



Bandstand Spring 2020



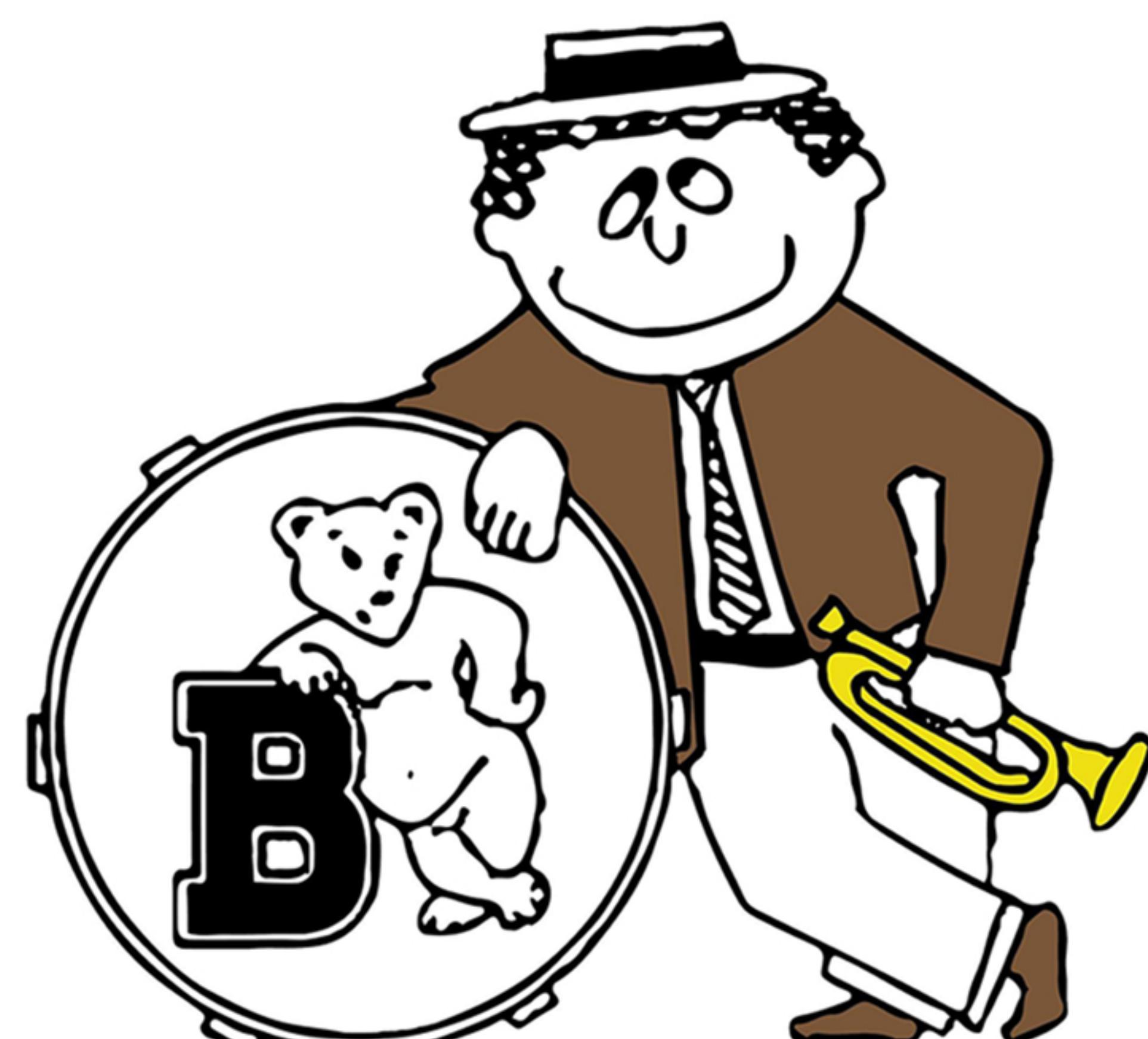
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

My Dearest Alumni,

My name is Elizabeth (Libbi) Rogan and I am the new president of the Brown University “we luv our crusties” Baaaaaaand. I am a junior concentrating in Materials Chemistry and although I have not been on Band Board in the past, I did spend an exciting year “Becoming The Band” as a PRR Chair where I provided all of your favorite facebook posts. In addition to this, it should be known that I am the most powerful president ever to have lived because I am also the 4th ever S&M (saxophones and mellophones) Dance Captain. Power Trip aside, I hope you are all enjoying the new year and are ready for this great edition of The Bandstand, brought to you by our amazing ALs, Vicky Phan ‘21, Zahid Hasan ‘21, and Richard Shen ‘23.



