

Big Red Band Notes



Summer 2005

2005 Big Red Band Staph

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Greetings from your alumni chairs

Alas, another season comes to a close, and with it comes a change in alumni personnel. Rosemarie Fehrman has now ascended to the head manager post, leaving a vacancy that will be filled by the ever-ready freshman, Dana Lin. Sue Kloet also returns for another go around at alumni relations. These ladies will be happy to keep you informed on the goings-on at our fair Cornell. And now, for the introductions...

Hi, I'm Sue Kloet from Byron Center, Mich. I'm a biology major in the College of Arts and Sciences. I'm very excited to be serving the band in my second year as alumni chair, and I cannot wait for another great season with BRMB to begin!

Hi, I'm Dana Lin and I hail from Farmingdale, N.Y. I'm an applied economics and management major in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. I look forward very much to interacting with the BRMB's alumni during reunion and Homecoming, as well as hearing the stories of marching band days past. I can't wait for another great marching season that includes meeting all of you.

We hope you enjoy this issue of *Band Notes*. It is packed with stories both from our newest members and those who've seen their fair share of sunsets over the Slope. It also has photos from our fun '80s Homecoming celebration, including the cover shot with well over 200 bandies on the field! If you have any news, comments, or suggestions, feel free to drop us a line. You can reach Sue at slk29@cornell.edu and Dana at dl294@cornell.edu. We are looking forward to meeting all of you in the upcoming months. Hope to see you all at this year's reunion!

Your faithful alumni chairs,

—Sue Kloet '06
Dana Lin '08





...and from the BRBAA chair

As I begin my third term as the Big Red Bands Alumni Association chair, I want to share my excitement as a new slate of alumni officers takes over the reins to make our organization even stronger. We thank three departing board members: **Larry Weintraub '98**, **Kathy Kiang Pascover '95**, and **Tom Baxter '88**. Their hard work and dedication to the band is greatly appreciated. We welcome three new board members: **Adara Alston '99**, **Mary Quillian '93**, and **Tom LaFalce '94**. We look forward to a great two years.

The Big Red Band, the Big Red Pep Band, and the alumni association are in great shape. The band made trips to Harvard, Princeton, and Columbia last year and made its annual march down Fifth Avenue as part of the Sy Katz '31 Memorial Parade. The Pep Band continues to give boost to many athletic teams, and for those of you who follow Cornell hockey, recently made the trip to Minneapolis for the NCAA tournament.



In October, the BRBAA invited all classmates who marched in the '80s to return for Homecoming and more than 70 took us up on the offer. The weekend was a huge success, so we've decided to dedicate each Homecoming to different decades. This October, we are extending an invitation to the classes of the 1950s and 1960s. I look forward to meeting many of you during this time.

Also during last year's Homecoming festivities, we honored Georgian Leonard with the bands' Lifetime Achievement Award. Georgian was the bands' liaison with the Athletics Department during the '80s and '90s and with her support, helped generate the bands' endowment fund. She was saluted at a Saturday night reception given by seven former Big Red Band head managers whom she worked with.

If you have questions about the Big Red Bands Alumni Association or want to provide feedback, please contact me at pmc1@cornell.edu.

—Pat Carr '96

BRBAA Advisory Council

Chair: *Pat Carr '96*

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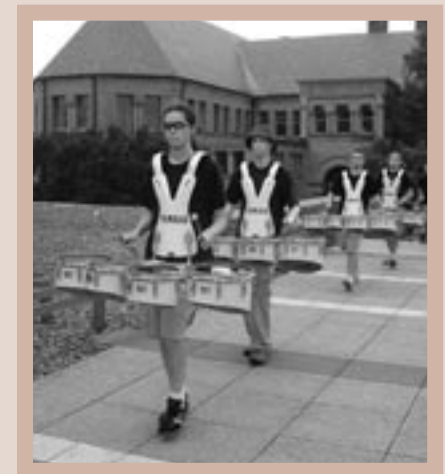
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And now...in an attempt to provide you with a break from the monotony of the normal article format (and because Tori's far too lazy to compose complete paragraphs)... a (completely fabricated) interview with ex-drum major, **Tori Ball**:

Band Notes: So Tori, the pure excellence that was the 2004 season has come to a close. How do you feel?

