

# Bandstand

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni,

Hello! Happy New Year! For those of you who don't know me, I am Sidney Karesh, the new president of the Brown University "We Love Our Crusties" Band. I hail from the almighty low brass section (it's all fun and games until someone breaks a toe coming down from a pyramid) and am currently a junior concentrating in International Relations. Yes, that does mean the percussion rule over the Band has officially fallen. Following the steps of Carrie Danielson '14, I have made the transition from FOBB to president, coming at this alumni newsletter from the other side for the first time in quite a while. Your FOBBs, including Caleb Hersh '17 and the newest members of the FOBB team, Abby Muller '16, Isabella Martinez '17, and Cassandra Cole '18, have been hard at work on this newsletter along with some great new updates to the organization of communication with alumni.

Our fall semester was a blast, and we loved seeing those of you who joined us throughout the season and specifically at our alumni game this year. Although we did not have a winning team at the 250+(th?) extraordinaire game against Harvard, we most certainly had a winning band with the help of all the alums who came out to join us as we banged and blew as we are always wont to do. And of course, we wouldn't be able to do all that we do without your support of the band. We are continuing to work on replacing our old instruments (Dan Prendergast, don't worry—we are still hanging onto that baritone that looks like it lived through both world wars, just for you), and through the incredibly generous donation of one of our alumni we are currently in the process of purchasing new uniforms for the Band. Thank you to all of you who continue to support the Band financially—we appreciate your gifts so much, as they allow us all to continue doing what we love most in playing music and bringing spirit to athletic events and, quite frankly, keeping a healthy level of mischief alive and well at Brown.



The Band is as tradition-heavy as always. As Matt McGarrell always tells us, the Band is like a dog—if we do something twice, it sticks. But the reverse dog trick is also true, and we've certainly dropped some traditions along the way. If you have any of those or any particularly hilarious/noteworthy/horrible Band memories to relay, our FOBBs are hard at work collecting and compiling information to add to their documents. I want to thank them again for all the hard work they have put into this newsletter. I hope you all find it enjoyable, and I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events this semester.

Ever True,  
Sidney Karesh '16

Photo credit: Sujay Natson

## Spring Season Preview

Fri. 1/23—7 PM—Yale—W. Hockey

Fri. 1/30—7 PM—Quinnipiac—M. Hockey  
\*\*Themed Ice Show!\*\*

Sat. 1/31—4 PM—Princeton—M. Hockey

Fri. 2/6—7 PM—Harvard—M. Basketball

Sat. 2/7—4 PM—Harvard—M. Hockey

Fri. 2/13—7 PM—Union—W. Hockey

Fri. 2/20—7 PM—@Princeton, M. Hockey

\*\*Winter Trip, Day 1\*\*

Sat. 2/21—7 PM—@Quinnipiac—M. Hockey  
\*\*Winter Trip, Day 2\*\*

Fri. 2/27—7 PM—Cornell—M. Hockey

Sat. 2/28—4 PM—Colgate—M. Hockey  
\*\*ALUMNI ICE SHOW!!!\*\*

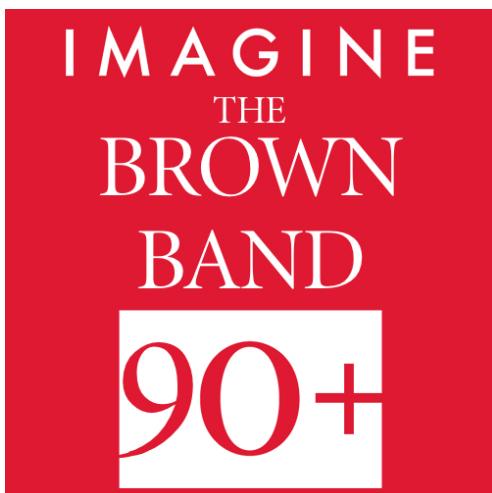
Fri. 3/6—7 PM—Dartmouth—W. Basketball

Sat. 4/18—3 PM—Cornell—M. Lacrosse

COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND — Saturday, 5/23 - Sunday, 5/24

