

Bandstand

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Brown Band Marches on Harvard

*Ten thousand men of Harvard,
One victory today,...*

After winning the two crucial road trip games at Army (W 7-5) and Princeton (W 3-1), our Men's Hockey team had earned the right, as the eighth seeded ECAC team, to take on the top seeded Crimson. Sure, Harvard may go on to take their "one victory today," but they still have to worry about their other "nine thousand!"

Regardless of how our ice men fared, the band was ready to take charge. We debarked from the mysterious "Big Bruin Special" bus, emptying onto the Hahvahd Yahd. Drum Major Liz McCabe '87 paraded us about the campus in search of an MCAT exam that we could disrupt, but to no avail. Via Harvard Square, the Band arrived at the dimly lit Bright Hockey Center.

Despite our best cheers, the team hurt itself with penalties and ended up on the short end of a 2-6 score. So back we went to Providence to regroup and prepare ourselves for...

...the next evening. It looked as if our last minute adjustments could be enough to confuse "our competitors, whom we won't name." The north stands were the first to go wild as Bruno vaulted to a 1-0 lead. Our glory was short lived though. The only notable events of the following few hours were: 1) the tossing of every manner of garbage onto the ice
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A Bandy's Story from (Corn) Hell

"What do you mean 'standing room only?' It's still semester break!" exclaimed a Sophomore dressed conspicuously in brown amidst a red tide flowing into the Lynah Rink.

"Sorry, but you see hockey is popular around here. It's too cold to go out cow tipping at his time of year, so everyone comes here instead to see some hood hockey and watch Cornell skate over their opponents."

"Hmm...well I think that the Bruins will concentrate on skating over very selective portions of your boys' anatomies. Give me two tickets anyway."

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As I made my way all the way around the rink to the Brown section, I spied the opposing Band. Wow! Look at how many of them there are! Then again, I'd heard reports that they recruit local high school musicians to fill their seats while most members were away on vacation. It gives new meaning to the cheer "High school band!"...

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By the time I reached the rail behind the alleged visitor section, Cornell had just sent its second slap shot home, much to the apparent delight of those in the Brown cheering section.

There were a few scattered patches of brown; Karen Weiner '89 and her family were spotted and a number of the hockey players' parents.

I wondered if, with the score already at 2-0 with just a few minutes gone in the first period, I really wanted to call attention the the fact
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Some Notes from the Lion's Den

The Bloom buses pulled away from Fulton for their last Brown Band experience of the year. They were bound for the home of the Smurfs on the bank of the Hudson River. Our Rhode trips this year have lacked their usual excitement while driving through Connecticut. Apparently there was mismanagement of the turnpike's federal highway funds, so the turnpike was forced to close. And away went the toll booths and our cheer with them. Don Thumim '89 managed to keep up the excitement as he stood watch for our favorite exit.

After our regular pre-game practice (on a muddy field), we were treated to lunch courtesy of Brown on the Road, and dessert (wonderful cupcakes) thanks to Scott Perrin's '89 parents.

The Brown gridders seemed to have the game sewed up by the end of the first quarter. We had to find a new way to amuse ourselves as the game trudged onward. It was one of the football player's birthday, so we played and sang a melodious (?) rendition. No longer in Rhode Island, we felt free to join the cheer leaders in their "S-M-U-T, show us what we should not see!" Flying smut, rotating smut, crawling smut, uhh! We want more! Pyramidal smut!

*At half time, we fared no worse,
With our script of mediaeval verse.*

Back in the stands, Kirsten Robinson '87 prepared the rabbit's foot for its next home in new drawers (underwear, that is). Darlene Netcoh '88 stepped over from Corresponding Secretary to fill the presidentship. Bain Cameron '89 is our new Vice President, Scott Perrin '89 is now Business Manager, Sean McLeod '88 takes over Recording Secretary duties, and Emily Manvel '89 is Corresponding Secretary.

The game dragged on and the band felt that, after hearing it more than a dozen times, the audience probably had received the message that *We are ever true to Brown....* For the sixth touch-down, we did a quick change-up, playing *Magnificent Seven* [Points] instead. Mercifully the game ended with Brown having scored only "3/4 points a minute!" Had Brown scored any more, there were suggestions that we play *Mercy, Mercy, Mercy* or *Mickey Mouse March*.