TB: Quite proud, actually. The season went incredibly well, and I had an exceptionally good time.

BN: Tell us about the band's 2004 shows.

TB: Well, we kicked off the season with a show featuring songs by The Moody Blues.

BN: That music must have really challenged the band with its frequent dynamic and stylistic changes.

TB: Indeed it did, but we managed quite nicely. It helped that the music provided us with ample opportunity to show off our preferred dynamic/style—really, really loud.

BN: You debuted The Moody Blues Show in Montreal at a Canadian Football League game. How was the BRMB received by our neighbors to the north?

TB: We may have been a bit much for them. Matt Testa '03 was in attendance at the game, and he reported to me that our performance inspired a fan in front of him to proclaim "Damn. They're loud." (To which the fan beside him responded, "Of course they're loud. They're Americans.")



BN: Speaking of which, you managed to set a whole new standard for loudness at Homecoming with the largest combined undergrad/alumni band in recent memory.

TB: Indeed. We definitely rocked the walls of Schoellkopf with hits from the '80s. Half-time featured an arrangement by Marshall Kohen '90 of his favorite songs from the decade (i.e. We Got the Beat, St. Elmo's Fire, etc.). Pregame featured an arrangement by Nathan Olson '05 of what we undergrads were listening to back then (i.e. the theme from Sesame Street).

BN: How did you manage to get the band in the proper mindset for this '80s music?

TB: For me, the '80s were defined by one quintessential challenge: chugging a can of Coke immediately after ingesting a packet of Pop Rocks. I performed this feat for the band and lived to tell the tale. And, to tell you the truth, the Coke/Pop Rocks combo actually went down a lot smoother than the salsa con queso I was induced to chug at the rehearsal before our Latin Show.

BN: Wow, you really risked life, limb, and tastebud for the band this year.

TB: All too right you are. In fact, I broke two bones over the course of the season. The tubas were kind enough to carry me on to the field for the Princeton game after a broken toe rendered me quite unable to strut.

BN: Your aardvarking abilities were never limited by injury, were they?

TB: Thank heavens, no. Though, in retrospect, it's a little terrifying to think of all the damage I could have done to myself aardvarking off the colossal ladder provided by the Cornell Club at the end of the Sy Katz Parade.

BN: That was a rather lofty ladder. How did you summon up the courage to aardvark and conduct at such heights?

TB: Honestly, I was so high on adrenaline at the time that I wasn't fazed in the least. Our Funk/Disco Show had gone beautifully, the football team had staged one of the greatest comebacks in history, I had led a parade down Fifth Avenue, and an enormous crowd was gathered for our concert. I was giddy enough that if people had started chanting "Triple-somersault, Tori!" as opposed to "Aardvark Tori!" I probably would have flung myself off the ladder and given

it a go (and, you know, subsequently paralyzed myself for life).

BN: Probably better that you didn't then. Wouldn't want the band to be left leaderless or anything ...

TB: Eh, it would have been all right. The wise and powerful Jeremy Kerman '06 could have taken over for me then just as he will be taking over for me this year. He has told me that he is unwilling to drink any Mexican condiments for the sake of the band, which is disheartening, but he has also pledged to drink lots of milk all season so that his bones will be strong enough to withstand the pressures of the position. Clearly he is up to the task.

BN: Speaking of this year's leadership, what are your plans for the coming year, Tori?

TB: Uh . . . we're actually going to have to cut this interview short . . . See ya.

—*Tori Ball '05*

Do you remember wearing your freshman beanie? Did you live on campus when the University Halls were new? Do you remember the Straight takeover?

Obviously, things have changed at Cornell since the 1950s and 1960s—freshmen don't have to wear beanies, the U-Halls are being torn down (#2 and #3 are now history) and things are more settled on campus. But one tradition remains the same—the Big Red Band.

Alumni of the Big Red Band know how special their time in the band was, an experience that they'll remember fondly. At this year's Homecoming, the Big Red Bands Alumni Association is inviting all alumni who marched in the Band during the '50s and '60s to return to the Hill for a special reunion. In addition to a tailgate and a Saturday night reception, band alumni will be invited to enjoy the thrill of marching in a halftime show, as they join the current students of the Big Red Band to march in a celebration spanning more than 50 years of Cornell.



