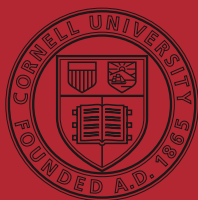


Big Red Band Notes



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Greetings from your alumni chairs



Liz and Alice

Thanks to the hard work of BRBAA and last year's alumni chairs, **Carly Hirsh '07** and **Courtney Alexander '07**, last year's reunion and homecoming were great successes. However, now that these two are graduating, the task falls to your new alumni chairs, Liz Drenkard and Alice Beattie.

Hi, I'm **Liz Drenkard '09** and I'm from Stratford, Conn. I am a Biological Sciences major in the school of Arts and Sciences. I am a member of the lovely flute section in the best of ranks, Rank B. Last year I slaved over a copier as one of the band librarians, but this semester I am looking forward to getting out of the library and getting to meet the BRMB alumni.

And I'm **Alice Beattie '09**, flute of Rank D from Wilmington, Del. I'm a History major, and I was one of the band's Historians last year. I'm really excited about meeting and talking to all of you, and hearing about the band in years past (sensing a trend in my interests yet?)

We're really looking forward to organizing and working on this year's homecoming with a 1990's theme, which will be on Oct. 13, 2007, and seeing you all in the Alumni Band during Reunion this summer! We hope that many of you will join us at these events to catch up with old friends and make some new ones.

Alice can be reached at aeb69@cornell.edu and Liz's email is ejd27@cornell.edu. Please contact us if you comments, questions, concerns, suggestions, recipes, stories etc. regarding the BRMB. We look forward to hearing from you!

— *Liz Drenkard '09 and Alice Beattie '09*

PEP BAND UPDATE

The 2006-07 academic year was, as usual, a busy and exciting time for the Big Red Pep Band. Beginning with the first football game at Bucknell in Lewisburg, Pa. and concluding with lacrosse playoffs, the pep band was there for many Cornell Athletics contests. Over the course of the year, the pep band cheered on football, men's hockey, women's hockey, men's basketball, men's soccer, men's lacrosse and women's lacrosse.

One of the biggest developments this year was the unveiling of the "new" Lynah Rink. While the additions took quite a bit of getting used to, the facility has been improved in many ways. The new seats, locker rooms, and offices do not compromise the "Lynah experience."



While the year the men's hockey team had may be best labeled a rebuilding year, we emerged from the regular season with the fourth-best record in league play. The basketball team also enjoyed a solid season, finishing third place in the Ivy League. As spring returns to Ithaca, the pep band followed both men's and women's lacrosse on to Schoellkopf Field.

Following last December's elections, I was re-elected to my position for 2007-08. I look forward to leading the band for a second year.

There are many exciting things in store for the pep band. Spring conductors **Greg Wojtaszczyk '07**, **Ted Hammond '07** and I are prepared to lead the band next year. Perhaps the most exciting event on the horizon for this calendar year is the renewal of the Cornell-Boston University rivalry, which will be played at Madison Square Garden on Nov. 24. The opportunity to see Cornell take the ice at "The World's Most Famous Arena" is something I would encourage you not to miss.

Naturally, it is hard to fully brief you on the activities of the pep band. If you ever have any questions, or just want to find out what is going on with the band, feel free to e-mail me at jre29@cornell.edu. As always, if you are ever see the pep band at an event, stop over and say hello!

— Jason Endriss, '08

Calling All Alumni from the 1990's!

Do you remember a time when most of the freshmen lived on West Campus? Do you remember Cornell presidents Frank Rhodes or Hunter Rawlings (the first time)? Did you enjoy the bottomless salad at Little Joe's in

**Oct.
12-14
2007**

Collegetown? If so, relive those memories with your Big Red Band classmates. The Big Red Band's Alumni Association invites all alumni who marched in the Band or went to Cornell in the 1990s to return to the Hill for a very special Homecoming celebration.

The weekend of Oct. 12-14 is Homecoming at Cornell. We've planned a great deal of activities for band alumni (and their families) to celebrate the Classes of the 1990-2000. In addition to marching at the halftime show, there will be receptions for alumni on both Friday and Saturday nights, as well as a pre-game tailgate.

More information on the festivities, as well as hotel information, will be mailed to '90's alumni later this spring. If you have questions in the meantime, contact **Eva Chiamulera '97** at eic1@cornell.edu.