This Football season had us wondering if Brown would ever win an Ivy Game. As a junior, I had never seen an Ivy Win during my time at Brown (a football win, that is. The band always wins), but with a great season opener at Bryant (35-30), we felt confident heading into the rest of the season.

Our hopes were quickly crushed as we proceeded to lose the next 7 games in a row. It was a long season to say the least, but finally, we traveled round and round to Columbia (where?) Columbia (oh!) for our last away game of the season and witnessed HISTORY. Bruno destroyed the Lions 48-24!!! It was a chilly NYC day, but thanks to your help, we Clothed The Band this year with a new batch of sweaters, which kept us nice and toasty. KPBS never looked so good.

We had a great turnout for the incoming class of 2023; the band is bigger and better than ever. This growth in size meant more rugby purchases and more expenses needing to be met. We wouldn't be able to support so many new bandies without your help, so from the bottom of my heart, thank you for your continued support of this organization.

In closing, this February marks the 50th anniversary of the Brown Band On Ice! 50 years of slipping and sliding through ice shows as the World's Best (and only) Skating Band. Without all of you, we couldn't have kept this tradition alive, and it is with great excitement that I invite you to attend the Alumni Ice Show on Friday, February 14th, which is 50 years to the day of the first ever ice show! We are all excited to be a part of this piece of Brown Band history, and I hope to see you there.

As one last piece of information, you should save the date for Commencement Weekend, which will be May 22nd through 24th. If ever you have any questions, concerns, or general thoughts for the band, never hesitate to reach out to myself or to the ALs.

As always, Ever True,
Libbi Rogan '21

An Update from Your ALs

Hi, alumni, hi!

It's your friendly neighborhood alumni liaisons (AKA your ALs) back again with another edition of Bandstand, the Brown University Band's semiannual alumni newsletter! In this issue, you'll find some highlights of our action-packed fall season: We *almost* beat the record for most Ivy League conference losses in a row until we beat Columbia^{^2} for our first Ivy win in three years. We welcomed a new group of first years into the Band, including two new baby conductors (as we sent one conductor abroad to Italy)! And we also welcomed back some familiar faces with our alum football game versus URI! It was lovely to see so many of you in red polos in Fulton again — we're always eager to have crusties back on College Hill with us!

We would love to see as many of you who can make it at our **2020 Alumni Game and Ice Show**, happening next Friday on **Valentine's Day** at Brown v. Cornell, with a reception to follow afterward! This will also be the **50TH ANNIVERSARY** of the Brown Band's first ever ice show! Details and a link to RSVP have already been emailed to our alum listserv, but please get in touch with an AL or someone on Band Board if you didn't receive this info! We also welcome you to join us at any of our home games this spring if you happen to be in Providence, or you can come join us during our Winter Trip travels to Quinnipiac and Princeton on Feb. 28-29 (we love a leap year) if you're in the area! Finally, Commencement (happening May 22-24) is also a lovely time to have alums back with the Band, so save the date!

On another note (haha, “note”, because we’re a musical organization), we’d like to thank all of you who continue to contribute to the Band long after leaving Brown — whether that’s through being active in the Brown Band Facebook group (keep the throwback content and band memes coming), attending events with us, or by giving what you can financially to a ragtag scramble band. The Band is definitely in a transition period during this time, what with Matt McGarrell stepping down as faculty advisor and the incredible Karen Mellor (we love you, Karen!) stepping in as interim advisor, as well as the Band navigating our potential move out of Fulton into a new rehearsal and storage space. And so, especially during this time, we greatly appreciate your consistent love for and support of the Band: You’re helping to secure the Band’s future, for generations of band kids in KPB to come. Our annual fundraising will be happening throughout March and April this year, so stay tuned for announcements on how you can participate and contribute!

