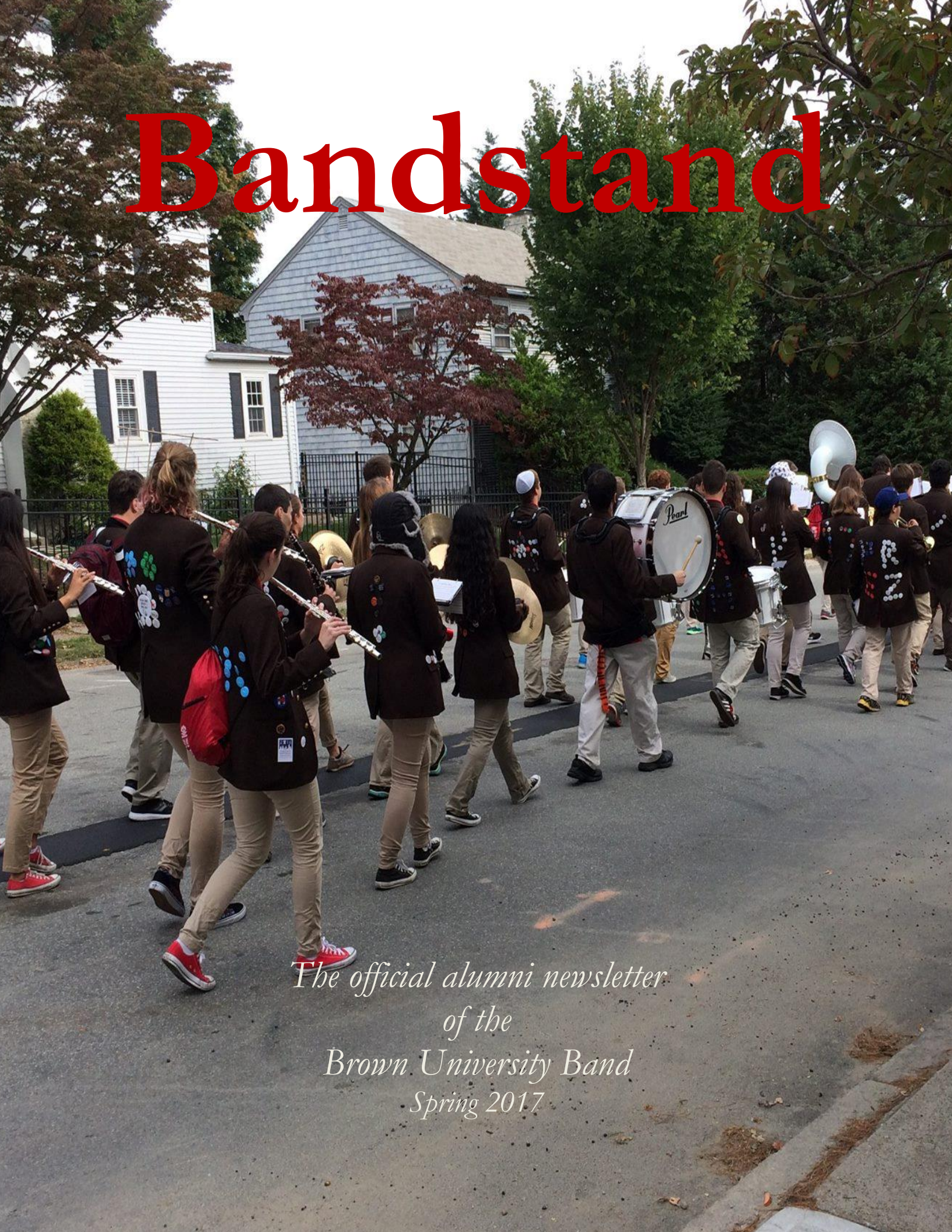


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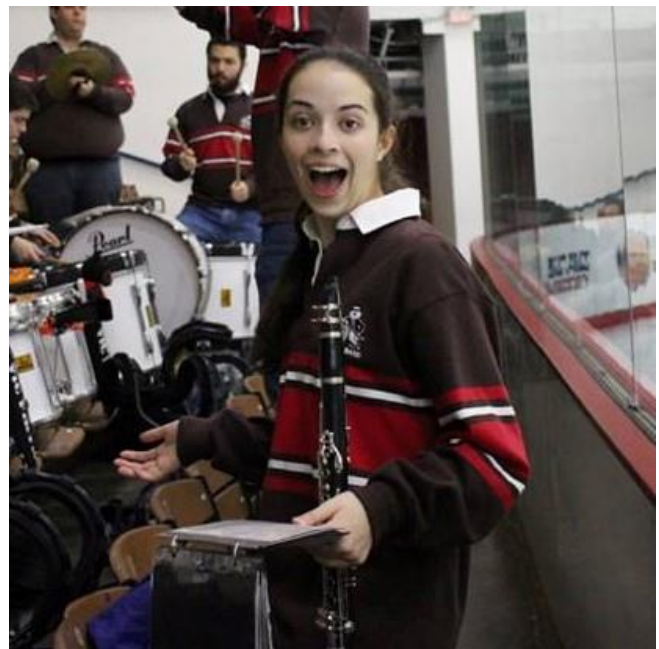
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni,

Happy New Year! For those of you who may not know me, my name is Dana Leichter, and I am the new President of the Brown University "Gee whiz! Our Alumni sure are swell!" Band. I am a junior concentrating in Biomedical Engineering, and you can be sure to find me with the clarinet section, griping about our part in "Final Countdown" and claiming that you actually can hear us if you try hard enough. (Really, you can! I swear!) Last year, I served as the Band's Vice President under our previous president, Caleb Hersh, and I am proud to say that the coup is finally



complete. Caleb was great to work with, and now I am so excited and maybe just crazy enough to give Band Board another go.

We've had an incredible fall semester. We loved seeing all of you that joined us at a game this fall, especially at our alumni game versus Harvard. Although we rarely had a winning team, we certainly had a winning band due to your generous contributions. With the new incentivized donation program we introduced last February, our annual phone-a-thon was a huge success. Due to your backing over the past year, we have been able to continue to purchase the new sweaters that have become a new part of our Band uniforms, repair our instruments, and acquire new music. I cannot begin to express how much we appreciate all of your donations that allow the Band to be the organization that we all know and love.

We have an exciting spring semester coming up, and we'd love to see all of you this spring and hope that you are able to join us at the some of the fun events, or join us May 26th-28th for Commencement Weekend! Seeing all of the alumni and hearing stories of their time in the band is always one of my favorite moments. It is traditions like these that make Commencement a truly special time, so we hope that you'll be able to join us this spring!

Lastly, I want to thank our incredible Alumni Liaisons Isabella Martinez '17, Cassandra Cole '18, and our newest AL, Kelvin Wong '20 for all the time and hard work they have put into this alumni newsletter and improvements to alumni communications. As always, feel free to contact one of the ALs or myself if you have any questions, want to stop by a game, or simply want to share a fond Band memory.