So if you marched in the Big Red Band from 1950-1970, save the weekend of Oct. 14-16 for a special trip to Cornell.

If you would like to plan the weekend or contact classmates, the BRBAA can use your help. Please contact Scott Pesner '87, BRBAA secretary, via e-mail at sjp17@cornell.edu or by phone at (212) 481-1383.

Look more information in your mail in the coming weeks.



PEP BAND UPDATE

Fall 2004 was an exciting time for the Pep Band. We added several eager freshmen to our roster, averaging about 55 people at each rehearsal. The men's hockey team began the year with blowout victories over Sacred Heart and Army. The program continued to do well throughout the semester, earning a flawless home record, including a victory over the hated Harvard Crimson. The Pep Band also appeared at field hockey and soccer games in the fall. While the teams struggled to earn a victory, it was an exciting opportunity

for the band to express our Cornell spirit. As the semester came to a close, the Pep Band attended two Men's Basketball games. The Pep Band will continue to attend as many basketball games as possible.

I am proud to introduce Lauren Forconi '06 as the next Big Red Pep Band manager. Lauren is very capable of leading the band into 2005 and continuing our tradition and success. You can contact Lauren at lmf29@cornell.edu. The spring '05 conductors are Matt Tucker '07 and Nathan Olson '05.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to hold this position. I have immensely enjoyed my time as Pep Band manager, and I look forward to talking about the pep band with fellow alumni in the all too near future.

Let's Go Red!

—*Grant MacIntyre '05*
2004 Pep Band Manager
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HEAD MANAGER PERSPECTIVE

What a season it has been! No one died, no one was arrested, and the weather (both here in Ithaca and away) actually cooperated this year. From Montreal to Homecoming to NYC, 2004-05 was truly one for the memory books.

The Band started off the year off with a bang, as we recruited “the best freshman class ever.” I know every head manager says this about her freshmen class, but in this case it is true. Keep your eyes on the Class of '08—they'll be taking us great places in the next few years.

Last fall, we were lucky to be able to perform for the Montreal Allouettes. This trip is always exciting, not only because it takes the band to that unknown foreign land of Canada, but because of the number of audience members watching the performance. The band did not disappoint, turning in a great performance of our Moody Blues Show. These pro-games allow us to show thousands of others just how great a band we truly are, and reiterates the fact that we truly are the only real marching band in the Ivy League.

This was the year of the Eastern trips, with the band traveling to Harvard, Brown, and, of course, Columbia. I remember the rush I felt two years ago marching down Fifth Avenue in the band's very own Sy Katz Parade, but it was nothing compared to the pride I felt last fall. The Columbia road trip is always the best one to end on, and this year was no exception.



But my favorite game this year by far was Homecoming, during which the band welcomed back over 50 of its alumni from the '80s. What a thrill it was to watch that half-time show, as alumni and undergrads took the field together, especially when you think that some of the alumni graduated before we undergrads were born! It was a wonderful weekend that wouldn't have been possible had it not been for two people: our lovely alumnus chairs, Rosemarie Fehrman and Sue Kloet, both '06.

It is weird to think that the next time I march with the band I, too, will be an alum.

The first people I met upon entering Cornell were in the band, and throughout my four years they have been my family. I leave knowing that the band is in the more than capable hands of Head Manager Rosemarie Fehrman and drum major Jeremy Kerman. I can't wait to return next year and see the wonderful things they will be doing for this band. I know I am ready to move on, but that my four years on the Hill, and especially the experience of head manager, will always hold a special place in my heart.

—*Ali Rodriguez '05*
2004 Head Manager

Band's Enthusiasm Wins over Skeptical Freshman

The end of my senior year of high school and the following summer were spent in denial. I didn't want to face the changes ahead: I didn't want to have to make new friends and I didn't want to be three and a half hours away from my family and home. I didn't want to leave the camp that I worked at over the summer. In short, I didn't want to go to college.