Well, that’s all we have for now! All that’s left to do is peruse this new issue of Bandstand and to make sure you’re able to keep in touch with us! You can always reach out to Band Board or the ALs with any and all questions, comments, stories, etc. at brownbandals@gmail.com — our listserv and emails from this account are how we make most major announcements toward alums! If you’re feeling hip with the times, you can also reach out to the Band on all our social media platforms, including the Brown Band’s Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts, plus the Facebook group for all past and current bandies named “Brown Band.” We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely / Ever true / With love,
Vicky Phan ‘21, Zahid Hasan ‘21, Richard Shen ‘23
Your Alumni Liaisons

LETTERS TO ELROD

And now the Spring/Winter 2020 edition of Bandstand is proud to present... Letters to Elrod: our annual first-year testimonials from newcomers to the Band! Continue reading to hear from new bandies Béatrice (pictured left) and Dana (pictured right), who are also our newest baby conductors!



Béatrice Duchastel de Montrouge '23

Band has always been a huge part of my life; I began playing the flute in 5th grade, joined marching band in 10th grade, and served as drum major of that marching band in 11th and 12th grade. To imagine life without band was impossible.

My first run-in with the Brown Band occurred when I came to Brown for A Day on College Hill, at the talent show. The band ran screaming onstage. One member grabbed a microphone and began to list off letters of the alphabet, making fun of all

the other ivies along the way and concluding with "F - The Princeton Band". They loudly performed a few tunes and ran right back out the way they had come in: screaming. The whole thing was chaotic, confusing, but also so incredibly endearing; suffice it to say, I was hooked.

Flash forward to September. Like many others, I had just survived many intimidating experiences that come along with starting college: moving across the country from the only home I had ever known, meeting hundreds of new people during orientation, and, of course, the signature Brown shopping period. But despite the emotional and physical toll of all these experiences, on this September day, I could not be more excited to attend the first Band rehearsal of the year.

Over the course of the next hour and a half, I was reminded of all of the reasons I loved band: the people welcomed us freshmen with open arms, the music was fun, but most importantly, the energy was overwhelmingly joyful (and albeit somewhat irreverent). That first rehearsal was the happiest I had been at Brown thus far and I understood why this organization mattered so much to people: in a place that can feel staunchly academic and serious, the Brown Band is a place where we could escape from that and just play music, have fun, and (as cliché as it sounds) be ourselves. And now I am so honored to be able to say that I am a part of that organization, and that I can contribute to creating that space that so many of us love!

I want to end this testimonial by giving one last shoutout: to my fellow conductors, the lovely Lucas, the marvelous Malachi, and the delightful Dana (my fellow baby conductor!). As I said earlier, I was drum major of my band in high school and with the Brown Band, I have been able to continue what I loved most about that: conducting!

So what is there left to say but thank you! And let the show go on.

Dana Lee '23

I love the band! 'Nuff said.

Just kidding, there's always more I can say about the band! ;(

Fun fact: Before freshman year even started, I participated in the pre-orientation writing program that Vicky was a Writing Fellow for. AND *drumroll* she was my assigned Writing Fellow!

(and instead of writing we talked about the band ha)

So obviously, that combined with previous band devotion history meant I had to check out the band.

Some nice memories: becoming Dell's Lemonade sponsors at the Bryant game, getting stranded in Boston (almost), uwu, eating stale gummy sharks and becoming furries at the Penn game (@ lucas), freezing to death against the Yale band (yale eats kids! female organisms!), bonding over furry stuff with the Columbia mascot (and almost getting run over in NYC), and dootmoot (thumbs! @ grayson); and that's only from games alone ::)

The clarinet section is absolutely EXQUISITE despite child abandonment.



Honestly, though? Band has been such a warm, welcoming community to me. I've met some of the most amazing (and crackhead-iest *tRUmpEts*) people through this group and have been able to have such a great first semester at Brown largely BECAUSE of the Brown Band. :) Everyone is so heckn nice and chill and it genuinely feels like we're all here because we want to make fun music and create an inclusive community for everyone who has already joined band or might want to join in the future. It's such a different environment from most of the music groups on campus, which I really appreciate, and every time I come back from a hard exam, break, etc., band feels like a big, warm hug. :))

I'm even more appreciative of being able to be a babey (OwO) conductor for the band; it's such an honor to be able to stand up in front of them and call "Everytime We Touch" (up to the left! up to the right!) for the 1029834th time, and despite any mistakes I may make as a fetus, they're always very forgiving and encouraging. :)) I couldn't have asked for a better band and nicer community, and I wholeheartedly do not regret joining the band in any way.

