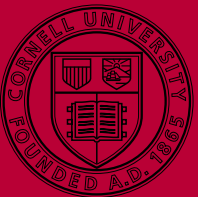


# Big Red Band Notes



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# Greetings from your alumni chair

After the first winning football season in several years, the old band-staph officers' terms come to a victorious end (as the marching band always wins) and a new group step up to fill their shoes. With **Sue Kloet '06** headed off to grad school and **Dana Lin '08** enjoying the lack of responsibility that comes with not having a bandstaph position, **Courtney Alexander (below right)** and **Carly Hirsh (below left)** are excited to be your new alumni relations chairpeople. We're happy to bring you this issue of *Band Notes*.



I'm Courtney Alexander and I'm from East Greenbush, N.Y. I'm a Science of Earth Systems major in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. I'm a proud member of the class of 2007, the Saxophone section, and the Saxy Ladies. This previous year I bonded with Carly over the uniforms as uniform co-chairs. I'm looking forward to meeting many of you and hearing about your band experiences.

I'm Carly Hirsh. I'm from East Meadow, N.Y on the wonderful Long Island. I'm a junior Human Development major in the College of Human Ecology. I've been both in the colorguard and played the flute during my time in the

band, and am very excited to be working with Courtney again, this time with alumni instead of uniforms.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue of *Band Notes* as much as we've enjoyed putting it together. This issue includes next year's football schedule, information about Homecoming 2006, ways to contact the band, as well as reflections on the fantastic season. Please feel free to contact us with news, comments, suggestions, and your fondest band memories. Courtney can be reached at cea33@cornell.edu and Carly can be reached at cbh26@cornell.edu. We can't wait to see and hear from all of you over the course of our term.

Your faithful alumni chairs,

*Courtney Alexander '07 and Carly Hirsh '07*

## FROM THE BRBAA CHAIR

We have a hard-working group of BRBAA officers who are not only helping to advise the bands, but are trying to help you stay connected with the bands and your fellow alumni. If you are in Ithaca on April 29, 2006, please join us for the annual Spring meeting of the BRBAA.

As the alumni association enters its third decade, we need to update some bylaws. Most of the changes are clerical in nature; the new bylaws will combine the bylaws-level governance aspects from the existing charter and constitution and change ex officio office titles to reflect the current relationship with the athletic and music departments. The major substantive change is to reduce the number of BRBAA general meetings from two to one, which will be the Homecoming meeting. The current and proposed documents can be viewed at <http://brbaa.bigredbands.org/org/documents.html>. Questions or comments should be directed to me at [pmc1@cornell.edu](mailto:pmc1@cornell.edu). If you don't have internet access and would like a copy, give me a call at (412) 341-8897.

At last year's Homecoming meeting, the general membership of BRBAA approved both the bands' budgets for the year and the appointments of three at-large trustees to the Endow-

ment Trustee Committee: **Sarah Mendell Gilmour '87**, **Nick Janiga '00**, and **Tom LaFalce '94**. This committee makes recommendations concerning disbursement and investment of endowment funds and coordinates long-range fundraising.

We also continue to focus our Homecoming gatherings on specific decades of alumni (although, of course, every band alum is invited to return!). We had a terrific turnout for the '80s Homecoming two years ago, as many of these band alums worked together to get as many people to return as possible. While we didn't have as big a response for

the '50s/'60s Homecoming held this past year, many of those who turned out had a great time. We are now focusing our attention on the Classes of the '70s. We would like an amazing group of alumni to return, but we're going to need support from alumni from these years. If you're interested in helping to organize the weekend, please contact BRBAA secretary Scott Pesner via e-mail at [sjpez87@aol.com](mailto:sjpez87@aol.com).

Thanks, and please don't hesitate to contact me about getting involved in BRBAA.