With the end of the game, a 45-7 victory for the football team and a shutout for the band, came the close of yet another season -- a winning season for the football team and an undefeated season for the band. The band partied all the way home...and what a party it was!

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The following positions were also filled in the past months:

Student Conductors	Voice -- Don Thumim '89
-- Keiki Wong '89	Librarians
-- Dan Kraft '90	-- Moose Alperin '88
Drum Majors	-- Karen Weiner '89
-- Bruce Eimon '90	Social Events Chairperson
-- Leslie Allen '89	-- Gina Pendon '89

Band Awards Awards

The annual Bandquet was held at a local Johnson & Wales Hospitality Center. After enjoying a buffet dinner, recognizing the new officers, and giving the senior gifts, the Band awards were presented. President Kirsten Robinson '87 and Vice President John Bratton '87 were both honoured as Harris Award winners for their outstanding contributions to the Band. Rick Perera '87 (Voice) was awarded the Maddock Award and Mandy Slater '90 received the Axelrod Award.

Men's Varsity Football Schedule Fall 1987

September	19	@	Yale
September	26		URI
October	03		Princeton
October	10	@	U. Penn
October	17		Cornell
October	24	@	Holy Cross
October	31		Harvard*
November	07	@	Lehigh (PA)
November	14	@	Dartmouth
November	21		Columbia

*Alumni Weekend

The Bandies of the Class of '87

Commencement this year brought yet another class of Bandies through the Van Wickle Gates and removed them from our weekly Band notice recipients list. Those of us remaining join with the entire campus community in thanking them for their time and efforts dedicated to the Band. We wish them all the best as they embark on the next stage of their lives. It is our hope that, wherever they may go, they will spread part of the humour that is the Brown Band and that they remain *Ever True to Brown*.

Congratulations, write early and write often, and come back and visit...you are always welcome.

The Class of '87 was indeed fortunate to include the following members of the Brown Band:

Donald Apy: Show Writing Chairman 1986-87
 Melissa Birch
 Denise Biscoe: Student Conductor 1984-86
 Eric Bloch
 John Bratton: Vice President 1985-86, Student Conductor 1984-85
 Meredith Brown
 Trinita Brown
 Barbara Calhoun
 Lisa Cohen: Corresponding Secretary 1984-85
 Aldon Collier
 Ann DeWeer: Recording Secretary 1984-85
 Lawrence Gallant
 Ernest Green
 Amy Gross
 Nick Hastings: Special Events Chairman 1983-84
 Wesley Jones
 Juliann Kiraly
 Marty Lester: Voice 1984-85
 Katie Livingston: Head Librarian 1984
 Liz McCabe: Drum Major 1986-87
 Dan Orfield
 Rick Perera: Voice 1985-87
 Kirsten Robinson: President 1985-86, Vice President 1984-85, Head Librarian 1984
 Chris Stille: Business Manager 1984-85
 Jim Stoddard
 Elizabeth Wilen

The Brown Band: In the News

To the editor:

I would like to express my appreciation to all those faculty, students, alumni, and friends who so enthusiastically supported the Brown men's ice hockey team during our 1986-87 season and participation in the first round of the ECAC playoff. Also, a special thanks to the Brown Band for their continued support of our team. I doubt we could have won both games on the road at Army and Princeton without them.

...The coaching staff and players are already looking forward to next year's season. Thanks again for your support.

Herb Hammond
 Men's Hockey Coach

-- The above was taken from the Letters to the Editor section of the *Brown Daily Herald*, 20 March 1987.

Notes from Smith Swim Center

In late January, the Lady Lion swimming and diving team of Penn State (then ranked 17th in the nation) was preparing to meet Brown (the defending Eastern champions). The following excerpt appeared in the 29 January 1987 issue of the *Centre Daily Times*, a central Pennsylvania newspaper:

"Penn State has never beaten Brown in a dual meet," [Penn State] Coach Bob Krimmel said. "...we already know that their band will be there and that the place will be packed. It's a guaranteed sellout."

