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Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends and alumni:

Presenting a newsletter that had twice the budget of James Cameron's *Titanic* to produce,

It's the Brown "We just need your social security number"

BAAAAAAANNNNDD Alumni Newsletter!!!!

It's a brisk **21** degrees with howling winds and snow as I write this letter, but I'm all warm and fuzzy inside because I'm thinking about the Brown Band! (Also because I accidentally swallowed my blanket.) And, now that you've read that, you're thinking about the band too! Mind control powers. They're awesome.

In this edition of the Brown Band Newsletter, you will find a preview of every game the Band is attending this Spring semester, a review of the **2011** Brown football season, a story about the loved Band tradition "section road trips", and a thank you note from the President of the Brown Band, Lena Barsky'14, and your alumni liaisons. One may even find a crisp \$20 bill taped to the back page! But only if you put it there for safekeeping, which seems like a pretty odd thing for you to do, especially since this is a digital copy.





Puck Ball!

2012 Brown Bears and Band Hockey Schedule

By Brandon Guarino'12

Ah yes, puckball. Or as it is often called in Canada and everywhere else, hockey. A game of true grit and intensity where it is acceptable to beat up the player standing next to you. Legendary men and women have skated on this low friction surface, known as ice, but none have been greater than the Brown University Band! Join us this season to reinforce why the Band is the only, greatest, and worst ice skating band in the world! Below is a schedule of all our hockey games for the 2012 season. As always, alumni are welcome to join us for any game! Just send us an email at friends.of.the.brown.band@gmail.com.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Special Note</u>
January	27th	7pm	Dartmouth	Women's Hockey	
February	3rd	7pm	Clarkson	Men's Hockey	Ice Show!
February	4th	7pm	St. Lawrence	Men's Hockey	
February	10th	7pm	at Cornell	Men's Hockey	Winter Trip 2012
February	11th	7pm	at Colgate	Men's Hockey	Winter Trip 2012
February	17th	7pm	Harvard	Men's Hockey	Alumni Ice Show!
February	18th	7pm	Dartmouth	Men's Hockey	

Game 1: Friday, January 27th, 2012 vs. Dartmouth College at 7pm EST: Various colleges have very inspiring mottos. Brown has “In God We Hope” and Harvard’s is “Truth”. And then there is Dartmouth with “The voice of one crying in the wilderness”. How uplifting. We don’t know who thought that was a good idea but we do know the Bears will send the Big Green back into the woods.



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Game 2: Friday, February 3rd, 2012 vs. Clarkson University at 7pm EST: It's a bird! No, it's a plane! No....it's the Brown Band! That's right, for our first ice show of the year, the theme will be superheroes! Our hockey arena has been taken over by Dr. Freeze and he is threatening to turn the rink surface into ice! Little does he know that it already is ice, but the Band will come prepared to fight off evil dressed as our crime fighting alter egos! This show will be as sight to behold as long as the Band doesn't dress up as the Invisible Woman.



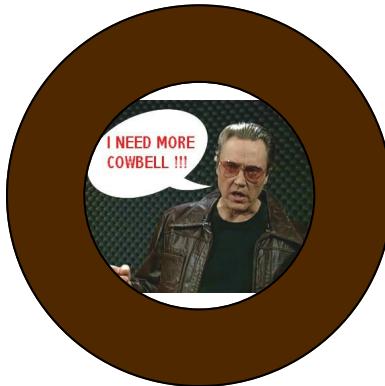
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Game 3: Friday, February 4th, 2012 vs. St. Lawrence University at 7pm EST: Turn the clocks back a year and we see the Band battling off an army of St. Lawrence fans armed with vuvuzelas. This year, SLU leaves their artic tundra in upstate New York to visit the not as cold land of Providence. Even if the SLU fans bring their vuvuzelas, we have the ultimate counter-instrument... the cowbell!