## Special Note on the Alumni Ice Show

*The year 2014 was the ninetieth anniversary of the founding of the Brown Band. So, in keeping with Brown's tradition, our 90th celebration will be a year-and-a-half long. But also importantly, the upcoming hockey season will mark the 45th anniversary (1970-2015) of the Brown Band's debut as the only ice skating college band in the country! In fact, as of next year, the Band will have the distinction of having been on ice for half of its history. Please join us for the **February 28th** alumni ice show as we mark this special anniversary! It will surely be a show to remember.*



# Football Season Wrap-Up

*Ladies and Gentlemen, Friends and Alumni!  
Presenting the most recent exploits of an  
organization that just doesn't know when to  
quit and insists on playing even when it rains  
at almost every single game, it's the BROWN  
UNIVERSITY "still-waiting-for-my-music-to-dry"  
BAND FOOTBALL SEASON WRAP-UP!!*

**By Isabella Martinez '17 and Abby Muller '16**

## **Game 1: Brown (14) vs. Harvard (22)**

Although we really should say harvard because our pins this game featured a size 10 font, lower-case, comic sans h (Harvard isn't important enough for that pretentious fancy-font H they have on all their things). It was the 250<sup>th</sup> celebration and the homecoming game so the Band freshmen had a bit of stage fright when they looked across a stadium packed with people wearing black T-shirts (the theme was black out...in all senses of the word). But the freshmen (and an excellent contingent of alumni!) made us proud—our performance may have rivaled that of the post-game fireworks!

*Script Themes: "Why is the stadium so full,"  
So many alums, boiling water, Stuff that is  
harder than getting into Harvard (such as  
putting on Velcro shoes and obeying gravity),  
"Only 66% of Harvard grads report that their  
job is making a difference in the world"*

## **Game 2: Brown (20) vs. URI (13)**

We embarked on a heroic journey of 0.5 miles down the hill to reach the mighty stadium at

URI where we were surprised by the sheer magnitude of their band. Turns out they had "high school band day" because they had more than eight high school bands join them. To our complete shock and great sorrow our pre-game time got stolen from us! No matter, the Band still beat their formation marching with our superb scrambling skills and the football team stole the show with the first win of the season.

*Script Theme: Hermione Granger, "Famous Rhode Island things" (a.k.a. coffee milk and hot wieners), Stuff college freshmen should do*



## **Game 3: Brown (27) vs. Holy Cross (24)**

And so began the struggle of the Band playing in the rain. We told everyone to layer up but it was still quite an experience to have to explain to our roommates why there was wet music all over the floor. At least the Band paid for hot chocolate for everyone! The Band is still banned from visiting the "hallowed" grounds

of Holy Cross' football stadium but we had an excellent time on our own football field as the team fought hard for their victory.

*Script Themes: The Holy Cross Band has too many names, "How many 'holy' jokes can the Band possibly make?"*



#### **Game 4: Brown (16) vs. Princeton (27)**

"Two universities, both alike in dignity, in fair New Jersey where we lay our scene..."

(Excerpt from Princeton Script). Friendly competition always seems to lead to the best romantic comedies, so we gave it a go with the Princeton Band. Don't know how many hearts we won over—but we got some good YouTube videos! And although the game was lost, good friendships were won, through an icy dip in the Princeton fountain and a rowdy night of song and bad good life choices.

*Script themes: The Brown Band is an excellent date, "Brunoneo and Princetoniette"*

#### **Game 5: Brown (42) vs. Cornell (16)**

The family weekend game dawned bright and clear and cold—and that must have been good

luck because we completely crushed Cornell. The Band started out the day by rousing all our peers with an 8 AM campus march, and then armed our parents with a literal ton of kazoos before heading to the football stadium for an excellent game. They didn't seem too put off by our cheer at 69 seconds left, and all the parents in the stands made for a great turnout!

*Script Themes: Cornell is a farmhouse and a hotel, The overpopulation of deer—er—bucks, Parents weekend, Cornell makes milk/yogurt/cheese, Ithaca's bird-watching pastime*

#### **Game 6: Brown (21) vs. Penn (13)**

Cold, soaking, and Halloween! We passed some of the long bus ride to Philadelphia with Rocky Horror and did the time warp (again), at which point we found ourselves at our hotel—definitely more comfortable than sleeping on Princeton bandies' floors two weeks ago, although with less plaid.