Ever True,
Dana Leichter '18

Spring Season Preview

Fri. 1/27 – 7 pm – Yale – M. Hockey

Fri. 2/3 – 7 pm – Quinnipiac – M. Hockey

Sat. 2/4 – 4 pm – Princeton – M. Hockey

****Alumni Ice Show!****

Fri. 2/10 – 7 pm – Harvard – M. Basketball

Sat. 2/11 – 3 pm – Cornell – W. Hockey

****Themed Ice Show!****

Fri. 2/17 – 5:30 pm – Penn – Basketball

Sat. 2/18 – 3:30 pm – Princeton – Basketball

Fri. 2/24 – 7 pm @ Princeton – M. Hockey

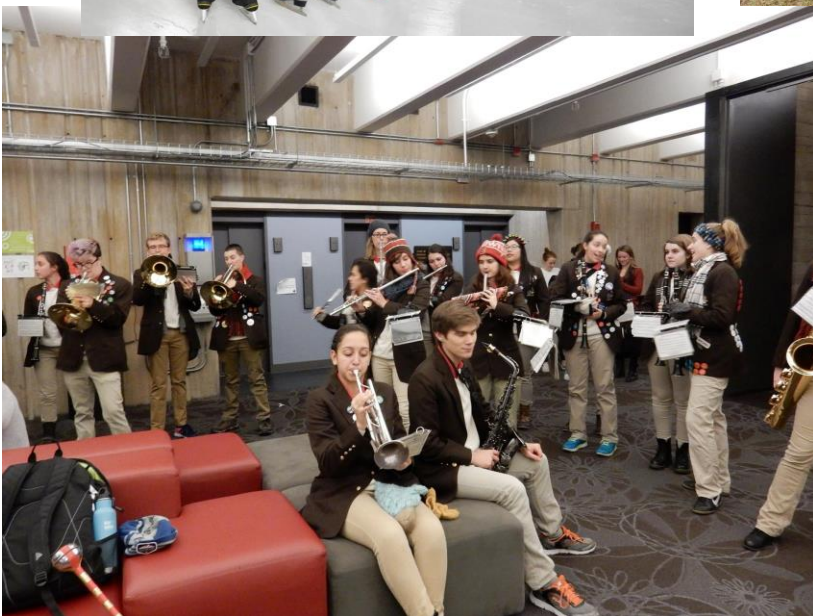
****Winter Trip Day 1!****

Sat. 2/25 – 7 pm @ Quinnipiac – M. Hockey

****Winter Trip Day 2!****

Sat. 3/4 – 6 pm – Cornell – M. Basketball

Commencement Weekend – Sat. 5/27 to Sun. 5/28



Football Season Wrap-up

Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends and Alumni, presenting the fall 2016 adventures of an organization whose middle name is Band, it's the Brown University "Band" Band football season wrap-up!

By Cassie Cole '18

Game 1: Brown (35) at Bryant (27)

The Band reconvened on an impeccably sunny Saturday in September to make the long trek to Bryant University, all the way in Smithfield, Rhode Island. While we didn't play a field show, we courted new bandies with bus songs and pizza. Our football team performed admirably enough to maybe convince the new freshmen that the rest of the semester wouldn't comprise a series of crushing defeats. Rumors circulated that the Bryant band gets paid to play at football games; to add insult to injury, they only seemed to know five songs!



Game 2: Brown (22) vs. Harvard (32)

Our first home game of the year meant lots of new and exciting milestones for our new freshmen, including their first field show (not counting our practice show at Haffenreffer, of course) and their first interactions with our lovely crusties! We welcomed our alumni back for homecoming as we lead our freshmen on their first march to the stadium and cracked jokes about Blueno and iPhones. Plus, this game marked our first loss of the season, with many more to come!

Script Themes: Back to school; "Untitled (Lamp/Bear)"; Malia Obama; Androids vs. AirPods; "Curious George"; painful goodbyes



Game 3: Brown (13) at URI (28)

Intrepid bandies ventured to URI in the pouring rain for the 101st installment of the Governor's Cup. Surprisingly, the fierce fight for Rhode Island respect was not the central conflict of the day. Valiant bandies fought back against the oppressive force of URI censorship with cardboard signs denouncing URI, as well as a variety of other things (There were a lot of high schoolers in attendance. Apparently our shows are offensive.). Plus there were some shenanigans involving a bra, or maybe a bari sax harness (use your imagination to decide which one it really was).

Script Themes: URI bucket list; Pokemon Go; Rhode Island rivalries; the Butt, URI's most suggestive dining facility

Game 4: Brown (21) vs. Stetson (31)

What's that? A school from Florida? We're as baffled as you are, unless you played Stetson during your time in the Brown Band, but that seems unlikely given that Stetson didn't have a football team between 1956 and 2013. Speaking of which, the only thing more impressive than the Stetson team's lengthy journey from DeLand, Florida to Providence is the fact that we managed to lose to a 4-year-old football team. But hey, if we pray to the great

Money Gods, maybe we can hold out hope for a trip to Florida next fall!