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p.s. the conductors are all furries and we're trying to get the clarinets to join us

FOUR MORE YEARS!

Brown Band Senior Profiles



Name: Harry Chalfin

Concentration: Physics

Instruments: Trumpet, Alto sax, clarinet, flute

What are your post-graduation plans? TBD

What is/are your favorite memory/memories with the Band?

Reconnecting with Lewie Pollis at the alumni football game during my freshman fall. I had met Lewie 3 years prior at a Brown/Columbia^2 football game. To this day, I'm still surprised that Lewie and I both recognized one another at that alumni game.

Name: Grayson Daly

Concentration: Mechanical Engineering

Instrument: Clarinet

What are your post-graduation plans? Adopt a dog as soon as humanly possible

What is/are your favorite memory/memories with the Band?

The absolute Oceans 11 level heist that was breaking into CAUTION FLOOR DROPS OFF during Commencement 2019



Name: Sofia Frohna

Concentration: Music

Instrument: Melodica (but I'm a proud member of the flute section)

What are your post-graduation

plans? This is my favorite question in the world! I want to continue teaching voice and guitar lessons, compose, music

direct, sing, and collaborate creatively in any capacity I can. Some more reliable income would be nice too. Oh well.

What is/are your favorite memory/memories with the Band? Winter Trip 2018 to Cornell/Colgate and working with my band board to make all that insanity happen, going absolutely crazy during the triple-overtime hockey final, becoming close friends with people who held my values of joy, music, oddity, and commitment, singing on the Princeton field, bein' sexy, and, "would anyone like some spicy noodles?"



Name: Summer Gerry

Concentration: Computer science

Instrument: Tenor sax

What are your post-graduation

plans? Working at InterSystems in Cambridge

What is/are your favorite memory/

memories with the Band? I always

love when we go caroling around campus, especially sophomore year when it was raining the whole time.

Sofia and I were handing out hot chocolate, and there was just

something so ridiculous about pushing

the shopping cart down Thayer Street in the pouring rain that makes me

laugh whenever I think about it.



Name: Ingrid Mader

Concentration: Archaeology

Instruments: Brass and cymbals
(which technically could be brass)

What are your post-graduation

plans? PLME (aka medical school)

What is/are your favorite

memory/memories with the Band?

the triple overtime game that we thought would never end! We played a chromatic scale, a few notes of O Canada, Happy Birthday, and every weird thing we could possibly think of and we still

were thanked by Athletics for being there lol



Name: John Matthew Nicklas
Concentration: Applied Math / Biology
Instrument: Percussion
What are your post-graduation plans? Medical school, possibly PhD
What is/are your favorite memory/memories with the Band? Freezing my fingers off at Fenway Park when we played Dartmouth - felt like we were in Tom Clancy's The Division. Also just having lunch with all you guys in the Ratty. Plus that random rest stop that we found with the working water wheel was great. And the trailer that we made for the senior skit was just incredible.

Name: Halle Purdom
Concentration: Astronomical Physics
Instruments: Flute & Melodica
What are your post-graduation plans? wouldn't u like to know
What is/are your favorite memory/memories with the Band? every commencement, triple overtime, all the ice shows, the pizza, and most importantly Dorle





Name: Heidy Rivera

Concentration: Education A.B & Biology A.B.

Instrument: Trumpet

What are your post-graduation plans? Work??

What is/are your favorite memory/memories with the Band? Running around on the Princeton Field my freshman year during winter trip and thinking how insane it was to have the opportunity to do that. Also, the very few wins I got to experience with my friends.

Name: Jared P. Sanchez

Concentration: Sociology & Premed

Instruments: Trombone & Tuba

What are your post-graduation plans? AMS (#4moreyears)!

What is/are your favorite memory/memories with the Band?

