

BANDSTAND

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Free to Bandies, their friends, and alumni*

ALUMNI FUND OFF TO A TREMENDOUS START

1991 has been a banner year for the Friends of the Brown Band! In January, this year's fundraising goal was set at \$20,000. We are currently well on our way to achieving that goal and helping to support the Band and its traditional, ever-vigilant grandeur!

\$10,000 was pledged in the form of a matching grant, challenging the Friends of the Brown Band to raise an additional \$10,000. To date, we have raised \$6,086.69, and we must raise another \$3,913.31 by graduation in May in order to claim our matching gift. We are optimistic about reaching this goal.

Our premiere year \$10,000 matching grant has been a boon to Band alumni participation since every gift to the Band is doubled by these matching dollars. To date, almost 10% of Band alumni have joined our effort! Furthermore, thanks to our newly developed computer database, we now have addresses for many more Band alumni than we have ever had. All alumni Band members are urged to join their fellow musicians contributing to make this year's drive the most successful yet!

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

A new system of Class Representatives is being organized to more efficiently keep Band alumni in contact with each other and the current Brown Band. A member of each graduating class has been invited to be the Class Representative who deals directly with his or her contemporaries. This personalized peer contact should benefit everyone by providing a sense of community and connectedness. Furthermore, all Class Representatives will be known for having class representing themselves.

HOW YOU CAN BRANDISH YOUR BANDNESS

Friends of the Brown Band annual membership is based on a January to December calendar year. Band alumni will be contacted every January to kick off that year's fundraising effort. Contributors / members of the Friends of the Brown Band for a given year are entitled to incentive merchandise as well as new yearly buttons which double as admission to all Friends of the Brown Band events such as the Campus Dance table spread and the new football game tailgate party picnic tent.

A VOCATION FOR VOLUNTEERS

If you have sent in a contribution and have not yet received your incentive merchandise, please do not worry. Because the Friends of the Brown Band is operated entirely by volunteers, response turn around time may be slow. Our new up-to-date computer database, however, will ensure everyone's needs are attended to and should speed up future mailings. Please do bear with us and we promise to accurately turn around your orders for sweatshirts, buttons, etc.

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The 1990-1991 Band Board

President	Andy Abramowitz '92
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Travel Log of a Bandie
 Startdate: 696,66 ETSNID
 by Jonathon Bodow '92

Realizing the importance of filling the pages of Bandstand, the creation of viceful people through the ages, it is in my best interest to aid and abet this year's model. But I've got to tell you, loyal readers, that while studying in Spain amidst the Gulf War, a Bandie gains a certain perspective about what is and what is not important. Actually, the war has very little to do with it, but it does provide a certain dramatic backdrop, don't you think?

February 9, 1991--Today I'm travelling from Madrid to Laza (pronounced LHA-sa, like the small dog you could punt) on a bus. However, this bus is not a Comfy Luxury Bus. And the driver's name is not Jimmy, the way-cool-bus-driver. More importantly, there's no bathroom on this bus. So every two hours, the driver pulls over to some roadside bar. I have a theory about these bars. I think...that the owners of these bars are a very crafty breed. I bet a dime to a dollar that every year, these bar owners send a check for tickets to the Bus Driver's Banquet. But of course, they don't go.

Let's examine the "bus ride" more carefully, for it is any true Bandie's measure of a trip's worth. When travelling to, say, Guadalajara (URI), there isn't enough time to get comfortable on the person next to you. The view out the window reminds you of how dreary a truck driver's life is. And the result of this trip (either to URI or Guadalajara), more often than not, does not match the trip itself (either another failure to hold the Governor's Cup or Boredom and Bad Weather). But the merit of a six-hour, or even ten-hour (bus) ride is far greater than the aforementioned short one.