Script Themes: "Alice in Wonderland"; Florida; Stetson protests; Florida Man; Young Stetson grads

Game 5: Brown (7) at Princeton (31)



Star-crossed lovers Brunoneo and Princetoniette reunited in Princeton, New Jersey this fall for one more joint field show, but this time all was not well with the pair. Brunoneo's two-year absence took its toll, but ultimately the lovers were able to overcome relationship strife, infidelity, and their son Johnny's bad behavior to come together and love each other once more. The Brown and Princeton bands celebrated their newly rekindled romance after the game with a chilly dance and some love songs (alternatively, songs that both bands know how to play) in the fountain.

Script Themes: New Jersey in October; Nobel prizes; Johnny the half-tiger, half-bear; Brunoneo and Princetoniette part 2: conflict and compromise

Game 6: Brown (28) vs. Cornell (21)

Family weekend rolled around and the Brown Band was unwilling to back down no matter what the weather threw at us. Through the rain and cold we marched around campus, showed our parents the joys of waking up our fellow students at early hours (and the angry facebook posts that inevitably followed), and shivered our way to victory. Blueno smiled down upon us as the rain cleared up for the second half of the game, and we finished the day by celebrating on the field with the Cornell Band.

Script Themes: Family weekend, laundry, dishes, Waterfire; Cornell applications; "Cornell Daily Sun"

Game 7: Brown (14) at Penn (21)

We took to the field in Philadelphia costumed as literal band songs, the Blue Man Group, things "only 90s kids will remember," media from our childhoods, comic book heroes, and candy wrappers. Naturally, we performed our costumed field show to a script of jokes about Donald Trump; in the home of Wharton School of Business, how could we not? The sunny Philly weather provided a perfect backdrop for us to shower bagels upon the field, and we returned to Providence

significantly less weighed down by the season's stale leftovers.

Script Themes: William Henry Harrison; Philadelphia; Donald Trump; Wharton School of Business



Game 8: Brown (27) vs. Yale (22)

It's no secret that the Brown Band always wins, of course, but this time the football team won too! We enjoyed a sunny fall day in the company of the Yale Band and our favorite crusty-turned-Yale-student, London Cooper-Troendle! Many buttons were traded and a lovely time was had by all.

Script Themes: Online Yale University reviews; New Haven vs. Florida; Hillary Clinton; Yale College Republicans endorsements; Canada, Justin Trudeau

Game 9: Brown (24) at Dartmouth (21)

After making the long journey to the frigid wasteland of Hanover, New Hampshire, we were welcomed at Dartmouth with a field rehearsal... in a parking lot. We practiced such crowd favorites as "Favorite Song, Favorite Form" while dodging buses and complaining about the cold. We concluded our pre-football festivities by playing for alumni in a pancake shop, a nice contrast to the usual parking lot alumni tent!

Script Themes: Backwards New Hampshire; Fraternities, preppiness; Keggy; animal puns; Drinking locations at Dartmouth

Game 10: Brown (13) vs. Columbia² (31)

In accordance with tradition, the Band marked our final home game of the year with bubbly champagne (made of Bandies, not alcohol) and senior limericks. It was a beautiful day to celebrate our wonderful seniors (bye forever) and hold Band Board changeover at half time. It was a lovely end to a wonderful season in the Band, and perhaps losing to Columbia² was even the appropriate end to a consistently mediocre football season.

Script Themes: New statues at Columbia; Football violence; Bye forever, seniors :'(



Fall Season Recap

Four More Years! Four More Years!