Wine & Cheese events





Name: Kelvin Wong

Concentration: Neuroscience/Education

Instrument: Mellophone

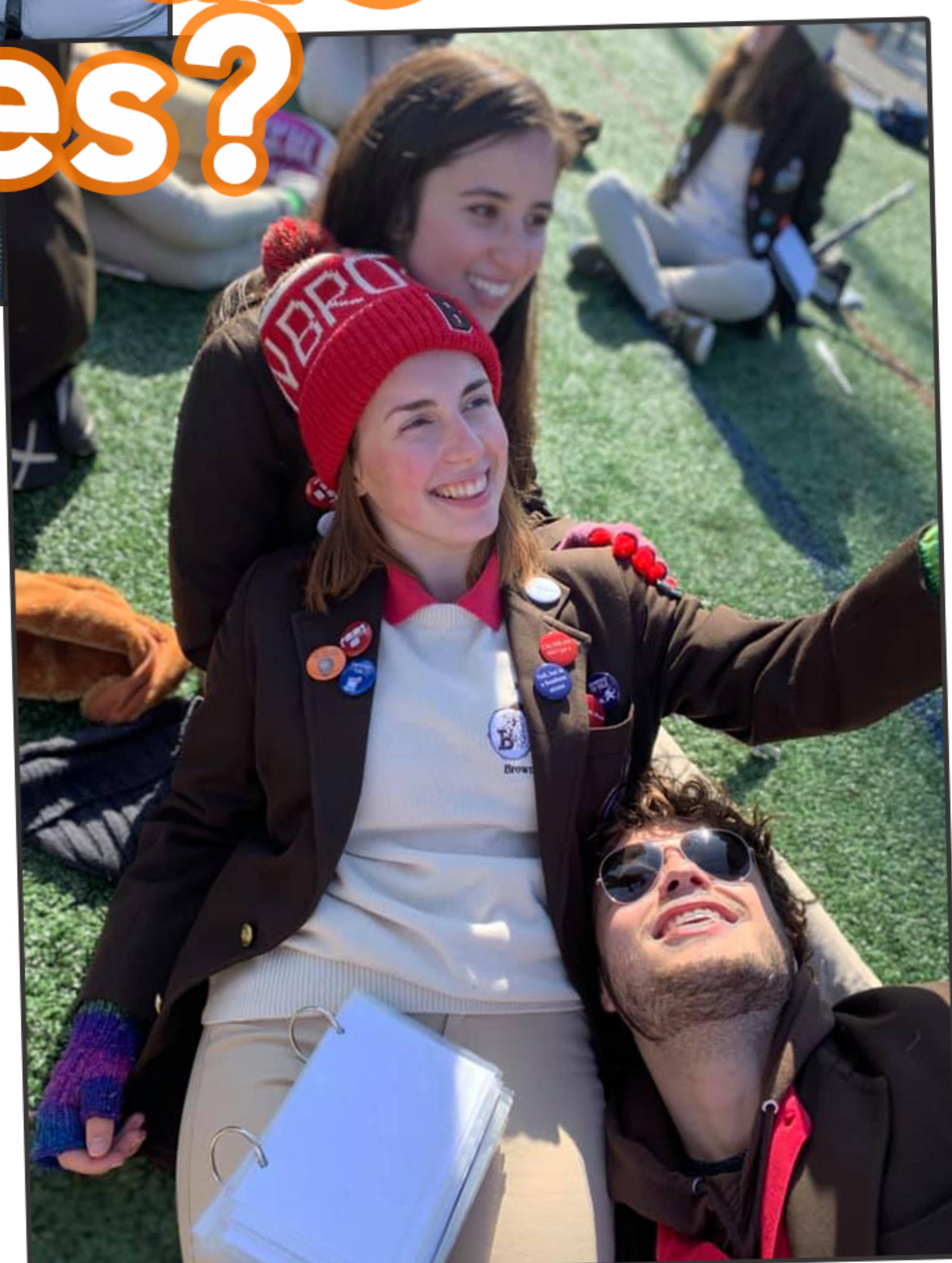
