recent alum just starting to figure out this whole living-without-the-Band thing, I love you all.

Keep making the Band a more and more amazing organization, and I hope decades from now I'll still be keeping up with you all, full of crust and always Ever True.

Ben Weedon '16

From the Archives

Ladies and gentlemen, friends and alumni (but particularly alumni), presenting a look into the band's past! Featured below is a halftime script from the 1979 game against Dartmouth (which we lost, of course). Check out the hard work our webmasters have been putting in to make our old scripts available here:
<http://students.brown.edu/band/show-scripts>

Brown (10) at Dartmouth (24)

Saturday, November 10th, 1979

Halftime

Ladies and Gentlemen, we invited all the bands in the Ivy League to take the Dartmouth Challenge. Could they survive 7 minutes -- that's 420 nonillion nanoseconds -- in the Dartmouth stadium alone? Only one band had the gonads to accept this challenge. Ladies and Gentlemen, the Yale University Precision Marching Band. Let's go, Bulldogs, if you want to win that beautiful, 18-setting Tupperware party ensemble, you'd better come out now!

[The band creeps out slowly and then breaks into a run to the 45, with saxes and trombones leading the pack, their instruments playing the part of submachine guns].

It looks like they've opted for the classic slide trombone, right wing saxophone defense. Searching for a tactical advantage in this 7 minute struggle, the Band enlists the help of "General MacArthur Park." *[Band plays "MacArthur Park"]*.

Hit the dirt! *[Band hits the dirt]*. Now serpentine! Serpentine. *[Band serpentines, serpentines]*. Wait a minute; we've been had. What seems to be the Yale Band is actually the... Harvard Band cleverly disguised. *[Band rips Y's off their sweaters, exposing H's]*.

Enough of this deception! We have it from an inside source that you're actually... The Princeton Band. *[Off with H's, exposing P's]*. Maybe they'll try to bore the Dartmouth students to death with the "Infamous Princeton University Double Rotating P."

What now? The Band shakes uncontrollably. *[Band shakes uncontrollably]*. Do they have:

- A) Acrophobia – like the fear of being high, man.
- B) Claustrophobia – the fear of opening Christmas present.
- C) Phobophobia – the fear of fear itself.

No, it's just the frigid climate here. The Band forms frost crystals and plays "Come on Baby Light My Fireplace."

Hold it Band! *[The Band stops short]*. I know you're glad to be alive after almost 6 minutes, but you've got to go the distance, else, no Tupperware!

[Band forms the word Bruno].

Something has to be done. *[Said verrry ssslowly]*. There's no way to stall for time against this extremely intelligent, highly educated crowd. Holy Harrowing Halftime shows, Batman, we've done it! We've won! *[Band rips off P's, exposing B's]*.

Ladies and Gentlymen, Friends and Alumni, Blutarsky, Pinto, and Flounder, it's the Brown University, Yes, We'd Do It Again Band.

[Band plays "Ever True" twice, marching off in formation the second time through].

Mystery at a Bandie Wedding

This mysterious letter was found at the recent wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Errico, two Brown Bandies continuing the tradition of filling the world with future Brown Bandies. The Als, with permission, transcribed it to share it with all of you:

Felicitations Ms. Lustig and Mr. Errico,

I offer most sincere regrets in my inability to attend this most auspicious event – unfortunately my esteemed presence is compulsory at this month's convocation of the Aristocratic Order of Inquiry on Psychoceramics.

Nonwithstanding, in order to most optimally memorialize this most jubilant occasion it is imperative to bestow upon such a superb duo a tribute apropos of two Brunonians coalescing in matrimony.

Imagine my astonishment to encounter a solitary plate left forsaken upon your registry and my jollity in procuring it upon your behalf. May this laudable instance of achievement in ceramics bring mirth and merriment each time you use it. May its pulchritudinous glaze delight your eyes and its sleek and greatly concave surface lovingly caress each repast it supports.

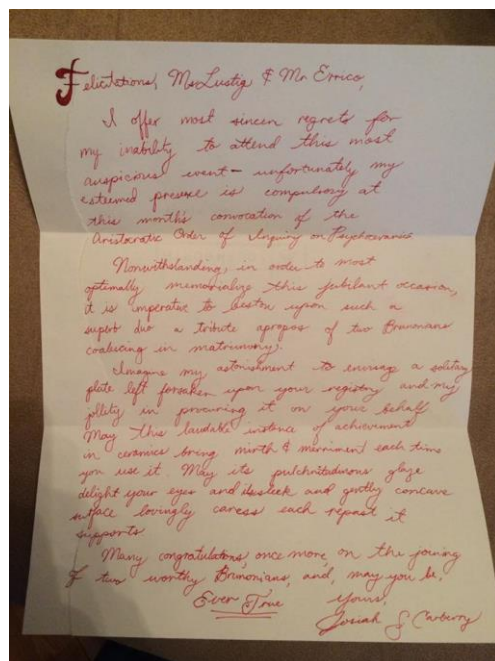
Many congratulations, once more, on the joining of two worthy Brunonians, and, may you be

Ever True

Yours,

Josiah S. Carberry

We suspect a Bandie is involved. Or else – Prof Carberry joined the band during his undergraduate career! (Is he on our mailing list?)



“69 Seconds Left”

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Giving

'Tis the season! Yes, that's right, you heard it: BAAAAAANNNNND season! Thanks to your generous and devoted support we are able to keep our *esteemed* and *dignified* operations running at full speed. Of course, there are always more buttons to make, uniforms to buy, and instruments to repair. Any donation would be greatly appreciated! To donate, please visit gifts.brown.edu and select "Brown University Band" from the dropdown list 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.

**Thank you for reading this issue of the Bandstand,
and congratulations to the Class of 2016!**



**Ever True,
Isabella Martinez '17, Cassie Cole '18, and Tim Peltier '19
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