*Daniel Muller,
our reliable
head
conductor,
presenting his
tiny train*



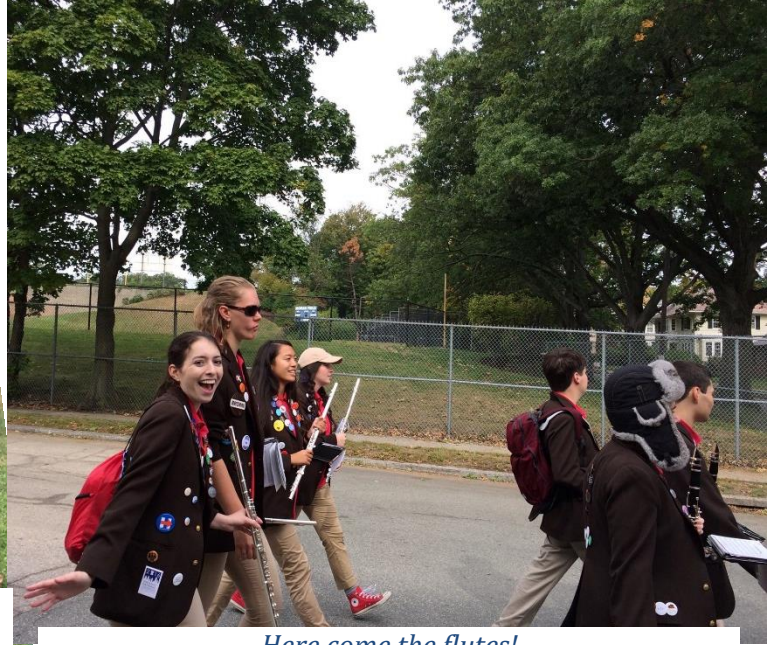
Mello Love...and acrobatics



New Band Board



*Low brass pyramid
(with a few mellos)*



Here come the flutes!



*On the ice at the
annual Christmas
Tree Lighting*



*We accept all
sectional
orientations*



What's happening? What's happening here?



Cadencing!

It's THE picture! Unit Wars, here we come.



All hail the mighty sousa!



Introducing Dana - our new Madame President



Dusky family reunited - we love our alumni!



All the lovely faces :D

Testimonials

Isabella Martinez '17

At the end of freshmen fall I did not understand why people kept telling me that college was “the best four years of your life.” Yes, I had met some cool people. My classes were interesting and the professors receptive to students. I’d joined the clubs and I’d found a favorite coffee shop and joined a dance group. And nothing was really clicking. I felt as if I was missing some important piece of the college experience.

The first week of the second semester, two very important things happened. One, my best friend from high school – who goes to UPenn – told me that her absolute favorite thing at college was that she was part of the Penn Band. Second, a sophomore called Ben Weedon told me to “join the band.”

So I did.

Instantly, my entire life changed. Despite having been around for barely a week, I was invited to parties and study sessions. My lack of drinking was respected and I was allowed to tag along with various groups of Seniors to movie nights at the now infamous “Nick’s House.” That thing that makes college the #CollegeExperience had been found.

Band was the first place at Brown that I found that it was okay to be quirky, weird, nerdy, (sometimes) rude, and trust people to look out for you simply because you’re part of something together. I’ve met and made connections with people older and younger than me, and been part of shared experiences (“drinkin’ center’,” setting the bush on fire at Haffenrefer (and putting it out), the 5th floor of the SciLi being the new SunLab, all-night-laser-tag, and email mafia – just to name a few) that I will be able to fondly reminisce for many years to come. Band re-taught me to be creative, and taught me how every day is an adventure to be cherished (even if it’s pouring rain and we’re going into overtime and no one comes to see Football anyway.)

This year, the Senior class is the small but mighty and I am proud to have spent these four years with my fellow 2017’ers. No matter where these next four years (and the rest of our lives) may take us, I am sure we will someday, once again, see each other at a commencement where we are jumping on one leg, in a circle, with fingers and arms crossed while we pass under The Gate.

Ever True, Band. And thank you.

Jared Sanchez '20

I came to Brown with no intention of doing any band related activity. After 7 years of fascist bands, I'd decided it was time to *slide* out of my career as a trombonist. I was ready to begin my life as a cool, non-band hipster, possibly even trying out for sports or musical theatre or something lit, but *PLEASE*, not another band.

My future as a rockstar hipster came to a halting stop as soon as I saw my first brown blazer at the activities fair. I mean damn, those jackets were sexy. I toyed tirelessly with the idea of joining the band for the rest of orientation. However, my fate was sealed when I saw Unit 69 parading into unit wars. It was an unbearably hot day, but the band was hotter (yes, I'm the thirsty first-year, get over it).