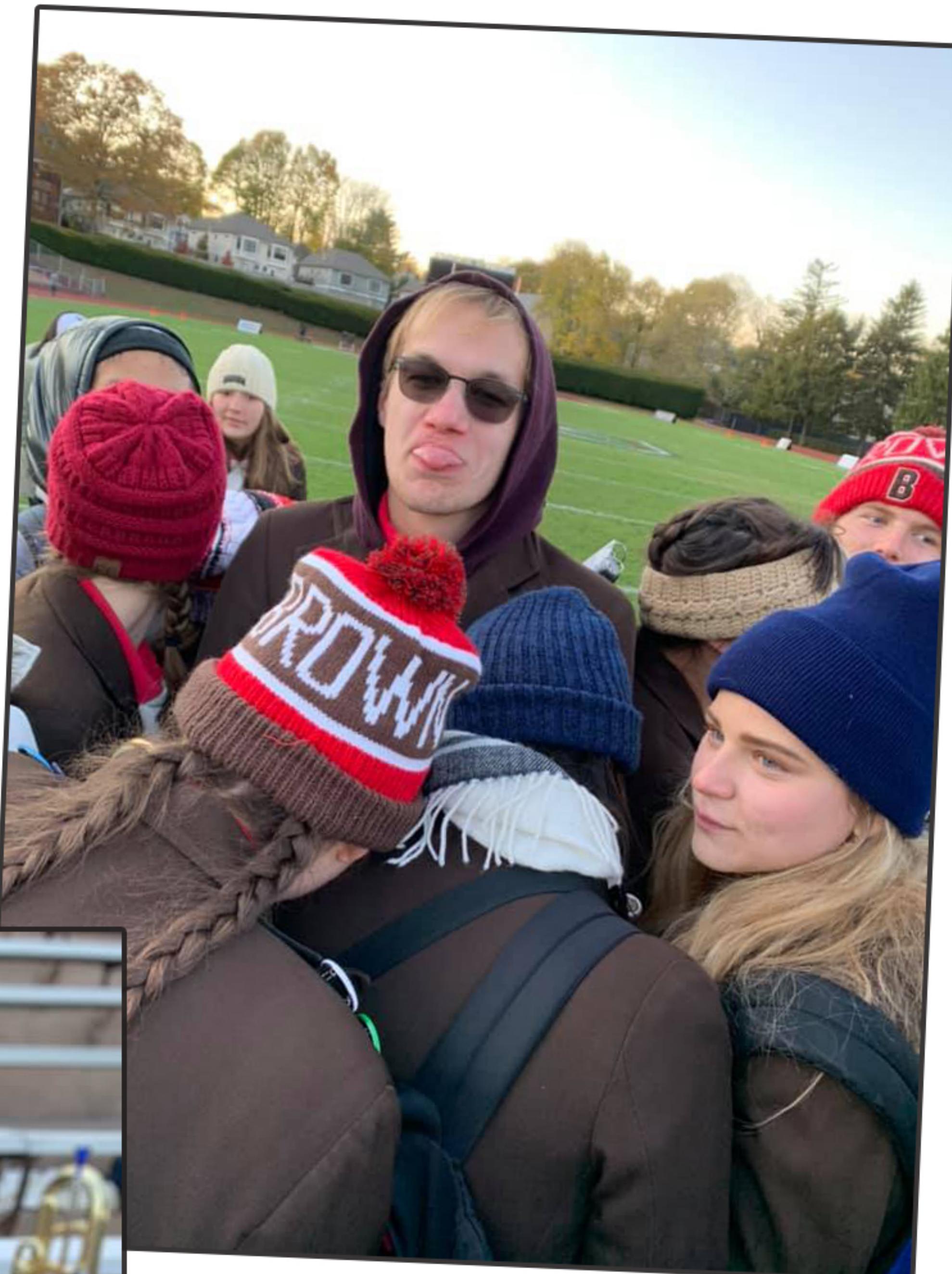
What are your post-graduation plans? Taking gap year(s) doing research or teaching English abroad before applying to grad schools for neuroscience