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Game 4: Friday, February 10th, 2012 at Cornell University at 7pm EST: The Band thought Ithaca was so gorges when we traveled there for football in October, we are officially going back for Winter Trip 2012! And I heard the Cornell Big Red *cough communists cough* Marching Band has dropped their marching ways and now remains stationary in their seats. Even though it isn't scattering or skating on ice, it's a start in the right direction. Hope to see you far above Cayuga's frozen waters!



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Game 5: Saturday, February 11th, 2012 at Colgate University at 7pm EST: Winter Trip 2012

rolls along as the Band travels to renew their rivalry with Colgate. Some artifacts of our visits there in their 80's and 90's include buttons such as "Brush Aside Colgate" and "Paste Makes Waste". Would it be frowned upon if the Band brought Crest tooth paste?



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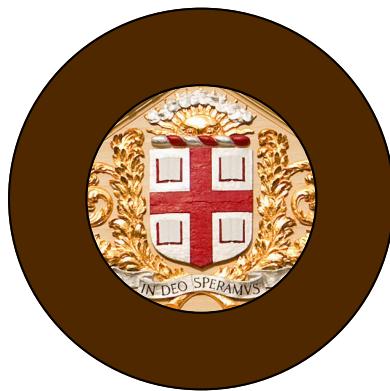


Game 6: Friday, February 17th, 2012 vs. Harvard University at 7pm EST: Let's give a cheer.

Let's give a great big cheer...no of course not for Hahvahd. For this will be the night of our Alumni Ice Show!! See your friends from your time at Brown, meet some new ones, and show off that you can skate and play an instrument at the same time! Many alumni have already said how excited they are for this night. If you already know that you will be attending, please send us an email at friends.of.the.brown.band@gmail.com with your preferred instrument. An email will be sent out to all Band alumni a week before the big night as an official RSVP. And to get excited for the game here's a fun fact: Did you know iPhones will autocorrect "Harvard" to "garbage" anytime you try and type it? Hope to see you when Bruno takes out the trash!



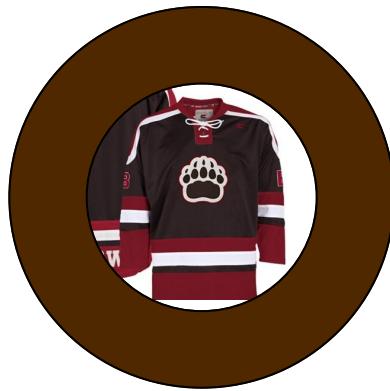
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Game 7: Saturday, February 18th, 2012 vs. Dartmouth College at 7pm EST: Join the Band for the final home game of the regular season as the Bears gear up for the ECAC playoffs by beating down the Big Green. We have been informed Dartmouth will be looking for their new big and green mascot during this game. The current front runners for this job are a green chalkboard, a unripened tomato, and Kermit the Frog.



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Suspended Net Ball!

2012 Brown Bears and Band Basketball Schedule

Join the Band as we return to the Pizzitola Center for basketball/ suspended net ball. The arena will be celebrating their one year anniversary of the roof collapsing. Luckily there has been no snow in Providence yet to pile up on the roof and convert the Pitz into an open air arena. (Watch there is a blizzard the week after this newsletter is mailed out). Even if the roof decides to go on vacation again, this will not stop the Band! Below you can see our Spring semester basketball schedule. If you would like to join us, come dressed in your Brown hockey polo. Yes, it is a little awkward calling our basketball uniform “the hockey uniform” but our polos look so good!

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Sport</u>
February	25th	6pm	Columbia	Men's Basketball
March	3rd	7pm	Princeton	Women's Basketball



Game 1: Saturday, February 25th, 2012 vs. Columbia University at 6pm EST: Reading that we are playing Columbia, you might be asking yourself, “Where?” But don’t worry, I have looking into this game and we will not have to travel all the way to South America for the game. Instead they will come to Providence. Hopefully Colombia’s national basketball team will be jet lagged when they go up against our Bears!