*Pat Carr '96*



*Rose and Jeremy lead the band on a sunny day in Ithaca.*

## FROM THE LADDER

**H**ello to all of you alumni and friends of the Big Red Marching Band. As I sit here with the daunting task of writing this article, it has suddenly hit me that in a few short months, my time at Cornell will have run out. I will no longer have the privilege of being up on the podium with the possibility of aardvarking at any given time. I will no longer wake up each Saturday with the “exciting” prospect of an 8:30 a.m. report time. I will no longer have the opportunities to stand on the fifty-yard line of professional football stadiums in front of more than 77,000 people. I’m even going to have to change my name from Jeremy Kerman, Drum Major ‘06, to Jeremy Kerman Esq., that is if any law school is willing to accept me. And let me tell you...it is a scary realization.

I am sure all of you now want to give me a little tap on the back and say “Hey, that’s life for you. Better suck it up and get moving.” Believe me, I am ready to move on and start anew in the “real world,” but that does not mean that I am willing to forget what I have experienced here at Cornell and in this band. I have spent the last eight years of my life dedicated to marching band. It is hard to believe that I have spent almost a decade solely focused on this one activity. Frankly, I have no idea what I would have done on weekends if I had not been performing half time shows in various venues across the country. I assume many of you felt the same way as I do now, when you realized that your college experience was coming to a close.

This season the band traveled to Yale, Princeton, and University of Pennsylvania, as well as Giants Stadium to play for the New York Giants and Ralph Wilson Stadium to play for the Buffalo Bills. At Homecoming, we beat Georgetown 57-7, for Cornell’s most lopsided victory in over thirty years. For the last Ivy League game, our football team beat Penn, and had a winning record,



*Jeremy dressed up and playing clarinet after the last home game.*

for the first time in my four years (and it was also over sixty degrees in November!). Less than a month later in Buffalo, it was below freezing and it was snowing so much that we actually had our pre-game show cancelled so that the field could be plowed. But I was immune to the cold temperatures; it was my final game in a Cornell Marching Band uniform. I left a piece of myself on the field that day. No, really, some member of the Buffalo Bills event staff had to pick up my marching band gloves that I left on the field, along with the gloves of several other seniors. I think we did that as a symbol of our last marching band experience. Cheesy? Too much of a cliché? Maybe, but we all knew that it was, and we did it anyway. Much like I knew that no matter how hard I tried, this article would end up being cheesy and trite. But what can I say, that’s what this publication is all about; reliving memories, keeping in touch with both old and new members, and really never leaving this band. Come back and visit for a football game, send one of us students an e-mail to learn what’s going on with the band, keep in touch with your friends from your time at Cornell, do whatever you can to remain connected to this organization. Oh, and if you have any advice for a prospective law student, feel free to shoot me an e-mail at [jdk46@cornell.edu](mailto:jdk46@cornell.edu). After all, in less than six months, I’ll be an alum like you, out in the “real world,” searching for a new pair of gloves.

— Jeremy Kerman '06

## HEAD MANAGER PERSPECTIVE

**W**hat an exciting season! Coach Jim Knowles '87 was finally able to lead the Big Red football team to a winning season, something I haven't seen in my time at Cornell. We had a great freshmen recruit class, several fun road trips, and some amazing field shows. It was really a great season that I won't soon forget.

We were blessed with unusually warm weather that lasted well into November, making the Columbia and Penn games feel more like they were in mid-September than mid-November. We traveled south on road trips to Yale, Princeton, and Penn, with large tailgates at all three of them. The Penn trip was a great trip to end our season on, as usual, along with our traditional big concert by Ben Franklin.

The band performed at not one but TWO professional football games this year. Going to pro-games are always exciting experiences, wherever we go. We first traveled to Giants Stadium to put on one of our best performances of the year, performing our movie theme show that we also performed at Homecoming. It is thrilling to show the public what a great

band we really are, and why we are the only real marching band in the Ivy League. It is also pretty amazing then watching a crowd of 80,000 cheer at your performance of "Pinball Wizard."

Only the Big Red Marching Band is crazy enough to go to snowy Buffalo in December,



*Jim Knowles '87 head coach of football, leads the BRB at Penn tailgate.*

and that is exactly what we did! After the Cornell football season, by popular demand, we attended the Bills/ Patriots game. Because of the snow, we were unable to perform a pre-game show, but we made up for it by putting on a great halftime show.

Because a good number of the band members are either Bills or Patriots fans, everyone was excited to see their favorite teams up close from our seats right on the field.