Halloween night we had a super-spooky hotel party, and the following morning got into costume for the game. We had Pixar characters, anti-heroes, and even some Penn bandies among the Brown Band that day. By the end of field rehearsal we were all more than a little soggy, but spirits stayed high in the Band and (our side of) the stadium as Bruno won the day.

*Script Themes: Stealing candy and toast from the Penn band, Penn's propensity for name-dropping (did you know they're in the Ivy League?)*

## **Game 7: Brown (42) vs. Yale (45)**

The day was cold, bright, and—for once—sunny! We were delighted to have some recent alums visiting. They played with us in the stands and our former conductors even took us through a few songs. It was the perfect opportunity for the Band freshmen to learn some of our proud history from several generations of crusties that graced our stands with their presence. The Yale Band, however, was unable to make the trip. We missed them, but had more time to play and make fun of the Yale Bowl.

*Script Theme: Technology to fix the deficits in Yale's academic and social life, The Yale Bowl's lack of bathrooms, A new credit card to let New Haven buy its way out of the dark ages*



## **Game 8: Brown (21) vs. Dartmouth (44)**

The day after a fantastic Bandquet, we journeyed to the frozen wasteland, where we were given a seat in its most desolate and barren edge—the corner of the stadium. The

sun shone on us, though, so we were warm enough to move when the game was over and it was time to play with the Dartmouth Band on the green. After our inter-band unity, we reasserted Brunonia's pride with some Brown songs, and after a full day got back on the bus to Providence.

*Script Theme: The D-plan (designed to fit more students into Dartmouth beds!), Shuffling minstrels, Things, Kid jokes ("What do you call a dinosaur with no eyes? Shut up")*

## **Game 9: Brown (41) vs. Columbia (Columbia) (7)**

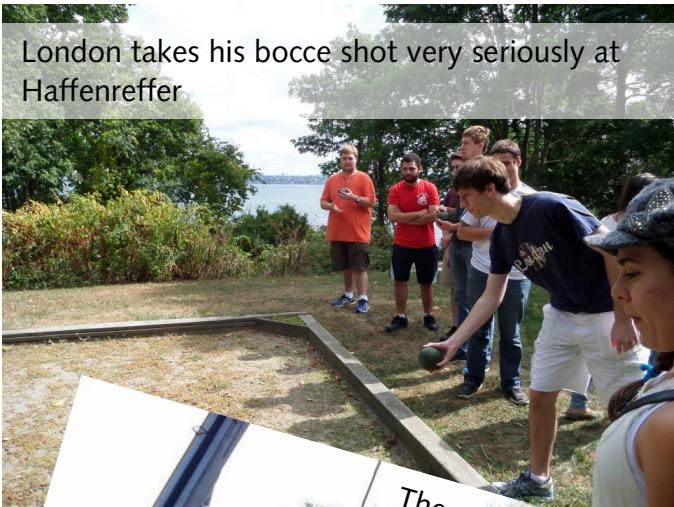
Our last game is always a great and emotional one, and this was no exception. We had Band Board changeover at halftime, seeing out a truly great Board and welcoming a new one. We played Bits & Pieces and celebrated (not said goodbye to, yet!) our amazing seniors with limericks and a champagne bottle form.