I need to be one of them, I thought to myself, out loud, with one of my unit mates uncomfortably backing away from me as I gawked at the coolest kids on campus. I'll always remember nervously walking up to Daniel, who was very sweaty but still as charming as ever, and asking how I could be a part of the Brown Band.

September 13th, 2016, 5:30 PM. This was the first time I walked into Fulton, and had the privilege of meeting all the amazing bandies. Since then, I've made some unforgettable memories with some incredible people, and I'm looking forward to many more to come (*wonk*). I hope that everyone in the band knows how much I appreciate them, quirks and all. With y'all, I truly feel like I belong somewhere in the universe that is Brown. Thanks for that.

The Band is the family that I wish I grew up with, and a family that I will cherish for a very very long time.



4 More Years!!!

Response collected by Isabella Martinez '17. Photos submitted by respective seniors.



Name: Ava Varszegi

Concentration: Illustration (@RISD)

Instrument: Flute

Post-Graduation Plans: RISD Certificate Program (majoring in either Scientific Illustration or Graphic Design)

Favorite Band Memory: Getting hit by a hockey puck, bruising both my thigh and hand (I still have it, the puck, not the bruises.)

Name: Caleb Hersh

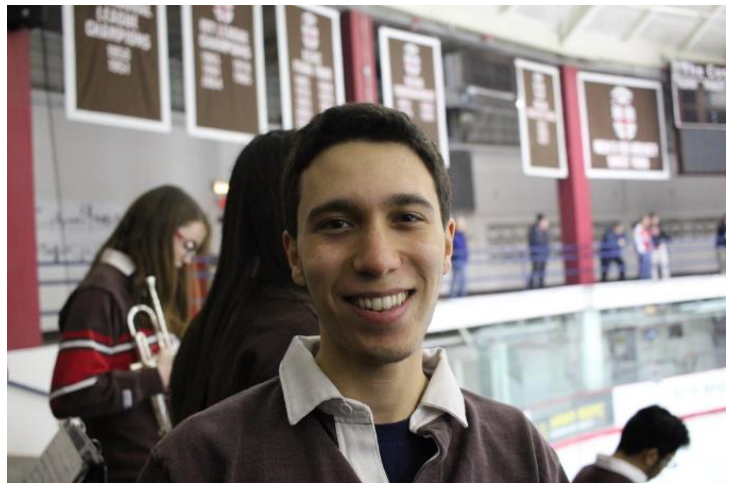
Concentration: Political Science

Instrument: Trumpet

Post-Graduation Plans? Uhhh...bye?

Right now I'm thinking law school (eventually), with some work in government, political consulting, or public policy research in the interim.

#hiremeplease



Favorite Band Memory: Oh jeez, where to

start? Every interaction that I've had with the Band has been a joy and has lent warmth and beauty to my experience at Brown. From campus marching around Cornell and Penn on Halloween each year wearing a tank top (sometimes in 20 degree weather) to the ridiculousness/swankiness of Drinkin'—er, Lincoln Center freshman year, to sharing songs and dances with the Princeton Band and playing in their fountain both times, to every Bandquet ever, to staying up all night after commencement freshman year with the graduating seniors, singing Apple Mango in front of the open gates, and then having 5 AM Louis, to all the funny Band Board memories and quotes—this is a run-on sentence, isn't it?—these are the recollections I'm going to carry with me as the quintessential memories of my college career. The best of times and best of people.



Name: Charles Gleason

Concentration: APMA/Bio

Instrument: Bari Sax, occasionally the other Saxes

Post-Graduation Plans? What a question. Work of some kind and then school of some kind again.

Favorite Band Memory: There are plenty of good memories, and I probably shouldn't choose this one, but at one of the away trips in fall of 2015 when we were playing at the alumni tent the drums just totally failed to come in on number 1. Mistakes happen and it's fine, but the whole band really just fell apart for a

song that we've played countless times, and then we lost a good chunk of the baseline because I couldn't stop laughing. Obviously that was unfortunate, but sometimes it happens and I can't think of an organization it's more fun to fall apart with.