So, when I arrived on campus on Aug., 20, I was somewhat depressed. It was a nice campus, and my rational brain told me that in time I would be happy at Cornell, but my emotional mind couldn't see it just then. In order for me to find my place on Cornell's huge campus, I needed to find something to be excited about.

That excitement came in the form of the Big Red Marching Band. Unlike many other freshmen, I came to Cornell thinking about joining the band, since I had enjoyed marching band in high school. When I told the students at the recruiting table that I played the flute, I met Rose and Sue, the flute section leaders, and was impressed by how helpful and friendly they were. At my audition the following day I was talking to the



drum major and the four older flutes that were there and all five seemed to really want to get to know me and accept me. Even though I was only in the band room for about 15 minutes, I formed connections with several of the people that I met and left feeling that I had made a few friends.

First night was amazing. I don't think I've ever seen so much energy in one room at one time. I was instantly swept up in the excitement and enthusiasm that every single upperclassman showed in that room. The entire rehearsal flew by in a blur. When I wasn't searching frantically through my folder to find Call Me Al or Emerald Eyes I was trying to meet all the flutes and learn all the flute dances.

I was particularly excited about the traditions of the Big Red Marching Band. I paid a lot of attention to the chalkings on the sidewalk and had seen one that said "Learn what an aardvark is." I soon learned how wild and fun the aardvark and the band's many other traditions were.

Another chalking read, "Make 150 new friends." I was very skeptical of this chalking, because in my high school band I had had a core group of people that I always hung out with, and had difficulty talking to other people in the band. But I discovered that college students in the BRMB are much more open and accepting than the students in my high school band. The people in Cornell's band do a

really good job of taking care of each other. By the end of my first season with the BRMB, I had met about 150 people and talked to almost everyone in the band at least once. It was amazing to meet so many people and to hear their stories and views on different subjects.

When I left my high school band, I thought, "No band I could join in college could compare to this." But when I joined the BRMB, I discovered that I had been wrong. The ability of Cornell's marching band to work together to learn music and drill while still having tons of fun amazed me. My high school band had been very serious about competing, and I discovered that what I needed was a change of pace, something exactly like the BRMB.

The non-sectarian party in December was incredible because I discovered how much the band truly meant to each senior that spoke. And I realized that I had found acceptance in the BRMB. I am so excited to pass on the enthusiasm for band that I saw in so many people last season to this year's freshmen.

—*Laura Kroon '08*

The Class of 2005

Sara Alcorn
Tori Ball
Mike "Deuce" Borzcik
Carla Call
Erin Connolly
Mike Coyle
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Alissa Friedman

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Anne Jorstad
Ryan Karins
Meredith Keiling
Michelle Krukas
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Alex Nothern
Nathan Olsen
Alma Padilla

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Meghan Roberson
Ali Rodriguez
Chris Sosa
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Devon Story
Matt Tittler
D'Marlowe Wright



We will all miss you, seniors!

2005 Cornell Football SCHEDULE

Sept. 17	Bucknell
Sept. 24	at Yale
Oct. 1	at Colgate
Oct. 8	Harvard
Oct. 15	Georgetown
Oct. 22	Brown
Oct. 29	at Princeton
Nov. 5	at Dartmouth
Nov. 12	Columbia
Nov. 19	at Penn

All times to be announced at a later date.

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A Successful 2005 Phonathon

Thanks to your support, the BRMB exceeded its goal of \$26,000 for the phonathon this year. Your donations will go directly toward funding the band's ventures, including home game, road trip, and music expenses. It was great getting back in touch with you all; we hope to see you at Homecoming on Oct. 15.

—Bryan Jolley '06 and Sarah Sorenson '08



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The Alumni Beat



Nine drum majors showed up for Homecoming, but...



...they were outnumbered by the 14 head managers who showed up.



David Russo '89 brought along his daughters to show them that he could actually play the clarinet and march at the same time.



The Class of '87 still can march, even if Mark Mandarano couldn't make it.

→ *Paulette '89 and Allan Rousselle '90, along with their son, Alexander, are proud to announce the birth of their son: Nolan Theodore Rousselle, born April 10, 2005 at 11:49 p.m., 9 lbs, 10 oz.*



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