*Script Theme: The limericks were written in our tears...*



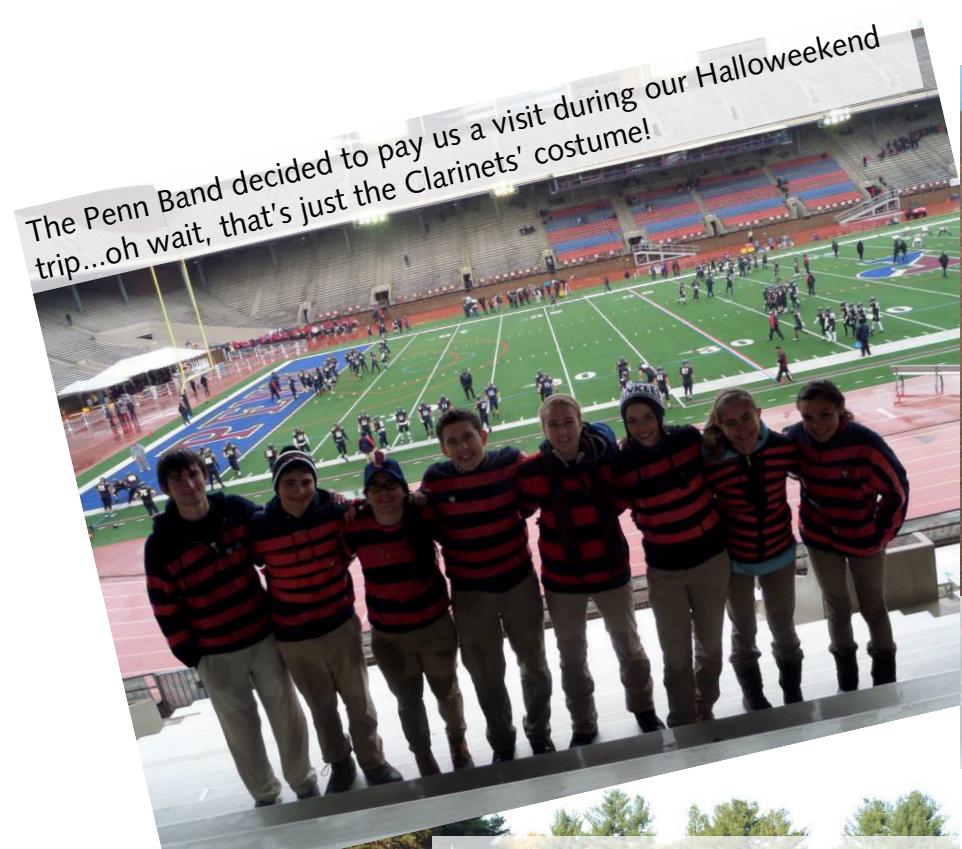
# Fall 2014 in Pictures

Compiled by Caleb Hersh '17



## Football Season





Round and round the Grad Center Stairs, the bandies (and their parents) campus marched during Family Weekend!



Strong alumni presence at the Yale game, including a throwback conducting performance by Bryan Chu '11!

## More Football!

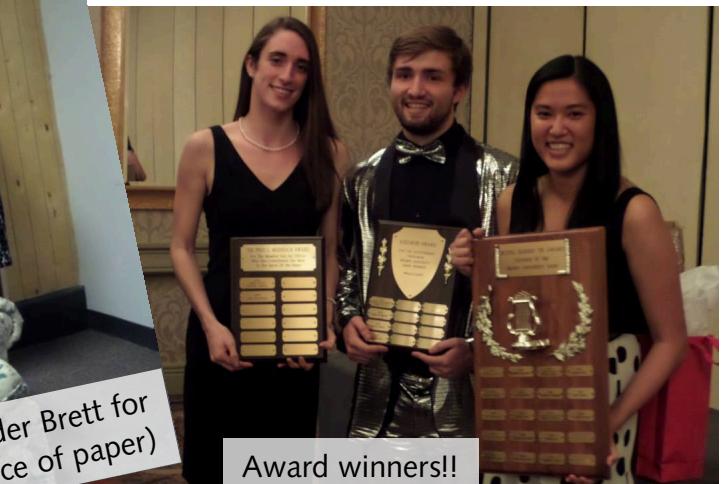


Four straight generations of Moms!



Wooooo! Seniors!!! (Please don't leave us!)

# *Bandquet*



#420blazeityoloswagnoscope



*Even more fun!*



Though recent alum Carrie Danielson '14 could not make the St. Lawrence hockey game, her puppet pal very much could.



Watch now as the Band tries ~~not~~ to get yelled at in the CIT



Spoiler alert: Daniel's Jewish

# Freshman Testimonials

*This all-new "Freshtimonials" section brings you two perspectives from Band freshmen on their first semesters.*

## Kiki Tapiero '17

As a freshman last year, I came to Brown burnt out from the time commitment of my high school musical groups. I tried to fill the void by joining Brown Student Radio but it didn't provide the community of an actual performing group. This past summer, I looked to expand my musical involvement, and the Brown Band especially piqued my interest.