Homecoming is my favorite time of the marching season; the band only seems to get better when it doubles in size at Homecoming. Homecoming this year was much more intimate with a '50s/'60s theme than with last year's gigantic '80s Homecoming. It was still primarily recent alumni, but there were still a number of the older alumni that came back. The '50s/'60s alumni were excited to be back and finally march again with the band they loved, despite the fact that it has changed so much. Next year, a '70s Homecoming is planned, so keep your calendars marked.

The band had a great season, but next year I am sure it will be even better. As I will soon be an alumna, we leave the band in the capable hands of head man-

ager **Becca Guion '07** and drum major **Matt Tucker '07**. I know they, as well as the 2006 Bandstaph officers, have some great things in store for the band next year.

—*Rosemarie Fehrman '06*  
Head Manager

## SENIOR PERSPECTIVE

### Class of 2006

LaToya Brackett  
Nefertiti Bridges  
Amanda Buehler  
Jennifer Ceballos  
Audrey Chung  
Rosemarie Fehrman  
Lauren Forconi  
Rubin Frescas  
Richard Galati  
James Healy  
Edgar Higgins  
Mike Hsu  
Bryan Jolley  
Crystal Junge  
Jeremy Kerman  
Susan Kloet  
Kyle Preston  
Aaron "Fletch" Sommers  
Minh-Dan Tran

Everyone has a feel-good story about how they got sucked into the Big Red Band. For many, they came to Cornell after spending four years in a high school band and didn't plan on joining up with band in college. Then they took that fateful walk by the registration table on move-in day, where an enthusiastic bandie talked them into stopping by auditions. Auditions led to First Night, where they had more fun than ever before and proceeded not to miss a band event over the next four years. I'm afraid my own is more of the variety of "giant tool" (*credit to Lowell Frank '99 for the term*).

I spent my high school years living for marching band, where we were on a competitive circuit and had a mentality that bordered on that of a football team. We had competitions on Saturday nights and battled for the highest score, before

everything culminated in a regional championship in late November. In fact, one of my real reservations about heading to college was what I would find for extracurricular opportunities after leaving behind marching band. Thankfully, during Cornell Days, my father spotted one of the marching band quarter cards in the admissions office, advertising the "only REAL marching band in the Ivy League" and a wave of relief swept over me. I even traded e-mails with the drum major. The BRB gave me the chance to continue doing what I had so much enjoyed. It wasn't the same type of band, by any means, but it came to mean just as much to me. Like having two best friends, one band wasn't better than the other, they were just different, and the BRB gave me a place where I was surrounded by others who shared my tool-ish passion for band.



(right) James Healy gets all riled up over the football game

The BRB was a unique collection of people. A person who marched in a drum corps might find themselves next to someone who couldn't mark time and wasn't going to bother to learn. And for us, that didn't matter. In a group that fiercely guards its tradition and treasures its past, we always placed a premium on having fun. And whether you had fun by living for the halftime show, heckling the opposing team, hanging out with friends later that night, or some combination of all of the above, the BRB truly was a place for everyone.

Of all, I think I am most proud of the band for that fact that it is a group that is truly open to all. The greatest benefit of seniority in the band is seeing the younger members come in and find a group that guarantees them two hundred friends at a time in their lives when they are completely

on their own in a strange place. And as I move on from Cornell and the BRB, I think of what my high school band director said to me after my freshman year of college when I wouldn't shut up about the Cornell Big Red Band: "What are you going to do when you don't have marching band anymore?" That reality began to settle in when I left my gloves on the field of Ralph Wilson Stadium after my last performance with the BRB (for a Patriots victory, too ... and yes, I had to get that in). I know that regardless of what fills the marching band void in my life (and I think a law school course load will certainly help), I will look back on my time with the BRB as the best way to spend my college career.

— James Healy '06



## 2 0 0 6 Cornell Football SCHEDULE

<b>Sept. 18</b>	at Bucknell
<b>Sept. 23</b>	Yale
<b>Sept. 30</b>	Albany
<b>Oct. 7</b>	at Harvard
<b>Oct. 14</b>	Colgate <i>Homecoming</i>
<b>Oct. 21</b>	at Brown
<b>Oct. 28</b>	Princeton
<b>Nov. 4</b>	Dartmouth
<b>Nov. 11</b>	at Columbia
<b>Nov. 18</b>	Penn

All times TBD.