When you travel for any great amount of time on a bus, there are plenty of opportunities for everything imaginable (if not printable): Smut, philosophical conversation (Fuzzy Duck, Does He?), sleep, examining the contents of Chris Grossi's lunch, songs and/ or music. But if it weren't for the disco music playing on the radio, I'd swear I was heading back to Clarkson, the great Northern Tundra of academia. This ride takes me through some of the most barren parts of Spain. My trip to Laza is motivated by a very special event; the aims of this trip are: to go to a foreign city, find a place to stay that's either cheap or free, rummage for food, spend as little money as possible, miss classes, have a few drinks with the natives, don't change clothes all weekend and eventually have garbage thrown at me...Hmmm...WAIT A MINUTE!! Are you sure this bus isn't going to Clarkson? This sounds awful familiar...

Association
 (a poem)
 (sort of)

by Samantha Olds '93

Band, Bus, Beer, Busch
 Smut, Splooge, Spit, Scum
 Slum, Slut, Slug, St. Lawrence
 Clarkson, Canton, Cascade Inn
 Upstate, Up yours, Upchuck, BOOT!
 Bruce, Bruce, Bruce, Bruce,
 Jack Daniels, Jack Sheinbaum
 Boner, Blower, Banger, Bross
 Back of Bus, Hosed or Bust
 Beer in Bag, Beer in Bra, Beer in Shorts
 OW!
 Nad Tag...Caught!
 Julian, J
 Foreskin, Foreplay, Finger, Food
 The Ref eats his young!
 The Ref eats his wife?
 Fish on the Ice!
 Three Blind Mice
 Godfather, Alma Mater,
 Alumni feed us, The fans never heed us.
 "We don't know the Band," Hope [censored] gets canned,
 Half Time, Band Time, Real Time, (NOT!)
 Matt, Maestro, Marvelous, Matt.
 Walt, Elrod, Axelrod,
 Freshman, First years!!!
 P.C. Gang Bang, Orgy,
 Orfice, Open, Imbibe, Drink,
 Busch, Beer, Bus, Band.

Top Ten Reasons I Joined The Band
 by Chris Grossi '92

1. It's Biodegradable
2. The Devil made me do it
3. Hockey Season
4. Oh yeah, the music !!
5. Staten Island
6. Boot County
- 6.9 The Princeton Band
7. Food Money
8. Travel to exotic places and meet the wild natives (Clarkson / St. Lawrence)
9. Cool Ranch-flavored Doritos
10. Natural ingredients

'30

Warren P. Leonard '30 is planning, once again, to return to Brown for commencement in May. This year, he plans to bring with him a 1927-28 record album of the Brown Band.

'31

Dr. Louis J. Novak '31 marched with the Band in the 1990 Dartmouth half time show at Brown Stadium. Despite the rain and mud, Dr. Novak's appearance was a delight to the current Band members.

'32

Jerome Rosenfield '32 tells us that he has lost his saxophone.

'36

Louis J. Novak '36 is still practicing Internal Medicine and Cardiology in Hollywood, Florida and will be attending his 55th class reunion in May.

'38

Malcolm C. Spalding '38 reports he is retired.

'40

Robert T. Poole '40 is "still playing trumpet in two bands - and only 73."

'41

Clifton S. Gustafson '41 urges the Band to "please discontinue your off-color and tasteless skits at half time."

'48

George F. Bland '48 has been Associate Professor at the University of Virginia Department of Electrical Engineering since the Fall of 1989. He is retired from I.B.M. and North Carolina State University.

S.W. Leonard '48 has retired after 35 years with Conoco, Inc., C.E.O. of Leonard Associates and a director of two banks. He is married.

Alumni Notes

'49

Dr. John A. Elmer, Jr. '49 passed away on October 12, 1990. He was a 1955 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Dental School and practiced general dentistry in Bridgeton, New Jersey. He was married to Elaine and had two daughters and four granddaughters.

I. Jack Schreiber '50 writes "Perhaps it is even possible for former cheerleaders, such as this humble sole, to join with the organization and assist the Band."

'51

Mason B. Williams '51 is President of Purlington Building Systems, Inc. in East Providence, RI and is kept busy by the Rotary, Squantum Association, RI 100, Brown Club of RI, Brown Sports Foundation and Brown Football Association. He also tells us that he still has several Band letterman sweaters from his years swinging a snare drum.

'57

Paul A. Huber '57 writes "keep those *Bandstands* coming!"