The day of my first Band rehearsal, I had a meeting for another group that overlapped. As fate would have it, I went to Band first, planning to leave early for the other meeting. However, with great people, great jokes, and great music, the time flew by, and I didn't want to leave. To my elation, I quickly realized that the Band not only embraced, but, in fact, thrived on that quirkiness most people roll their eyes at when I express. I knew immediately that the Brown Band was exactly what I needed in my life, and where I fit in.

Though I didn't know all the traditions on the first day, people were kind about informing me to, "throw your keys at measure 9," "write the weirdest thing you can think of for the attendance sheet," and "stand up and dance at the end of 'Al'!" At our first football game, I was nervous about dropping music or falling or messing up. Everyone put me at ease: "Don't worry," they said, "I've already done all those things." Though I was sophomore while I joined, the Band nevertheless welcomed me, and in fact many sophomores made an explicit effort to make me feel a part of the sophomore Band class.

Of course I wish I had joined the Brown Band as a freshman, but only because I wish I could have had another year with this fantastic community!

## Zach Woessner '18

Being from rural, northern Illinois, I convinced quite a few Brunonians that my crutches were the result of a run-in with one of Bruno's less-than-well-mannered cousins. In truth, I folded my legs into lotus pose (crisscross-applesauce, but feet on top), heard a fibrous rip of cartilage, and found that my obstinate knee refused to bend deeper than 90 degrees. Yeah, I think I'll stick with the Bruno story.

Generously interpreting my doctor's instructions to "take it easy for the first six weeks," I found my post-operative self amiably tricep-dipping across campus to the first band rehearsal. Despite the screams of "NO STINGERS!" aimed at the blushing bell of my mellophone, I loved it. And, after playing benchwarmer for the first home game, I was promoted to script reader—sans crutches.

I would be lying if I told you that I thought script reading would rival tooting the mellophone on my spectrum of personal glee. In fact, the announcer's box felt most similar to a penalty box of middle-aged men. However, from recommending hot wieners to kazooing "Ever True to Brown," I learned that there is more to the band than forming a skyscraper with two bushes on the field: there are people behind the scenes making it all happen and, despite the disallowance of scrambling on my bear-mauled knee, I will always have a place with the Brown University, "Master-of-Hyphenated-Modifiers" Band.

## Letters to Elrod

*It's an FAQ! It's alumni profiles! It's Spiderman! No, it's Letters to Elrod! This other new section brings you narratives from alumni about their continued interactions with the Band, in their own words!*

Dear Elrod,

The great thing about being an alum of the Brown Band is that your involvement doesn't have to end, it just evolves. With events like the Harvard night game, the Alumni Ice Show and Commencement Band, alums come back in large numbers to join with the undergrads in the musical and social experiences that make Band so special. This includes the sharing of stories ranging all the way from the inventor of the Band buttons, Ken Sloan '69, to recent alums like me. However, there is no limit to when alums can come back and be so-called 'crusties' for a day or two or 300. Given fair notice, the Band Board will make sure we have everything we need so we can feel like a part of the Band again.

Ever True, Brian 'BGuest' Guest '13

Dear Elrod,

*While at Brown, I did not participate, aside from dorm intramural athletics, in any organized activity.*

*Included prominently in that list is the Brown Band.*

*Having returned since graduation to participate many times in the Commencement Band, I am delighted to find that nothing has changed.*

Ever True, Bob Feldman '58, P '87, P '89



Dear Elrod,

*I have to say that being a Band alum is but a pale shadow of the experience of being a bandie, but I have enjoyed making my \$69 donations and participating in the 40th anniversary ice show. By the way, did you know that ice skating is not like riding a bicycle? Luckily my clarinet survived intact.*

*Back in the day, I was President, Vice President, and head Librarian (not at the same time). I was the first person to make a formation sheet using a Macintosh (we used to draw them by hand before computers were invented). I also presided over the Bandquet where we were asked never to return to the Johnson & Wales hospitality center. You must be running out of venues where you can hold Bandquets by now.*