We look forward to seeing you there!

FROM THE LADDER

Well, here we are again! It's amazing to think that an entire season is behind us already. What's more scary, it's amazing to think that my entire college career

is almost behind me. However, this transition was and continues to be made easier by the existence of the Big Red Band. This feeling is indicative of what was a common theme throughout our successful year: the Big Red Band got bigger, better, and closer to itself through a year of exciting shows and energetic Cornell spirit. Since I do not have anything else to add, I will summarize the year for everyone here, in case you blinked and missed any of it.

Our year began with the recruitment of the BRMB Class of 2010, which included some siblings of old stars, as well as new people who are now rising to take Band leadership positions. This process went well, and included activities such as spelling things in rocks in the gorge under the Thurston Avenue Bridge and an early morning "Wake-Up" parade through North Campus. This was followed by our annual Band Camp, where members learned marching fundamentals as well as our first show, music from the "Pirates of the Caribbean" soundtrack. This show featured a

sword-fight between the epic Jack Sparrow and the evil Drum Major Pirate (ultimately, Jack won). This show finally debuted at the home opener contest versus Yale.



Outgoing Drum Major Matt Tucker '07, conducts the Alma Mater in front of the Cornell Club of NYC with the help of Bob Katz '69 and Alice Katz Berglas '66.

The next weekend, Cornell had the rare opportunity to compete in a night game against nationally-ranked SUNY Albany. This provided the BRMB with the chance to perform under the stadium lights to a nearly packed house. The Band's performance went over very well. In addition to our show, the BRMB worked closely with the Department of Athletics to add excitement to football games in the way of playing more often, cheering more loudly, and being as supportive of the team as possible. Not only were all these things

well-received by a large and rowdy student section, but it helped Cornell to a win over a formidable opponent!

Over fall break, the BRMB embarked on its "MiniTour 2006," which took the band to the Cornell vs. Harvard contest, as well as to a CFL game hosted by the Montreal Allouettes. This tour provided the band a chance to take its successful Pirates show on the road, where the BRMB was treated to its first standing ovation

by a nearly sold-out Montreal crowd. Not only did I lose my voice that weekend, we showed Canada that Cornell's musical ambassadors always provide good entertainment.

After the MiniTour came Homecoming, where Cornell defeated Colgate. At this game the band welcomed back its 1970's alumni to perform in a show which included "Boogie Down," "Looking Through the Eyes of Love" (the Theme from "Ice Castles"), and the band classic "Pinball Wizard". The show not only involved a contrast between beautiful ballads and rockin' anthems, but also flaming batons! Needless to say, the show was well-received both that week, and the following week at Brown.

When the Princeton Tigers came to Schoellkopf Field the following week, the Band was ready to debut its classical show, featuring the music of Ludwig Von Beethoven. This show emphasized a classical marching and musical style, even up to a military-style company front led by me on the field with my mace. This hard work paid off at the Columbia game the following week when the band got another standing ovation - this time from BOTH the Cornell and Columbia side! This show was so popular at Columbia, in fact, that the band continued to play for crowds after the game for almost an hour until the event staff asked the band to leave! Of course, the Columbia game was capped off by the incredible biennial Sy Katz '31 Parade, which you can find out more about in this issue of "Band Notes."

The following week marked the end of our season, as the BRMB played its final show at the Penn vs. Cornell contest. This show was music from the Funk genre, and during the band's rendition of "Tear the Roof Off the Sucka," next year's Drum Major, Matthew Caulfield '08, took over for me and finished out the Band's regular season activities. The second half of the game under his control was marked by not only excitement, but a gritty Cornell win over rivals Penn! Next year, Matt will undoubtedly lead the band to even greater heights.

As you can tell, this year was a watershed year for the BRMB. Not only was the music and marching quality of our shows higher than in previous years, but the Band made a concerted effort to focus on putting on mature shows that would entertain any crowd. If you missed

any of the year, don't settle for just these highlights! Seek out someone who was close to the band and get the full story—I promise you, you will not be disappointed.

As for me, my time has come to leave the BRMB and Cornell University, and while I do this with a heavy heart, I also know that my life as a whole has been enriched by the Big Red Band. Not only am I a better person for my involvement, but I made friends I will never lose contact with. If any of you need anything, or have any tips on how to get into a Linguistics Ph.D. program, feel free to contact me: mat54@cornell.edu

For now, however, thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the best marching band on the planet!