'58

Robert Feldman '58 says, "When the Brown University Band sets out to meet a challenge, I know they'll meet it."

'69

Paul Payton '69, the first voice of the Band, is now doing free-lance voice-over and announcing work full time.

'73

Barbara Jeremiah '73, reports that she will be married in May to a fellow lawyer at Alcoa, John Wilson. In addition, she wishes us all good luck with the fundraising efforts!

'78

Rozan and Richie Brown '78, '78 report that he is an Assistant Professor in Family Medicine at the University of Wisconsin and that she is at home with Elissa and Shari and playing the bassoon in the Madison Community Orchestra.

Earl D. Varney '78 is Risk Manager of Wilmington Trust Company, "the country's most (and perhaps only remaining) profitable bank." He is married to Mina and has two children, Roger who is four and Hilary who is one.

'79

Johanna "Yanna" A. Bergmans Musselman '79 married David T. Musselman (Albion '82) on March 23, 1990 in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. After a honeymoon in Barbados, Yanna and Dave returned to Cincinnati, Ohio where Yanna is a management consultant with Ernst and Young and Dave is an environmental attorney at Cincinnati Gas and Electric. They recently bought an 100 year-old home in Anderson Township.

S. Elizabeth "Liz" Birnbaum '79 is still loving her job with the National Wildlife Federation.

Laurel A. Ellson '79 received her J.D. from the University of Connecticut in 1983 and is practicing law in Milford, Connecticut specializing in Family Law. She is still single and has just started taking clarinet lessons again after 11 years. [*She better put them back -Ed.*] She hopes to get into an ensemble this spring.

Mitchell R. Lester '79 is still single and is moving to Denver for a three year fellowship in Pediatric Allergy and Immunology at the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine.

Todd Richman '79, former Band Business Manager writes, "I did my share of begging for funds from the University. Begging from alums is a much better idea!"

'82

Barry & Michell Fagin '82, '81 report that she is President of the Upper Valley Jewish Community and he had an article in a recent Alumni Monthly. They live 10 minutes from Dartmouth College.

'83

Phillip W. Hutto '83 should get his Ph.D. in Computer Science from Georgia Tech. and reports that Brown Band groupie Gil Neiger '79 is now "Professor Gil" and is on his thesis committee. "I hope to be a 'Professor Phil' soon, too," he writes.

Irvin Lustig '83 writes of the Friends of the Brown Band, "Great idea!" He and his wife, Susan, are expecting their first child in November. [We hear the child will excel at the baritone sax - Ed.]

Judy Wells '83 will be moving to Cincinnati, Ohio in August.

'84

Peter Ostrow '84 is an advertising executive in Boston. He was married to Lisa Gazarek (Harvard '88) in 1988 and they are expecting their first child in July.

Sue Topchick '84 is attending the University of London studying for an M.Sc. in Mathematical Computations. She also has a wedding scheduled for June.

'86

In the space of six weeks last summer, Sharon Lubkin '86 got a Master's degree, moved, and got married. John T. Gnassi '84 is reported to have "blown a mighty blast with a micro-mouthpiece" to start off the ceremony!

Merry Richter '86, after working for Senator Claiborne Pell for four years, is now the Program Assistant for the new Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation.

Peter J. Sultan '86 is still plowing his way through graduate school at Boston University and reports no change in marital status. He observes "Humm...any relationship there?"

'87

Donald Apy '87 was married to Jennifer Don '87 on August 11, 1990 [Mrs. Don Don? - Ed.] and reports that other Bandies attended the ceremony.

Ann M. DeWeer Aviles '87 is a fourth year medical student at Washington University in St. Louis and will receive her M.D. in May, 1991 and pursue Pediatrics. She married Vic Aviles '87 in June, 1989 and is "doing OK."

Melissa A. Birch '87 has bought a new house! she also reports that she was back at Brown in November recruiting summer interns for Microsoft. She saw the new dorm across from the Graduate Center and reports that Providence has changed and that the recession seems more evident in New England than in Washington State.

Eric Bloch '87 completed an M.Sc. in Computer Science at Stanford and will be starting a Ph.D. in Sociology this Fall, also at Stanford.