Two days later, our women, under the direction of first year Coach Mark Johnston dunked the Lady Lions 152-116. As is traditional at any Brown sporting event, the Brown Band also won. In fact, reminiscent of the 1985 Cornell football game, *we were the Penn State Band* as we played their school songs.

The Daily Collegian, Penn State's campus newspaper, reported the event on 02 February 1987. PSU Coach Krimmel was quoted as saying, "The races were close, it was exciting, the people were going crazy, the band was blaring." (Continued on page 4.)

Cornell (continued)

that I supported Brown. I thought back to last year's game -- a 3-10 lashing... The door was but 20 short feet away. It would be easy enough to leave quietly.

A few minutes later, I had committed myself to stay the game. The Bruins roared down the ice and put the puck past the goalie right in front of the Cornell *et al.* Band. With the Big Red Band temporarily silenced, I whipped out my trumpet and played a fortissimo solo of *Ever True to Brown*. Before the end of the period, I had another opportunity. Some of the Cornell fans sitting in front of me didn't appreciate my noise. But that was fine; after all it *was* the Brown section. Some of the Cornell fans sitting in front of me moved to a quieter section of the rink. But that was fine too; Dad and I got seats.

As the teams left the ice after the first period of play, I launched into *Brown Cneering Song* while the other band fumbled with *Old Man Ezra Had a Farm* (E-I-E-I-O) in the background. After the Zamboni did its business on the ice, the referees returned to the ice accompanied by a trumpet playing *Three Blind Mice*.

Bruno fought hard in the second period, managing to score one goal and receive a *Ki Yi Yi*, but only after falling back by two points. The officiating was, in short, lousy; to regain control of the game, the referee had to "S-T-U-F-F-T-H-E-B-O-K-S, Stuff The Box!..." with no less than *SIX* players.

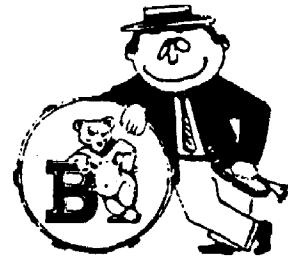
In the third period, the crowd went wild only to be silenced by a "no goal" ruling. With the support of trumpet cheers, Brunonia managed to hold the score a 3-4 until the final two minutes. But, alas, the game was not to end that way as Brown forced a sudden death overtime period by scoring with just over a minute left in regulation play.

The team, accompanied by *Ever True to Brown*, returned to the ice for their last face off. One section of fans across the rink tried to relieve its frustration by repeatedly chanting "Shove that horn up your ass." A friendly wave was enough to calm them and the game could proceed.

A few minutes of solid control by Brown and a few close calls later, Bruno sent the puck flying to the mark, sealing another victory for the team and the band.

A small contingent of each band met at Vinny's for some pizza and soda after the game. Respects were paid, in spirit, to Ezra.

Classes for the new semester began five days later back on College Hill. The Band was ready to "...follow Brown boys, wherever the team may go..." -- as far as the ECAC play-offs if necessary -- with a new rallying cry for tight situations: Remember the Cornell-imo!

**Harvard** (continued)

by over zealous Brown fans -- you know the type: the guy with the yellow life preserver, the guy that got his picture in the *BDH* (but not *Bandstand!*); 2) one of our members leaving the rink, changing shirts, discarding his crutches, and coming back in; 3) the Harvard Band on ice but, pathetically, no ice skates; and 4) The Princeton Band.

On the trip home, we booted two stow aways who "thought this was the student bus." As tradition would have it, we booted other things as well...and *blue* no less!

And so we ended another successful portion of our year. Next and, sadly, last was Concert Season. Hopes were high for a victory here too, which would secure for us the Tripple Crown.

Swimming (continued)

The next weekend, a small but dedicated contingent of our finest instrumentalists was back at the Smith Swimming Center to see the team play with the U. of Pittsburgh Panthers. The Panthers, like the Lions of a week earlier, are of the family *Felis* (related to cats). They showed that their family's distaste for water comes not merely from being in the water, but rather from the profound embarrassment that results. Brown stroked to a comfortable 172-96 victory.