Name: Daniel Muller

Concentration: History

Instrument: Trombone

Post-Graduation Plans?

Something medicine/history related

Favorite Band Memory: One of my favorite memories was going to Lincoln Center freshman year. We went to NYC in the afternoon and got to play just outside of Lincoln Center for Brown 250+ for about a



half hour. During that time, people stopped on the street to listen to us and kept asking us who we were, and I'll never forget the group of friends that told us that one of them had gotten into Brown, so we all started chanting ""JOIN THE BAND!"" After we played, the freshmen all went out for dinner together, and we got back in time to enjoy the free food and drinks. We stuck out a lot, being in KP B while everyone else was in fancy attire, but it was an incredible experience. We sang for so much of the trip, and even though we got back to Brown at about 2AM on a Friday morning, it was still a lot of fun and one of the best moments with the Band that I've had!

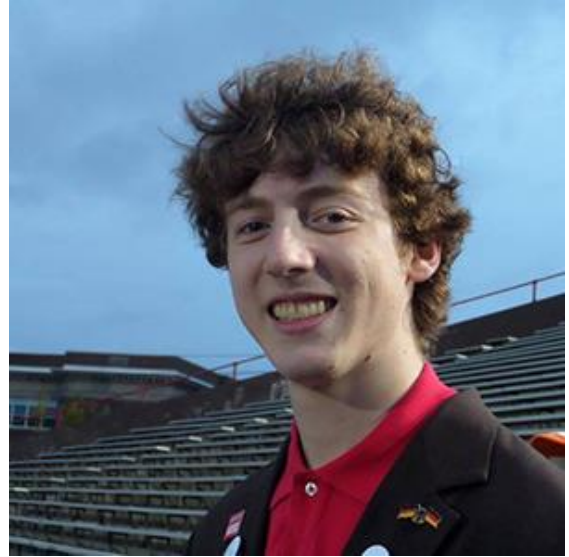
Name: Gabriel Buchsbaum

Concentration: Environmental Engineering

Instrument: Trumpet, Trombone?

Post-Graduation Plans: I am planning to spend next year getting a Masters degree in energy engineering, then get a job working on renewable energy.

Favorite Band Memory: I'm not sure, since there are so many, but maybe the time we had a Sci-Fi ice show Junior year and I dressed up as a red shirt from Star Trek. Since their high death rate has kind of been a running joke among fans, I decided to intentionally "die" twice through the course of the show.



Name: Hayley Siegel

Concentration: Public Health

Instrument: Also Saxophone

Post-Graduation Plans? Nursing School with the ultimate goal of obtaining a doctorate to become a Nurse Practitioner

Favorite Band Memory: My favorite band memory is probably a tie between Lincoln Center and the Brown/Princeton joint field show of 2014. Lincoln Center was such a cool experience — being at an open bar with C-Pax and getting dubbed an “Urban Marching Band” on Twitter while blasting ""Sweet Caroline"". Also, getting to play music at Lincoln Center (albeit outside of it)

was super cool! The Brown/Princeton joint field show was so wacky and goofy, it was amazing. Writing the story of Brunoneo and Princetoniette and seeing it come to life on the field was a great ride. Being introduced to the Princeton Band in their natural habitat was a shock and loads of fun as well. JOHNNY will truly BE a GOOD omen for the two schools!



Name: Isabella Martinez

Concentration: Biomedical Engineering (#STEM)

Instruments: flute and piccolo

Post-Graduation Plans? I will be going to Notre Dame University to get a Masters in Engineering Management (so #STEM who can #write and #talktopeople)

Favorite Band Memory: I made the mistake of joining band my second semester freshmen year, so my favorite memory is the first away "game" I ever did - playing at Lincoln Center in NYC! That was also my introduction to Band Songs (sung quietly in the back with a bunch of the graduating Seniors of 2014 – I was completely

confused and instantly converted to a bandie-for-life. Another great memory is playing in the fountain at Princeton (twice!) and how we got to wander around NYC for hours on both Winter Trips I have attended so far! (Also, lighting the bush on fire at Haffenreffer two years ago was certainly memorable though not at all fun while it was happening! I did get to write the verse in a song that commemorates it which is another good memory.)