What is/are your favorite memory/memories with the Band?

Meeting Matthew Finn/The one night with Otterino/Going crazy with the Cornell band/all the Werewolf and 5 am Loui's :)

Editor's Note: Kelvin Wong (better known as Kevin Wang) is pictured on the left. Happy trails to our AL emeritus :')

SEMESTER RECAP IN PHOTOS



A season of bandie
cuddle puddles?

Bandquet!



Congratulations to our Bandquet 2019 awardees!



Irving Harris Award
Halle Purdom '20



Paul L. Maddock Award
Kelvin Wong '20
Heidy Rivera '20



Walter Axelrod Award
Victoria Rose '23, Béatrice
Duchastel de Montrouge '23

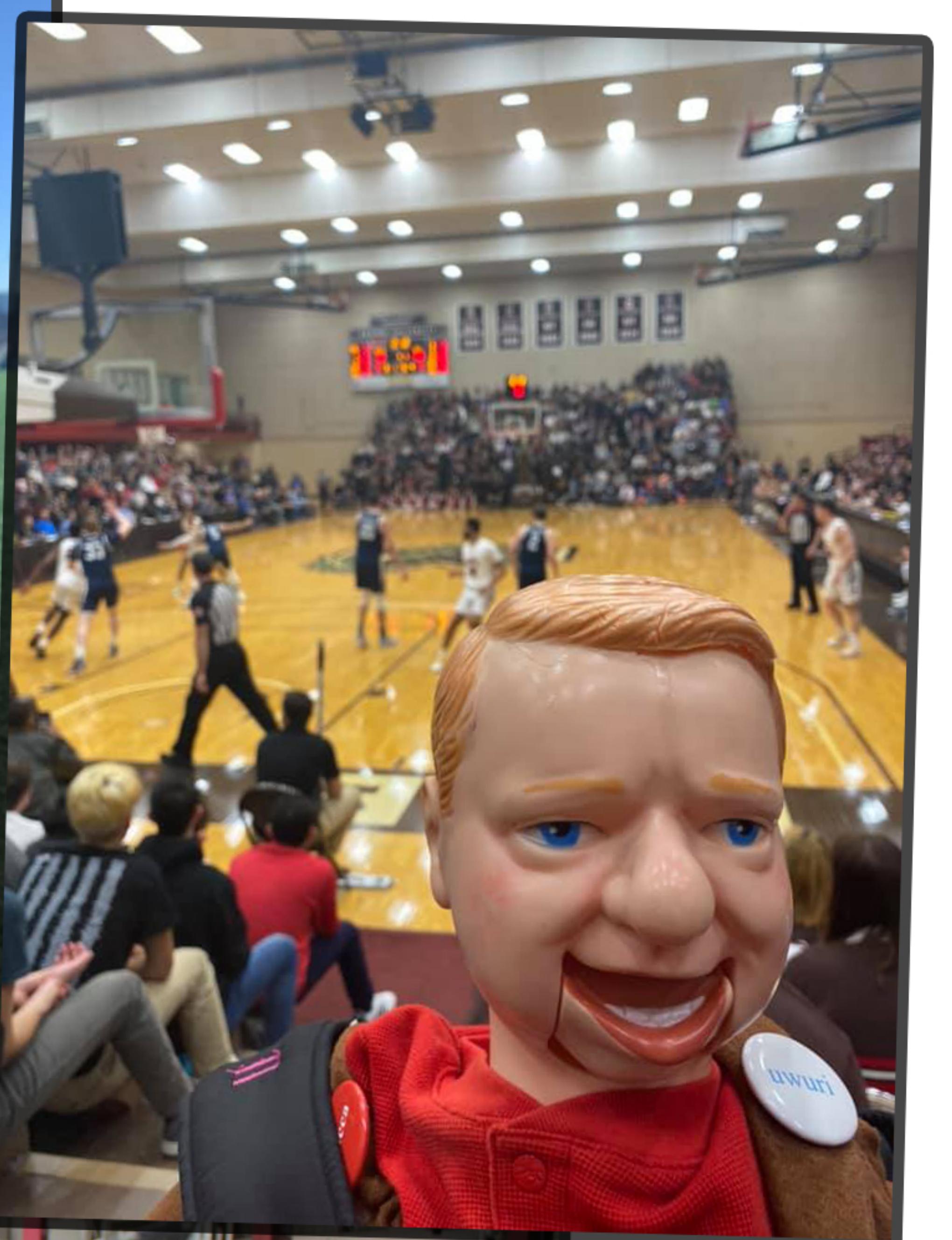


Halloween Game! Brown vs. Penn

Watch now as the Brown Band is generally adorable!



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Low brass pyramid? Or "Cheer" on Netflix?