Nick Hastings '87 is a hydrogeologist in the environmental remediation field and was married last year to Kim Mrazek '87.

Liz McCabe '87 is an I.B.M. Systems Engineer and part-time M.B.A. student at Babson College. She tells us that she is "still hanging out with fellow back-of-bussers" John Cowles '88, Jim Stoddard '87, and Lisa Cohen '87. She also reports frequent sightings of Wes Jones '87.

'88

John Cowles '88 is a software engineer for Hewlett-Packard Company and is playing lots of hockey.

'89

Lawrence S. Bluth '89 is a second year medical student at Harvard.

Scott Perrin '89 is working with the Netherlander Organization which owns and operates the largest chain of legitimate theatres in the world (and the New York Yankees).

Frank Smith '89 is taking Ph.D. exams at M.I.T. and toying with the idea of going to Law School. He claims to have run into Leslie Allen '89 over Christmas.

Don Thumim '89 writes "I am very depraved (i.e. Band starved) up at Harvard." He will receive his M.A. in June.

'90

Dan Kraft '90 spent the summer after graduation backpacking through Europe and is now at Stanford Medical School. He ran into Monica Gessner '90 in Amsterdam. Monica is currently working in the Mergers and Acquisitions department of Morgan Stanley in New York City.

Cliff Mulcahy '90 has been working at Brown Alumni Relations since graduating.

Ladies and gentlemen, friends and alumni
The Friends of the Brown Band proudly present...

Band Phone

- 24-hour a day Brown Band hotline
- Football and Hockey scores
- Halftime show audiotranscripts
- Future game dates and Band appearances
- Friends of the Brown Band information answer line

(212) AIR-BAND

* Call from a booth, or your home phone
And let the Brown Band play on your funny bone!

1991 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 21	@ Yale
Sept. 28	@ Marshall (huh?)
Oct. 5	URI
Oct. 12	PRINCETON
Oct. 19	@ Holy Cross
Oct. 26	@ Pennsylvania
Nov. 2	CORNELL
Nov. 9	HARVARD
Nov. 13	@ Dartmouth
Nov. 20	COLUMBIA

Brown Band Commencement Weekend Reunion

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You are most warmly invited to the following graduation 1991 Band reunion events:

Friday, May 24, 9:00-1:00, Campus Dance, Visit the Band table for food and drink. Look for the tent and twinkling lights near the flagpole on the Main Green.

Sunday, May 26, 8:00 (?), Campus March to "An Hour with the President", wear anything advertising Brown, come early to pick up an instrument and mosey through the campus with "Ever True" blaring!

Also, for die-hard Band members, you are invited to join the Commencement Band. Rehearsal times to be announced.

Please return the form to the right or call (212) AIR-BAND to reserve your space!

Yes!

I,

want to be in...

Commencement
Band!

Note

We are sorry, but the Band will not be able to provide housing for your stay. Please try to get housing through Alumni Relations.

BIG BUCKS TO BRUNONIA'S BIG BROWN BAND

Scott Perrin '89

Your contributions to the Friends of the Brown Band are crucial to the future of the Brown Band. Your important contributions fill the Band's budgetary gaps and provide necessary equipment, instruments and music.

Each year, University funding for the Band is questioned and, in some cases, cut. In recent years, some equipment and bus trips have been forced out of the budget. When these budget cuts hit the Band, it is vital for the Band to have a back-up funding source. The Brown Band has the responsibility of a 67 year old football game tradition which must be continued in the Band's own unique spirited manner. This and the many associated activities it involves can only be accomplished through alumni support.

The Band relies on its alumni contributions for necessary equipment such as uniforms (\$35 each), new music (\$50 per song), replacement megaphones (\$200 each), new instruments (\$200 each), and many other items. The Band has no alternate source of funding other than its alumni to help with the varied and numerous expenses which a marching band incurs.

To encourage alumni involvement and to show thanks for alumni contributions, a gift incentive program has been established which rewards alumni contributions with Band-related merchandise such as sweatshirts, paperweights, pens, Band record albums, buttons, and stickers. On behalf of the entire Brown Band I urge you to continue your generous support. Thank you.