*Now I live in Wayland, MA (named after a former Brown president) and both my children play band instruments. The older one is already in college at Brandeis but there's still hope for the second one to join your ranks in a few years.*

Ever True, Kirsten Robinson '87

Dear Elrod,

*In an amazing coincidence, Jenny Steger '13 and I stopped at a rest stop on I-90, which we had stopped at on a winter trip in 2010 (maybe?) on the way to or from Clarkson or something. We enjoyed reminiscing about how, "we sang 'O Canada' right there!"*

Ever True, Max Mankin '11

Dear Elrod,

Once upon a time at Columbia (where?)<sup>1,2</sup> two young bandies fell in love. It was magic. Or perhaps it was the Goldschlager. Or perhaps, the good luck that comes to anyone pooped on by a seagull in the Columbia stadium<sup>3</sup>. In any event, what began there lasted three more football seasons. Then, we graduated and left the time honored walls to head West together to seek fame and fortune.

And some time later<sup>4</sup>, we got married! Several Band alums joined in the festivities (and two even signed the marriage license).

At least 50% of the songs at the reception were band songs. And now, when people ask, "How did you meet your husband/wife?" we see it as the perfect excuse to talk their ear off about the wonders of the Brown Band<sup>5</sup>.

Ever True, Aminy Ostfeld '11 & Chris Moynihan '11

<sup>1</sup>Columbia. <sup>2</sup>Oh. <sup>3</sup>The poop landed on the blazer. The blazers get re-used. Some current bandie now has that lucky blazer. <sup>4</sup>How do you measure time after college? <sup>5</sup>Pro tip: don't try to teach people the band-bus songs. They won't get it. And it will be awkward.

Dear Elrod,

Thousands of miles away in Beijing, I still have the urge to say, "Where?" every time I hear someone mention Columbia. Few people got the joke back in the USA. Nobody gets it here. I also somehow managed to hear the original version of Obvious Child for the first time a week ago, and I didn't recognize it until the drum solo. So...Band, you're a big part of my crusty life, no matter how old I get, how loose my embouchure becomes, or how terribly far away I am. I also sang a few verses of the S&M Man to some expat friends...I think we're still friends.

Ever True, K. Sarah "K. SASS" Ostrach '10

Dear Elrod,

I'm happy to report that I'm back to playing the trumpet again after a hiatus of a few years. I'm part of a brass quintet now, Point Grey Brass, named for the neighborhood where most of us live. We mostly just play together at weekly rehearsals for our own enjoyment, but we also did some Christmas caroling outside in our neighborhood, and we sometimes play for special services at the church where our euphonium player is the music director. Attached is a photo of us playing Christmas carols a year ago (our French hornist couldn't make it that day).

Ever True,

Rosie Perera '85



Dear Elrod,

I can't believe I am not taking to the field/ice/etc. with you for the first time in 4 years, but it was great to come back for a visit last September. I have been here in New York for the last 6 months, ostensibly to work at a bank but actually to keep the CUMB from further devastating this fair city. I've had a few chances to meet up with fellow Band alums Brandon Guarino MS '12, Andrew Leber '12, Adam Siegel '14, and Cooper Tamayo '14, and we have all been sure to keep toasting to Good Old Brown.

Hope that the hockey season is a good one (for the Band if not the team!) and you have a blast during Winter Trip. I am definitely going to pay another visit this semester, so I look forward to seeing you all then!

Parting advice to Money Gods present and future: Don't forget to get the pizzas!

Ever True (and Roll Tide!), John Kotheimer '14

Dear Elrod,

Sit down. I have news.

I got the paternity tests back and you \*ARE\* the father. The father of my love of running around football fields, my attempts to turn most "-er" words into Chicago verses, and the dent on my trumpet that Jared Stein '10 left when we bumped into each other while high fiving during an ice show. That's right, Elrod. Triplets.

My lawyer says I shouldn't be contacting you, but would Essan Emman, Esq (Esquire? I 'ardly—never mind...) know anything about true love? I did, Elrod. I did, but I don't anymore.