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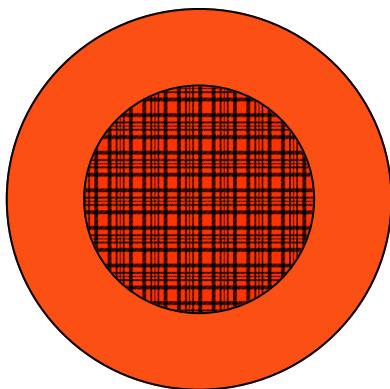
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Game 2: Monday, March 3rd, 2012 vs. Princeton University at 7pm EST: Rumors are that the Princeton basketball team is looking for a new uniform design. When they visit Brown, we will suggest that they use the Princeton Band's orange plaid uniforms! No one would be able to look at the team without having a seizure!

Pro tip: Don't look at the Princeton button below.



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Ice-less Hockey!

2012 Brown Bears and Band Lacrosse Doubleheader



Game 1: Saturday, April 28th 2012 vs. Cornell University Women's La-

crosse at 12pm EDT: The Band decided that we love lacrosse so much, that we will be attending not one, not three, but two games in one day!! Come spend your day in the springtime sun* with the Band! During our first game we will attempt to stop the Big Red (What?) and send them back to old man Ezra's farm. *Note: The Band is not responsible for incorrect weather predictions. If it does rain, it is Cornell's fault...sieve sieve sieve.



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Game 1: Saturday, April 28th 2012 vs. Dartmouth College Men's Lacrosse at 3pm EDT:

As the Big Red hops aboard their tractors to go back to NY, another team with an equally uncreative name faces off against Bruno. The Band will not be intimidated by teams named Big *insert color here*. Good thing our team name isn't the Brown Big Brown.



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Fall 2011 Review!

By Lewie Pollis'14

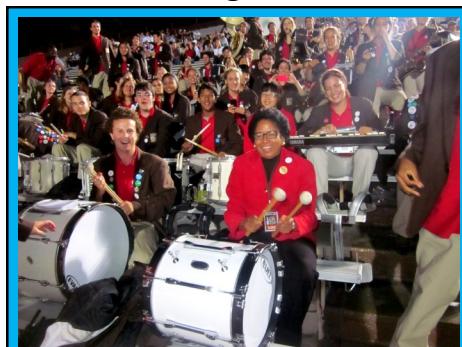
Ladies and gentlemen, friends and alumni, presenting a football season in which we actually posted an over-.500 records, it's the Broooooooooooooown University "WE WON BECAUSE WE WON BECAUSE WE WON BECAUSE WE WON" 2011 football season! (insert party sounds)

The season started off with a bang as the Bears beat Stonybrook, 21-20 in the first game of the year. Even more importantly, the band didn't play a single wrong note! Although that had more to do with the fact that we weren't there. But we were there in spirit. In this case "there in spirit" means "sleeping in on a Saturday for once."

Since we weren't there to Sea Wolf, Sea Wolf Lose, the Brown Band's season debut was the Hahhhhhvuhd game, September 23. After a bus ride that thanks to insane traffic was almost long enough to watch *The Departed* (fun fact—that takes place in Boston!), we trudged through the Cambridge mud in search of the alumni tent. It was a cold and rainy night and the 10,000 men of Hahhhhhhhhhvuhd emerged victorious on the field, 24-7. But—as always—we had a winning band! And my cousin, who goes to Hahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhvuhd, was rooting for Brown. So, all in all, we had a lot to be proud of.



Next up was the URI game, the second home evening game in Brown's history! We won the Governor's Cup! Governor Lincoln Chafee, who—believe it or not—is both a Brown alumnus and governor of RI, came to the game to see the Band. And, as a formality, to give the Bears the trophy after our 35-21 victory. But we all know he came to see us. It was also the night President Ruth Simmons joined the Band to play bass drum and cowbell!



Fall 2011 Review!