For more information:  
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# The Alumni Beat

→ We're pleased to announce that **Dave** (percussion '92) and former BRBAA chair **Christine Watters Stuhlmiller** (bells '93) welcomed daughter Sarah Christine on Sept. 21, 2005. Dave says that "the poor little girl looks like her Dad."

→ Alumni Beat also heard from **Allan** (announcer '90) and **Paulette Dwen Rousselle** (clarinet '89) who welcomed their second future bandie in April 2005, Nolan Theodore. You can see pictures of Nolan and big brother Alexander at [www.rousselle.com/allan](http://www.rousselle.com/allan).

→ We also receive a note from another former announcer, **Jeff Anbinder '94** that he is now an associate at the law firm of Martin Clearwater & Bell LLP, doing mostly medical malpractice defense work.

→ The Alumni Beat Award for Creating Their Own Band goes to **Tom** (drum major '88) and **Jill Schiffauer Baxter**. Tom reports, "In December, we welcomed Justiniano Baxter into our home - he is one year old and adapted very quickly into our bustling abode. He joins big siblings Kristen Rose (10), Andrew (8), James (6), and Ana Luisa (3). For all those considering growing their brood from four to five, don't worry; it's pretty smooth, but the bills for cereal, laundry detergent, and the milkman (eight gallons per order - no kidding!) start racking up. Jill is teaching Kristen Rose the flute and Andrew's a drummer, so watch out. The rest of them get nightly lessons in mace management, strutting and being serious. Give us a holler at [tjbaxter@nauticom.net](mailto:tjbaxter@nauticom.net)."

→ The Alumni Beat also heard from Tom's housemate **Vic Seidel** (trumpet '88) "In August 2005 I married Princeton band alumna Sandra Shefelbine at the Stanford Memorial Church, with trumpets **Pete Lee '88**, **Bruce Kruger '88** and **John Pinto '90** and tuba **Steve Santisi '88** in attendance. As required in such gatherings, a ceremonial Aardvark was performed. Sandra and I now live in London and would love to host bandies visiting the UK. I teach at Oxford and can be reached at [victor.seidel@sbs.ox.ac.uk](mailto:victor.seidel@sbs.ox.ac.uk)."

→ More nuptial news: **Laura J. Boyd** (percussion '98) was married to James Armstrong (director of percussion ensembles at Cornell) on Sept. 17, 2005. They live in Ithaca in what Laura says is arguably the most rhythmically skilled and certainly the loudest house on their street. "Friends are always welcome (if your ears can stand it) so give us a ring if you're in town," says Laura. On the employment front, Laura recently took a new position within the university as the Assistant Director for Alumni Relations at the Johnson Graduate School of Management.

→ Since the '70s the band has been co-ed and that means: band marriages. Here's the latest one: on Oct. 29, 2005, **Tovah Minster** (drum major '01) wed "British" **Dave Mortlock** (trumpet '01) in Washington, D.C. Also in attendance were **Chris** (trumpet '98) and **Liz Ceccacci Orelup** (sax '96), **Joe Salisbury** (bone '99), **Leigh Bernstein** (trumpet '00), **Brian Cody** (trumpet '00), **Natalie Keller** (clarinet '00), **Josh Krupnick** (trumpet '00), **Eric Antman**

(trumpet '01), **Larry "Pbl" Chirch** (trumpet '01), **Malinda Lovic** (flute '01), **Peggy Salisbury** (tuba '01), **Ilyse Cody** (trumpet '02), **Molly Oliver** (sax '02) and **Carl Regelmann** (trumpet '02).

**Mike Seidman** (trumpet '00) told Alumni Beat that on Nov. 12, 2005, he married Lisa Galluzzo (Duke '00). In attendance were **Josh Herman** (clarinet '99), **Valerie Fristachi** (sax '00), **Michael Feigin** (trumpet '02), **Jessi King** (sax '02), and **Erin NeMoyer** (flute '02). Mike says "Lisa is a violinist, but at least appreciates the appeal of Marching Band in concept." Mike is currently a student at Cornell Weill Medical College. You can reach Mike and Lisa at their Friendster addresses: users 23005244 and 25762250.