Please rethink this separation. I wish I were still on this goddamn bus (crash, boom). Nobody understands why the best times of my rhyming career were when I managed to create a "Bagels" verse for "Vas Deferens" (*Bagels for the worst option, bagels for the best preference....*) or when, with minutes to go on an away trip (the bus was ON Brown St), I fit Kristyn Wojciechowicz '10 into the Orgy Song ("Whoa, j'you hoe, it's my turn..."). Pun intended.

I'm in Pawtucket on a dental externship for the next couple of months, so I hope to come by a hockey game or two and perhaps we can reunite for a night. My fiancee would probably be cool with it, but she went to Cornell (no hairy chest, thank Ruth), so the idea that college could have been *fun* is nearly foreign to her.

To hell with you, Elrod. To hell with you (of P, PU!),

Ever True, Adam Robbins '09

Dear Elrod,

Mary Ann enjoyed attending the Brown 250 festivities in September (including the game) with her son Aaron Rosenberg '11 (Brown Orchestra, not Band). He may be around for Brown 300, but she probably won't.

We enjoyed seeing the Band do their combined show at the Princeton game in October when we went to a mini-reunion at the home of Johanna Bergmans Musselman '79 and her husband David in Princeton. Other alums at our fun time included Alan Schiffres '79 and his wife Lynda Davey, Mary Ellen Pavlovsky '79, Nancy Czapek '79, and Barrett Sheridan and Roger Baumgarten both '81.

We're also pleased to announce that our daughter, Dana Rosenberg, Nursing '16, was elected President of the Penn Band for 2015. Hooray for 2<sup>nd</sup> generation Ivy League band members.

Ever True, Mary Ann Kennedy '79, and

Robert Rosenberg '78



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# Meet our Seniors!

Responses collected by Cassie Cole '18. Photos submitted by respective seniors.

## Brian Brown — Percussion — Biochemistry

**Post-Graduation Plans:** "I will be going back home to St. Louis (it doesn't suck) and doing an internship somewhere.

Currently I am looking at the Danforth Plant Research center as a place to do an internship. After about a year or two I am planning on going to grad school."

**Favorite Band Memory:** "My favorite Band memory would probably have to be the parties we threw my sophomore year. No one had a Band party house that year so all of the parties took place in the basement of Harkness House (where I lived that year). The first party there was the creation of "Dangerfall". We also were forced to play beer pong in the Harkness trash room. Those were fantastic times."



## Jenna Ditto — Tenor Saxophone — Chemical Engineering

**Post-Graduation Plans:** "I just finished applying to grad school! So hopefully I will be starting in a Ph.D. program in the fall."

**Favorite Band Memory:** "Where to begin? When we first sang, 'O Canada' at a rest stop during our first away trip my freshman year and confused many onlookers (as well as all of the Band freshmen), dancing to the Time Warp in the aisle of the bus on the trip back to Providence from the Penn Halloween game sophomore year, and all of our themed ice shows, especially when Carrie [Danielson] '14 and I figure skated as the band played "O Canada" and formed a maple leaf!"



## Margaret Dushko — Alto Saxophone — Neuroscience

**Post-Grad Plans:** "A job, probably doing research; maybe grad school thereafter."

**Favorite Band Memory:** "Playing Karn Pachuco at Dartmouth sophomore year and it actually being super good."



### Zoe Fieldsteel — Tenor Saxophone — Linguistics

**Post-Graduation Plans:** "Upon graduation, I am hoping to secure some position which will pay me to reminisce on my glory days in the Brown Band. Barring that, I am considering pursuing a career in education, or law, or linguistics, or journalism, or something else (but hopefully that reminiscing-about-Band thing will pan out)."

**Favorite Band Memory:** "It's so hard to choose just one, but being invited to play at a Brown 250th event at Lincoln Center was amazing. It was easily the swankiest event the Band has ever taken part in, and the open bar afterwards wasn't bad either."

### Elizabeth Garcia — Saxophone — Public Health

**Post-Graduation Plans:** "I will be working with CityYear in New York for a year. Once my service is completed, I hope to get a master's degree in public health. I don't really know where I will go from there, but I hope to help others make healthier life choices."