By Lewie Pollis'14

Next was the Holy Cross game! Holy Cross games are always special to the Band—we don't get to see them every year because we're banned (Get it? Because "banned" and "band" are homonyms.) from their stadium. For the few people who showed up to the Fall Weekend game it was a momentous occasion—not because we won 20-13 (though, for the record, we won 20-13) but because it was the Band's debut of the latest Shameless Lew Promotion® hit, *Through the Fire and Flames!* Better known as "Number Flames," "#Flames," and "Lewie, why the hell did you make this so hard to play?"

Then came the Princeton game! Thanks to strong alumni turnout and a visit from the always delightful Princeton Band, we had not one, not three, but TWO Chu's in the stadium as Bryan Chu'11, the Brown Band's former lead conductor, and Sterling Chu Princeton'13 and current Princeton Band conductor were in the stands. SHAMELESS CHU PROMOTION! Also we won, 34-0, Brown's first shutout since 1990! I'd say that qualifies as tying a pretty serious knot in the tiger's tail.



Next up was the Cornell game! Unfortunately I couldn't make the trip up to see the gorgeous gorges of Ithaca, but I do know that the Cornell band threw us an awesome Halloween party. Somehow I got tagged in a Facebook picture as an inflatable deer. So there's that. Oh, right, there was a game too. We won, 35-24!



Fall 2011 Review!

By Lewie Pollis'14

Penn came to visit the last weekend in October, and you know what that means: it was the Halloween game! While the Penn band all dressed as Penn students, the Brown band featured flute players dressed as flutes, trumpet players dressed as other Ivy stereotypes, and the S&M section as Pokémon! Also, Wilson Baer'13 as Brown Recluse Spider-Man. Unfortunately, our costumes were not the highest priority as we ducked under ponchos and shivered our way through an afternoon of bitter cold, howling wind, and freezing rain. During halftime we broke the Penn Band's world record for longest conductors baton! The Penn Band was not happy. Meanwhile, the Bears pulled off a stunning upset, beating the Quakers 6-0. It was the first time Penn had lost a conference game in two years. All the more impressive was that we won without scoring a single touchdown!



The next weekend, the Band took a trip to Austria! We had to help a curmudgeonly old military officer find happiness through music, then help his family escape from the Nazis so they could sing and dance as they please. Oh wait...I was home that weekend because my sister was Maria in *The Sound of Music* and I'm, such a great brother that I went to see her. Guess I got confused there. Well, the Band did well in my absence. We beat the Yales, 34-28! Brown might not have beaten the Yales, 3-2, but the important part is that we beat the Yales.



Next up was Dartmouth! It was our last home game of the season. There were lots of emotions as the seniors ran around and we read limericks in their honor. One might even go so far as to say that there were SO MANY FEELINGS. We lost to Dartmouth, but we did come near. We lost 21-16, but until we lost it was a pretty exciting game.

Fall 2011 Review!

By Lewie Pollis'14

The season came to an end at Columbia. *Where?* Columbia. *Oh.* After getting on the bus well before sunrise (spoiler alert: it was 4:30am), we pulled into New York City with plenty of time to spare for a few rousing games of Mr. Bucket. We were up 21-7 heading into the last quarter of the game, and then...I don't remember what happened after that. The final score isn't important. What is important is that the Brown Band had an awesome time in New York City. The streets made us feel brand new, lights inspired us, then we were in New York, New York, New Yoooooork, just like the song!



Credits to Bryan Chu'11 for the great photo!

That may have been it for American football, but there's another kind of football game we went to this year: rest of the world football! Also known as soccer, footy, and that World Cup game. Our very own Brown University Bears qualified for the NCAA championship tournament, and in their first-round game against the Fairfield Stags we were there to cheer them on. It just so happened that we were seated next to a group of extremely friendly (and ever-so slightly inebriated) Fairfield students. There was one girl in particular, their leader, who was a bunch of fun. Her name was Sharron. But they were outgoing and talkative. At the beginning, when we were losing, they were worried we might not have been able to see the scoreboard or count to 2-0 so they kept reminding us what the score was. They were so sweet. Then we made a comeback and won, 3-2. Sharron left without saying goodbye. But it was a great game! And the drunk Fairfield girls made Brandon, our Band grad student AND alumni liaison, proud of his undergraduate institution.