→ The next day, Nov. 13, **Marc Goldman** (trumpet '90) married Cara Smith (Colgate '96) and many band alumni were in attendance to verify that it actually happened. In the wedding party were best man **Marshall Kohen** (drum major '90), bridesmaid and sister **Cheryl Goldman** (mellophone '94) and groomsman **Scott Pesner '87** (clarinet '87), as well as **Mary Hohenhaus** (trumpet mom '87), **Doug Onsi** (trumpet '90), **Ellen Goode** (flute '91), **DJ** (head manager '91) and **Pia Napolitano Ledina** (bells '91), **Arik Marks** (trumpet '91), **Jeff Weintraub** (trumpet '91) Dave and Christine Watters Stuhlmiller and Jeff Anbinder. Marc is an associate director at the NYU Center for Career Development and he and Cara live on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. Marc says to drop him a line at [ApplebeeMA@aol.com](mailto:ApplebeeMA@aol.com).

→ The Alumni Beat was recently looking at the Cornell Club of Fort Lauderdale's website when we noticed that **Stephen Shapiro** (sax '86) was speaking there. After further investigation, we discovered that Steve is the author of "Goal-Free Living" and speaks throughout the country on this topic. He has even been featured in *O, The Oprah Magazine*. You can find out more at [www.goalfree.com](http://www.goalfree.com).

→ Finally, Alumni Beat wants congratulate someone who never marched in the band but has been one of our biggest supporters. For more than 20 years, **Penny Haitkin '66** has made sure the band has been fed lunch (and always a great one) at the Columbia football game, as well as at other road trips when it's been necessary. She is also the organizer of the Sy Katz '31 Parade down Fifth Avenue every two years, making sure the band gets a police escort and that the street in front of the Cornell Club is blocked off for the concert. For all the hard work she does for Cornell as a volunteer, Penny will receive the ultimate alumni honor Homecoming weekend: the Frank H.T. Rhodes Award for Exemplary Service. If you plan to come to Homecoming, please reserve Friday night for the awards dinner, where Penny will receive her much-deserved award. A round of Davy just for you, Penny, from everyone in the Big Red Band who has ever had the unforgettable experience of marching down Fifth Avenue, thanks to you.

*The Alumni Beat is always looking for information. Drop us a note at [sjp17@cornell.edu](mailto:sjp17@cornell.edu).*



## It's the '70s at Homecoming This Year!

Let's see: Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter. Band halftime shows were probably quite interesting during this period. If you were in the band during the 1970's and remember what it was like when the Big Red Band became co-ed, then pack your bags and head to Ithaca for October's Homecoming Weekend. That's when the Big Red Band invites all band alumni who marched in the band during the 1970's back for a special weekend.

There'll be time for get-togethers, perusing old photos, a '70's tailgate and, most importantly, you'll march in a halftime show with your fellow band alumni. BRBAA will mail you more information this spring, but we're also looking for volunteers. If you are willing to help plan the details for the weekend, please contact **Scott Pesner '87** at [sjpez87@aol.com](mailto:sjpez87@aol.com).

## NEW MEMBER PERSPECTIVE

*"Hey, I don't think I've met you. Are you a freshman?"*

**A**s a transfer student, these words always invoked a wry smile and the polite response, "No, actually, I'm a transfer student. I'm new to Cornell this semester, though. My name's Sarah." This became the standard exchange upon meeting everyone in band to the point where my nickname on the trombone website is Sarah "Not A Freshman!" Glantz.

Why is being a transfer student so different than being a new freshman? Transfers are special people on campus for many reasons. We have had a college experience outside of Cornell, for one, which gives us a rich perspective on the strengths and weaknesses of each place we have studied. We bring with us the emotional familiarity and maturity of having spent a year or two away from home already. We live together in the Class of 1917 Hall, commonly referred to as the Transfer Center. Other students perhaps don't know quite what to make of us, because we come to Cornell as sophomores or juniors; we do not arrive in August delivered into the open arms of old friends, but instead into the uncertainty of finding one's

place among pre-formed groups and clubs that have existed among our class for years before we ever set foot on campus.

