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BROWN BANQUET BY JASON BERSTEIN

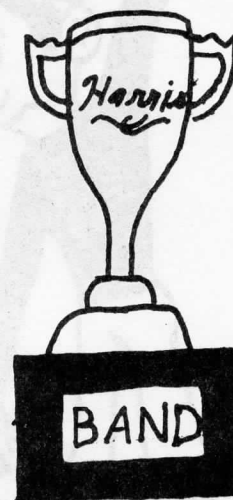
Once a year the Brown University Band goes big time and finally sees its name up in marquee lights. Such stardom was achieved on November 18, as the Band, rowdy bus and all, arrived at the Hearthstone Inn for their annual banquet. The evening marks the transition from football to hockey season, as the reigns of office are traditionally handed over to a new Band board. The festivities were a mixture of "seriousity" and sentiment, complete with dinner, speeches, and not surprisingly, a few surprises.

While sipping their scotch and ryes and whiskey dries, the Band was treated to an audio-visual experience with more special effects than Star Wars; in addition to displays of band buttons, music, and pictures of the season, the night saw the premier of the Band on the silver screen, as Marilyn Vine, '78, our special events chairperson, put together a slide show and movie of the Band's activities.

After dinner, it was time to bring to thine altar our offerings of praise, with speeches, awards, and installation of new officers. Retiring president Richie Brown, '78, reflected upon the season's activities and accomplishments and his anticipations for the future. He also recalled some of the lighter moments of the year (Helium balloons) in typical double entendre style.

The traditional changing of officers (Schiffring around of staff), as symbolized by the transfer of a rabbit's foot from the outgoing president to the newly elected leader of the Band, was not the only hare-raising experience of the evening. Back by popular demand, that quasi-choreographed quartet of Harvard rejects harmonized to the refrains (and we wish they did) of Sh-Boom and surfing tunes. After a dinner of spare ribs, one could not spare the ribbing of soon-to-be-alums in the Band. Accordingly, the seniors received their just desserts as they were awarded "personalized" gifts.

Typical of any Band function, the evening was an amalgam of achievements and entertainment. Besides, who could pass up a chance to not only be ever true, but to get a drink as well?



At the banquet, the 3 band award winners were announced. John Strano, '81, won the Axelrod award for the outstanding freshman. Sue Kahn, '78, was presented with the Maddock Award for her personification of "Band spirit." Sue is a former vice-president of the Band. The Harris Trophy, the highest honor bestowed upon a Band member deserving-ly went to Richie Brown, this year's president.



BROWN BAND COMES HOME

In case any of you missed our homecoming halftime show for the Harvard game, the band spelled out Brown in script. This year we had the added surprise attraction of 3000 helium - filled balloons which we let off at the end of the Alma Mater. The effect was great, the audience loved us, and we even won the game! Some band alums were home for the day including: Rich Carson, '77, Bob Mior-elli, '76, Paul Hanson, '75, Rich Hoffman, '77, Jill Schreiber, '77, and Justine Glynn, '77.

ELECTION BORED

The yearly elections for officers of the Band were held in early November. The elections were made more interesting by the fact that noone ran without opposition. Our new president, is former vice-president, Alan Schiffres, '79. Vice-president, Yanna Bergmans, '79, has been very active in the flute section for 2½ years. Business manager, Todd Richman, '79, was the only incumbent candidate running for office and he will be balancing the books for another year. Billy Leiserson, '80, is our new corresponding secretary; he'll write all our wrongs. Last but not least, is flute player turned baritone, Mary Ellen Pavlovsky, '79, our new recording secretary.

Let's have a round of applause for the outgoing board: Richie Brown, '78, president, Gary Katzenstein, '78, corresponding secretary, and of course, Rozan Stone, '78, recording secretary. Also goodbye and thanks to Liz Neblett, '78 and Joel Maxman. '78, librarian and assistant librarian, respectively.

QUICKIES

DECALS, DECALS, ETC.

Latest in the line of Brown Band memorabilia, is the new decal. Our infamous insignia is printed in brown on plastic. Each BARF donor will receive a decal with this newsletter. Additional decals may be ordered of \$.25 each by writing to the Band. They make great inexpensive gifts, so order them while they last. Also, don't forget to order your Brown Band T-shirts, for \$5.00 each, including shipping.

WANTED

News of BARFers from East to West. What are you doing now? Job? School? Kids? Married? What was the band like when you were at Brown? Are you still musically inclined? Were you ever?

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