Well, that's all for this Fall season—now you know what you missed if you weren't able to make it to the games. Hope to see you in the spring!

"ROADTRIP!!"

Best section road trips of the 2011 Football Season

By Brandon Guarino'12

The Band has many traditions, however one of the best is the “section roadtrip”. While parading through Providence to Brown Stadium, each section breaks off from the rest of the Band and puts on their own act as the remaining sections march past by them. Now anytime I walk in large groups that aren’t the Band, I want to break off and perform my own stunt or song. Let’s begin the countdown with the 5th best road trip of the season!

Five: Percussion Forms Their Own Band

On November 12th, the Percussion section decided to rebel from the Brown Band while marching towards Brown Stadium. For the entire season, Percussion was the only section to not have a road trip because you can’t have a marching cadence without them. However since it was the last home game for Percussion’s seniors, it was decided that they would break off, run ahead, and then start marching into the path of the incoming Brown Band. Luckily the Brown Band swerved out of the way of the Percussion Anti-Band.



Four: It's a bird, it's a plane! No, it's Low Brass!

Also on November 12th, the Low Brass section discovered their own member, Scott Under-rinner'15, was actually Superman. They celebrated this by playing the Superman theme as he flew around them on the steps of Nathan Bishop Middle School.



"ROADTRIP!!"

Best section road trips of the 2011 Football Season

Three: S&M au Café

On October 1st, the S&M section celebrated Brown's first home game (and second ever night game) by taking a break from the march and going to their favorite café along the parade route. While they relaxed, a cymbalist also broke off from the Band and used his cymbal to act as a plate. On it, he served up "invisible" drinks and croissants for all the section members to enjoy.



Two: Sax and Mellophones, I choose you!!

On October 29th the S&M section once again had a great roadtrip, as they dressed up as characters from the television series Pokémon. Members of the section performed a well known song from the series (Jigglypuff's Lullaby for those of you who are keeping score at home) as Team Rocket, the series' lead villains, stole Pikachu who was played by Ayano Kondo'14.



"ROADTRIP!!"

Best section road trips of the 2011 Football Season

One: Snidley Road

And for the moment you have been waiting for... the best road trip of the year goes to the Trumpets for their Abbey Road road trip on ! As the Band marched towards them, they formed the pose seen on the famous Beatles album, Abbey Road. The Trumps heard that the Beatles were a winning band, just like the Brown Band. This was a perfect tribute to them and we know that the Band's next album will go Platinum just like Abbey Road did.



Zero: Honorable Mention

Honorable mention goes to this guy who road tripped from his tailgate party to deep fry his own turkey before the Brown vs. Dartmouth game. The Brown Band salutes you, sir!



A Message from the President of the Brown Band

By Lena Barsky'14

Dear alumni,

Hello! My name is Lena Barsky, I'm sophomore studying classics (specifically Latin) as well as political science, and I'm the current President of the Brown Band. I was Corresponding Secretary last year, and I've had the great pleasure of meeting and corresponding with many of you already. What I haven't been able to do yet is address just what a huge impact you all as alums have on the Band so here I am, writing in the Alumni Newsletter! Pretty exciting, huh? I think so.

More exciting than my writing a letter to all of you is the fact that we as an organization have been incredibly lucky, donation-wise, this past year. As you may or may not know, the Undergraduate Finance Board was not kind to us when we submitted our budget. We underwent not one, but *two* appeals processes (and apparently were one of the few organizations to ever try for a second appeal) and still came up rather short of our goals. The Band was worried: our size has increased in the past couple years, and in this economy the costs of running an organization like the Brown Band certainly aren't getting any lower. However, thanks to our fantastic--and extremely generous--network of alumni, we were able to make up most of what we had lost through your donations.