However, the Big Red Marching Band is one group on campus known for welcoming all types of students; the band recruiters as-



sault all new students with equal vigor, regardless of background, major, or heck, even ability! But jokes aside, months before I arrived in Ithaca I contacted the trombone section leader to ask about joining band. At my previous schools, a mandatory band camp was held the two weeks before arrival on campus, so I wanted to plan my summer knowing I could attend what I assumed

would be an equally rigorous pre-semester band camp at Cornell.

To his credit, BJ did not laugh outright at my inquiry but kindly told me that band here was more, um, laid back. And he continued to keep in touch over the summer, going so far as offering to meet me the day I moved on-campus, so I could have a friendly face to recognize and connect me with the rest of the section. What other club on campus shows this kind of warmth in its outreach? I can think of none.

Over the semester, my life boiled down to two things: schoolwork and music. I worked hard, and I played hard — literally, because after a two hockey games and a quick band trip to Penn (SUCKS!) my lips bled Big Red! The Big Red Marching Band gave me an instant sense of belonging to something bigger than myself from day one, helping scale down Cornell's daunting size into a manageable little niche on campus all my own. United by a love of playing (and hating other sections!) we prove that football is just filler for the band.

So while I'm sure the new freshmen appreciate the same aspects of band that I do, I must say they get a better deal than us transfers — they get a full four years with the Big Red Band.

— Sarah Glantz '07

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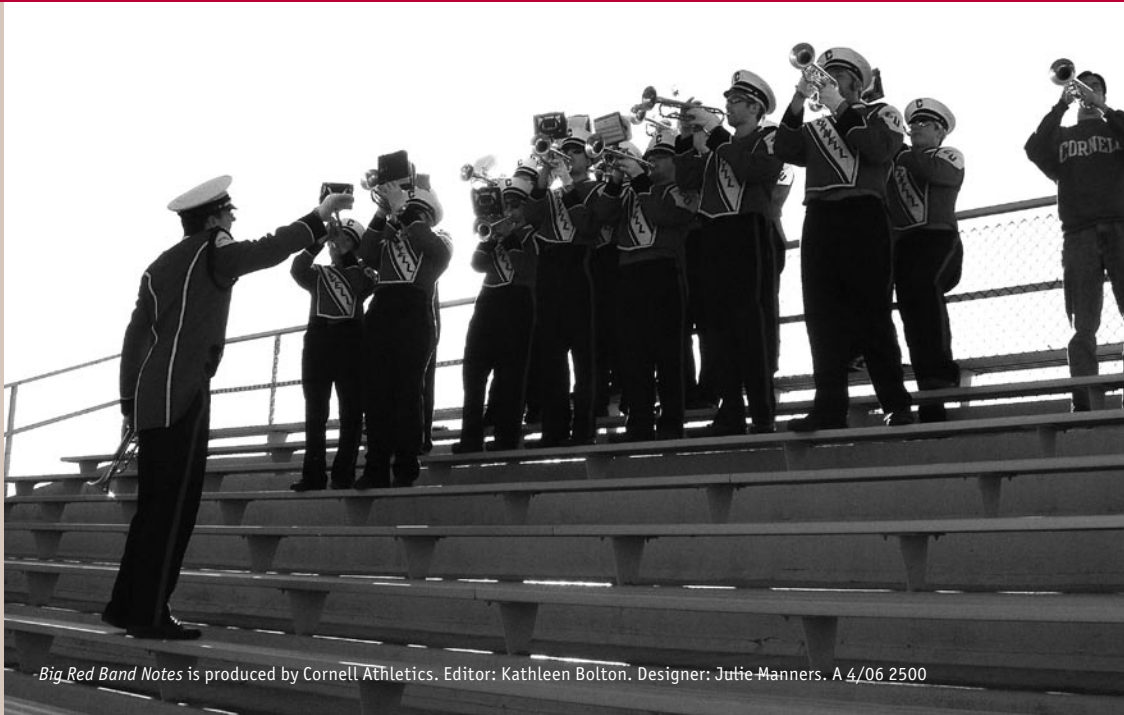
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