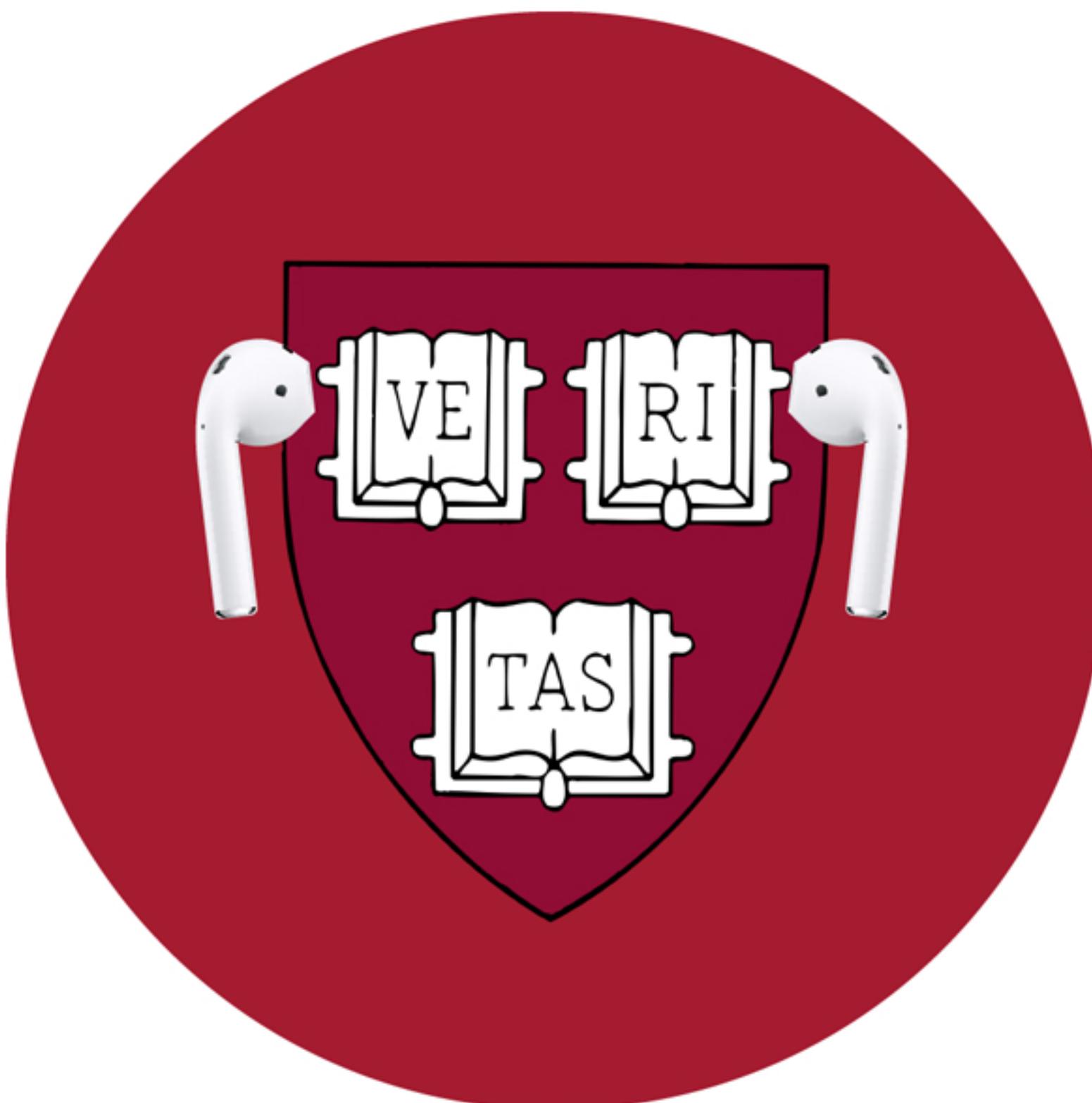
Holiday hijinks!



2019-20 BUTTONS!



Bryant



Harvard



URI



Holy Cross



Princeton



Cornell



Penn



Yale



Columbia

2019-20 BUTTONS!



Dartmouth



Brown



Hockey



Caroling

69 SECONDS LEFT...

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Giving

From buttons to uniforms to food to instrument upkeep, your donations help keep the band functioning and are always appreciated! Our annual fundraising will also be happening this spring, so keep an eye on your inboxes!

To donate, please visit gifts.brown.edu and select "Brown University Band" from the dropdown menu. Please contact the ALs or a Band Board member for questions + if you would like your donation to be used for a specific purpose.



**Thank you for reading the Spring 2020
edition of Bandstand! Congratulations
to the Class of 2020!**



Ever true,

Vicky Phan '21, Zahid Hasan '21, Richard Shen '23
Your Alumni Liaisons

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