**Favorite Band Memory:** "My favorite Band memory has to be my first football game ever, which was the Harvard v. Brown game in 2011. It was raining and cold, and I was exhausted and nervous to be surrounded by people I didn't really know. I contemplated whether or not I wanted to continue having rainy weekends with the Band. However, after getting to know so many wonderful bandies and making a "soda bottle with two solo cups", I knew that the Brown Band was an organization I wanted to be a part of!"



### Matthew Gasteiger — Clarinet — Biology

**Post-Graduation Plans:** "I plan to attend medical school somewhere eventually, but until then I'm not really sure."

**Favorite Band Memory:** "My favorite Band memory is commencement week 2013. It was the first time I went to commencement so I didn't really know what to expect, and while it was sad to see the seniors graduate it was a lot of fun to just hang out with the Band without worrying about school."

## Emily Gleason — Clarinet — Cognitive Science

**Post-Graduation Plans:** "It's a mystery."

**Favorite Band Memory:** "My favorite Band memory is doing "Favorite Song, Favorite Form" out on the field. The most amazing formation of all time."



## Michaela Jacobs — Flute — Biology

**Post-Graduation Plans:** "I would like to go to nursing school to become a nurse-midwife."

**Favorite Band Memory:** "Going caroling! Also dressing up as a bag of jelly beans."

## Elaine Nguyen — Cymbals — Neuroscience

**Post-Graduation Plans:** "HAHAHA! What a great question. I hope to be working in a science/research/biotech job in the Boston area, and of course I'd like to be able to come to a couple of Band events as a crusty!"

**Favorite Band Memory:** "It's so hard to choose since I've loved every minute I've spent with the Band, but if I have to, I'd say playing at Lincoln Center for a Brown 250th Anniversary event right before Spring Weekend of 2014. Hundreds of people, Brown alums and random New Yorkers alike, stopped to jam with us and cheer for us. It was so much fun, and a really cool opportunity for the Band."





### Kristen Sorgi — Clarinet — Psychology

**Post-Graduation Plans:** "I plan to pursue a career in clinical psychology. I hope to attend graduate school after taking a year or two to gain additional work experience."

**Favorite Band Memory:** "Bandquet is my favorite Band event every year. It is always a source of many laughs and too many memories to list!"



### Ryan Taylor — Bass Drum — Neuroscience

**Post-Graduation Plans:** "I plan on working in health policy/health care implementation in RI for a couple of years and then apply to medical school!"

**Favorite Band Memory:** "My favorite Band memory is probably Winter Trip from my freshman year. I can't really think of specifics from that trip, but it was such a great time!"



### Lia Tosiello — Flute — Biology

**Post-Graduation Plans:** "?????????????????????????????"

**Favorite Band Memory:** "ERRANT PUCKS"

**Scott Underriner — Baritone Horn — Astrophysics**

**Post-Graduation Plans:** "Not starve."

**Favorite Band Memory:** "3many5me1count, so I'll say Winter Trip freshman year."



**Derek Wilson — Trumpet — Electrical Engineering**

**Post-Graduation Plans:** "Pursuing a master's degree in electrical engineering."

**Favorite Band Memory:** "The Princeton trip sophomore year. We overtly mocked Chris Christie, the governor of New Jersey. Having grown up in NJ, I loved the opportunity to ridicule him in an entertaining way."

**Wenting Xie — Flute — Cognitive Neuroscience**

**Post-Graduation Plans:** "Spending the rest of my life figuring out the rest of my life."

**Favorite Band Memory:** "Playing 'AI' in the fountain with the Princeton Band after the 2014 game—it was such a magical moment!"



# "69 Seconds Left"

## 2014-15 Band Board

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## Appointed Leadership

### Friends of the Brown Band Alumni Liaisons

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**Thank you for reading this issue of the Bandstand,  
and for your continued support of the Brown Band!**

**Ever True,  
Abby Muller '16, Caleb Hersh '17, Isabella Martinez '17, and Cassie Cole '18  
Friends of the Brown Band Alumni Liaisons**

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