Our phone-a-thon in February raised considerably more than in previous years, and this money enabled the Band to buy new equipment for percussionists. They were very pleased with their drum heads, stands, and sticks that were, for once, not held together by tape! The phone-a-thon funds also enabled us to make much-needed repairs to instruments from clarinets to tubas and everything in between, and we even bought a new flute, which came in handy this fall when a whole slew of new freshmen joined the flute section. We as a Band were ecstatic, and felt fortunate to have such a large amount of support from our alums.

But wait, it gets better! Even after the Phrighteningly Phinancially-Successful Phone-a-thon (see what I did there?), we as a Band found ourselves without the funding to go on three of our four away trips for the fall Football Season--Cornell, Columbia, and Yale. Curse you, UFB! Just when things were looking dire, we received three anonymous donations (or, as I called them, three extremely-well-timed gifts from whatever deity is looking out for the Band) that fully funded the travel expenses for these trips. We were floored and couldn't have felt more loved. We did, in fact, go to all three of those games as well as the night game at Harvard. Thanks to your magnanimity, we were able to continue to support the football team.

Aside from these two major fundraising windfalls, we have received generous donations from our alums throughout the year and, thanks to your support, are able to continue purchasing necessary supplies, making instrument repairs, etc. that we would not have been able to do using solely UFB-provided funds. We have to start the budget process again soon, though, so keep your fingers crossed!

In all seriousness, though, I *cannot* stress enough what a profound impact you all have as Alumni of the Brown Band. It is because of your donations that we have been able to travel, buy supplies, allow anyone who wants to do so to join the Band, and maintain the standard of excellence (and bawdiness) that we're known for. As Brandon, Carrie, and Lewie have already said, your presence at games and continued interest in the band is invaluable, and I wholeheartedly second that motion. The fact that you are willing to donate your money as well as your time to us is the icing on the cake. When I say "icing," I actually mean the fanciest, most awesome kind of icing you can imagine. (If you don't like icing, envision your donations as some other really enticing dessert. If you don't like dessert, are you sure you were in the Band?) You all are the most fantastic group of alumni any Band could ask for, and I can only hope that your support will continue.

Put very bluntly, and in case you got tired of reading my ramblings-on about how lucky we are as a Band to have you as alumni, thank you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, thank you from the bottom of Elrod's heart, and thank you from the bottom of the collective hearts of the members of the Brown Band. I look forward to hearing from you all and hopefully meeting some of you at either the Alumni Ice Show on February 17, Commencement Band in May (information on that event forthcoming), or both events if you're so inclined!

Ever True,

Lena Barsky'14, President of the Brown University Band

"Thank you Brown Band Alumni!"

And now a message from your alumni liaisons. It has been a tremendous pleasure being able to connect with our Band alumni. In the last year we have added three new liaisons: Brandon, Lewie, and Carrie who have attended all Band Board meetings, even though it is not required of them. They are there due to their love of the Brow Band. By attending these meetings we have formed a close relationship with Band Board and worked with them to incorporate such events as the Alumni Ice Show coming up on February 17th.

Advancements have also been made with social media. The alumni blog continues to grow stronger with updated designs and recaps of each event the Band attends. In the past year, official Brown Bandstand accounts have been created for YouTube videos, Picasa photos, and Google+. Also, the Band can be found on Facebook where photos and stories from our blog will be shared.

Your feedback received through our Gmail account has also been extremely helpful. Keep on sending your positive messages and what you would like to see or done better with the Friends of the Brown Band!

We can't wait to hopefully see you next spring at our games, especially the alumni ice show, and then in May for Commencement Band 2012! Brown's 244rd Commencement exercises will take place on Sunday, May 27th, 2012. A notification email will be sent out when the link on the Brown Band's website is available so alumni can register to participate.

Once again, it has been a pleasure creating this winter newsletter for you and we hope to see you next semester! To contact your Friends of the Brown Band alumni liaisons, Brandon Guarino, Lewie Pollis, and Carrie Danielson can be reached at friends.of.the.brown.band@gmail.com. If you have any questions about donations or the upcoming semester, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Ever true,

Brandon, Lewie, and Carrie