1986-87 Athletics Results

Football (5-4-1)

September		
20	W 21-7	Yale
27	W 27-7	@URI
October		
04	W 24-10	@Princeton
11	L 0-34	U. Penn
18	L 9-27	@Cornell
25	L 7-22	Holy Cross
November		
01	W 31-19	@Harvard
08	L 3-27	Colgate
15	T 21-21	Dartmouth
22	W 45-7	@Columbia

Hockey

November		
15	L 2-5	@Harvard
16	W 8-7	@Dartmouth
21	L 4-6	RPI
22	L 4-6	Vermont
25	L 3-7	@UNH
28	W 5-2	Air Force
29	W 8-6	Air Force

(Hockey, continued)

December		
05	L 0-5	Clarkson
06	W 4-3	St. Lawrence
10	L 2-3	Harvard
January		
09	W 5-4*	Princeton
10	W 4-3*	Army
16	L 4-7	@Colgate
17	W 5-4*	@Cornell
23	L 1-2	Yale
24	L 4-5	@Yale
31	W 9-2	Dartmouth
February		
06	L 0-1	@U. Vermont
07	L 3-8	@RPI
13	L 3-4*	@St. Lawrence
14	L 3-7	@Clarkson
20	W 5-3	Cornell
21	L 3-11	Colgate
27	W 7-5	@Army
28	W 3-1	@Princeton

* indicates over time score

ECAC Hockey Playoffs!

Friday, 06 March 1987 @Harvard, Bright Hockey Center L 2-6

Saturday, 07 March 1987 @Harvard, Bright Hockey Center L 2-5

Bandies Receive Campus Awards

The following prizes and premiums were awarded during the past academic year to our members.

To Trinita Brown '87, the Alfred H. Joslin Award for service to the Brown Community.

To Pamela Coukas '90, the Gabriela

Mistral Prize in Hispanic Studies.

To Lawrence Gallant '87, the David Howell Prize in Mathematics.

To Elisa Griego '88, the Henry Parker Manning Prize in Mathematics.

To Marty Lester '87, the Susan Colver Rosenberger Prize in International Relations.

To Elizabeth Wilen '87, the Ruth Electra Collins Prize in French Studies.

Congratulations to each of you!

Alumni Notes...

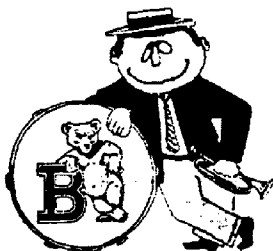
Peter Sultan '86 (Show Writing Chairman 1985-86) is now a graduate student in astrophysics at Boston University. He informs us that he can be reached through the graces of silicon at SULTAN@BUASTA, and he invites anyone to stop by when in town.

Ben Hall '88 (Student Conductor 1986, Show Writing Chairman 1987-88) spent this past semester at sea. He proudly wrote us from Jamaica to say that he got a 69 on his first exam. Subsequent reports indicate that things have been going just as well ever since!

Nick "Dino" Philipson '84 (one-time Student Conductor) tells us from the Univ. of Michigan that, though the football team there is good, "the band [is] BORING." Apparently he did not appreciate the 10:30 AM campus march performed by the band before the first game of the season.

Michael Brown '84 (Voice 1983) is entering his final year of med school here at Brown. And what does he have to show for his endless hours of tailing residents, you ask. "I can coach labor in Spanish!"

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...and other Quotes

—Matt McGarrell (our beloved Director), when asked how conducting the Commencement Band compares to conducting the Brown Band: "Nothing is the same as that."

—The March 1975 issue of *Brown: Student Activities* brings us this tidbit from Band history. After touching on our football and hockey activities, we read:

The Band also sponsors intercollegiate football, hockey, and basketball teams, and they are reigning Ivy-Band-League champions in all three sports. The Band is sometimes supported by the Student Caucas.

Dear Alumnae et Alumni,

Please drop us a short letter or postcard to let us know what you are up to. We would also love to hear what you remember most about the Band. Perhaps someone could enlighten us on the subject of the above mentioned "intercollegiate" teams; why did they die out? Correspondence may be sent to Bandstand, c/o Brown University Band, P.O. Box 1930, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912.

Take care, Elrod T. Snidley