Name: Kyle Myerson

Concentration: Computer Science and Chemistry

Instrument: Trumpet

Post-Graduation Plans: Working for Google in Cambridge

Favorite Band Memory: One of my favorite events we do every year is the Providence tree lighting. I love playing holiday music, and I love skating with the Band, plus getting to play for the Providence community makes the event feel really special. I especially remember the year when, after getting off the ice, the people in charge told us "Oops you went too soon, the Mayor wasn't here yet. You're going to have to do it again", and so we did the show twice!



Name: Lainie Rowland
Concentration: Public Policy
Instrument: Clarinet
Post-Graduation Plans? undetermined

Favorite Band Memory: How could I answer this with anything other than playing at Lincoln Center for Brown's 250th? I will name drop that for the rest of my life.



Name: Peter Kirschner
Concentration: Computer Science
Instrument: Bass Drum
Post-Graduation Plans? I will be working for Amazon.

Favorite Band Memory: If I had to pick one, I would say my last football game. It was sad that it was the last game, but cadencing down from the top of the stands, and then playing "Obvious Child" at the bottom was the best possible way to go out.

Name: Sarah Cowles
Concentration: Chemical Engineering
Instrument: Clarinet
Post-Graduation Plans: Graduate School

Favorite Band Memory:

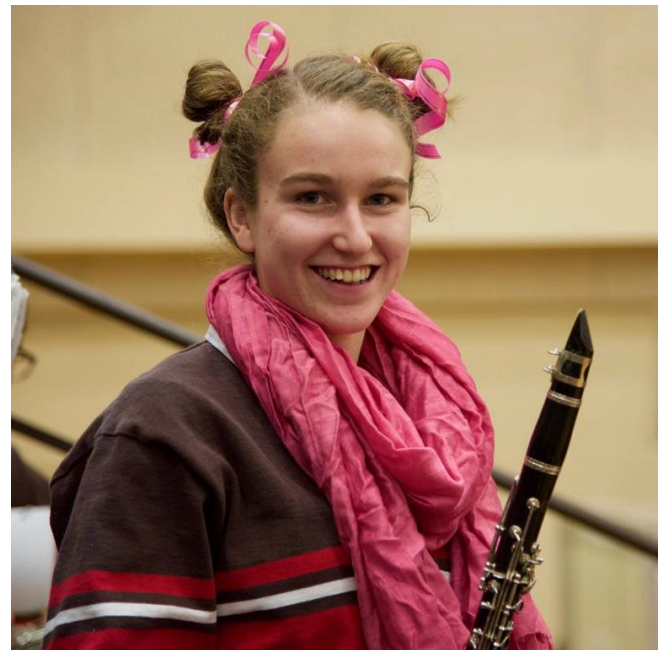
Freshman year: seeing Times Square for the first time on the Columbia (Columbia) trip, first bandquet, Relay for Life, memorable band parties for undisclosed reasons

Sophomore year: joint Princeton field show, Halloween as the Penn Band, Dana not leaving the band after our ER trip (alright maybe not my favorite, but definitely memorable), all-night laser tag.

Junior year: Winning tug-a-war at unit wars against my brother's unit, Inner tube water polo, Haffenreffer, winter trip and Quinnipiac, Script crowd-sourcing, Star Wars ice show!!!

Senior year: the clarinet Blue Man Group, watching the team let Matt down... one more time, singing at Princeton, Lainie script reading, caroling, tree-lighting.

Cheers to the best of times with the best of people! Ever true!



“69 Seconds Left”

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Do you want to help us continue to entertain and possibly embarrass ourselves? Want to directly fund our buttons and blazers instead of offering us a giant untitled Lamp/Bear (Actually Fulton might need some decorations...)? To donate, please visit gifts.brown.edu and select “Brown University Band” from the dropdown list under “Annual Donations to Athletics (Sports Foundation)”. *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 2017!**



Ever True,
Isabella Martinez '17, Cassie Cole '18, and Kelvin Wong '20
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