Glossary of Selected Terms (excerpts from "A Day in the Time of My Life...") By Julian Petrillo '91

Band Board: The Band's officers, elected yearly. These individuals are responsible for demonstrating responsibility when the Band at large fails to do so (which is, of course, always.)

Band Bus: The Band's chariot and deliverer. The site of debauchery as well as introspection, animalistic behavior as well as academic endeavor.

Band Song: Any of the many songs sung on the Band Bus (q.v.) and elsewhere. The words to these songs are handed down solely through an oral tradition.

Campus March: Tiresome, noisy trek around campus by the Band prior to home games. Can also mean a jubilant march home after victorious football games, but this meaning has become archaic for obvious reasons.

Flesh Pile: Gesture of affection and friendship shown towards a single person when some or all of the Band smothers him or her in a huge pile of bodies. Usually takes place on the field, but can happen anywhere.

Formation Sheet: Illegible pieces of paper on which are scribbled the formations for a week's pregame and half time shows. No self-respecting Band member pays these much attention.

Hockey Season: Second semester--a time when football season is over and the Band has a team to root for and even to fell good about. After certain home hockey games, the Band skates out onto the ice for a brief post-game show. At these shows, the Band bills itself (accurately, I believe) as "The nation's only skating Band."

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THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who cared enough to help the best band in the Ivy League stay that way for another banner year! If we work together, we can have the best sounding, best equipped, and most impressive Band ever found in Brown Stadium!

Hey Alums!

As band historian, I am trying to put together a complete collection of Band buttons for the band archives. There are many which the band does not have, particularly from the early years. So, if there are any alums who have extras of the following buttons, or would like to donate their buttons to the Band, please send them to Brown University Band, Box 1930, Brown University, Providence RI 02912, c/o Lisa Yanek. Thank You!!

Any buttons pre-1969!

1969: Cliffe Hangers, Goodbye Columbia, That Damn Band

1970: Curb Your Dog, MFP

1971: Put Out The Cats, Bic Penn, Beet Red

1972: Stop The Crimson Flow, I'm Curious (Green)

1974: Exorcize 'Em, Bang the Drum Slowly, Green-Sleaze

1975 and 1976: ALL!

Ah, Clarkson / St. Lawrence. The hockey trip where Band dreams come true. Where more time is spent on a Band Bus than the average gestation period of a sheep. Where one can actually make a profit on food money by eating five straight meals at the Cascade Inn Diner. And who can forget the happening night life of Canton, New York, as exemplified by the Cascade Inn Lounge and Bar. But, at least for me, the story I'll be telling my grandchildren is about my experiences at the Tundra Capital of the World: the hockey arena of Clarkson University.

The inside of the rink bears a faint resemblance to hell. I'll always remember being "wiped" by a Canton youth brandishing toilet paper (you know, Brown is sheep dung, sheep dung is Brown). However, the most prominent aspect of this arena is the Clarkson "Fighting Snot" Pep Band, featuring an overamplified electric bass. Admittedly, in the past the Brown Band was somewhat intimidated by this deadly combination of noise, snot, and toilet paper. However, this year it was different.

No, silly, we didn't win the game. It was left to our own devices to win the upper hand over this frenzied crowd. What, you ask, was the mechanism of this startling turnaround? Band Humor.™ For example, after about the seventeenth Clarkson goal, the fans taunted us with the ubiquitous "Scoreboard, Scoreboard." Our reply: "Board scores, Board scores." This response was initiated under the assumption that the median SAT score at Clarkson was significantly less than that of Brown.

Other examples:

Clarkson Band: Burger King band, Burger King band [a reference to our uniforms, I believe].

Brown Band: Burger King school, Burger King school.

Chris Grossi '92: Would you like fries with your diploma?

and...

Clarkson fans: Warm up the bus, warm up the bus.

Brown Band: Warm up this town, warm up this town. Tundra, tundra...

So, believe it or not, the Band won at Clarkson. Now that we can handle the Tundra people, who knows what the Band can accomplish next? Hint...hint... fundraising drive, that means you, alums!

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