— Matt Tucker '07

Our Seniors

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Courtney Alexander	Kevin Foster	Daniel Kerr	Sara Paddock	Tom Scherer
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Brianna Bamford	Rebecca Guion	Ben Kraft	Stephanie Radi	Owen Shieh
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Andrew Coffin	Carly Hirsh	Dana Muir	Anna Richardson	Greg Wojtaszczyk
Crystal Cun	Sonia Jakse	Mike Nagele	Amanda Robertson	
Lizzie Davies	George Jin	Maggie Newbold	Dawn Saepia	



Big Red and Brown trombones mix during a combined concert with Brown's band.

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Cornell Football

SCHEDULE

Sept. 15	Bucknell
Sept. 22	at Yale
Sept. 29	at Georgetown
Oct. 6	Harvard
Oct. 13	Colgate (Homecoming)
Oct. 20	Brown
Oct. 27	at Princeton
Nov. 3	at Dartmouth
Nov. 10	Columbia
Nov. 17	at Penn

All times TBD.

For more information: <http://cornellbigred.cstv.com/sprts/m-footbl/sched/corn-m-footbl-sched.html>.

HEAD MANAGER PERSPECTIVE

As the past year comes to a close and the new one starts up, this is a time of reflection for many people. I am no exception. Looking back over my time as head manager, it is hard to believe that it went by so quickly. This past year has been an exciting and pivotal one for the Big Red Marching Band, and I think this past season in particular went better than Matt Tucker, drum major, and I ever hoped it would.

There were many factors that helped make this season such a great one. We had an excellent group of freshmen which included Cornell's new president, Dr. David J. Skorton. He was able to stop in and play his saxophone with us at our first rehearsal. Unfortunately, he was unable to stay the entire time because he had a meeting, but as he left, he told us, "That was so much fun, I have to take a shower!" In his next performance with us, he braved the wind and rain to make an appearance and conduct the last portion of our Pirates of the Caribbean halftime show, when Matt had to get off the podium for a swordfight with Captain Jack Sparrow.

President Skorton's final appearance of the season came during the 2006 Sy Katz '31 Parade. This parade was an exciting opportunity for all of the band members who were there, and an experience that we will not soon forget. The night was topped off when Matt invited **Bob Katz '69** and **Alice Katz Berglas '66**, to conduct the Alma Mater. Alice was able to brave her fear of heights and get up on the ladder so that all three of them could conduct



Head manager Becca Guion, Ithaca College '07, and one of our pirates-in-residence, Justin "Moose" Musaffi '08.

up there together. It was a priceless sight. See page 8 for more information on this year's Sy Katz '31 Parade.

This seemed to be a year of guest conductors, as we had one more distinguished maestro at Homecoming. That weekend, **Penny Haitkin '65** received the 2006 Frank H.T. Rhodes Award for Exemplary Service, an enormous honor for any Cornellian. In congratulations and thank you for all that she has done for the band over the years, we gave her a hat signed by the band and asked her to conduct us in the Alma Mater.

Homecoming was a busy and fun time for us. Although it was geared toward alumni from the '70's, many of you come back from decades as far back as the 1950's. It was great seeing some of you again and meeting many of you for the first time. This upcoming year looks to be even bigger as we target alumni from the 1990's. You should all mark your calendars now to come back to the hill next October to see your friends from when you were in the band and, of course, support the football team.

The Big Red Band has been doing its part to make our mark on Cornell athletics this

season. Tired of the lack of enthusiasm at football games, we decided to start drumming up more excitement, not only before with our usual pre-game concerts, but also during the game with more cheers and gusto on our part. This “campaign” seemed to be a huge success, and as a result it landed us in the Cornell Daily Sun about once a week. If you stop by the band room sometime, you can see some of the many pictures and articles we have collected from this past season alone.

Finally, the band has also been working to improve relations with the other Ivy League bands when we visit each other. The Dartmouth band, for the first time in six years, traveled all the way from New Hampshire for the football game in November. We were able to welcome them with an ice cream social, and

although they were small in number (there were only 18 members there), we still had a great time with them. We have also started performing joint post-game concerts with some of the other bands. It started when we went to Brown and then asked them if they would join us afterwards. We had a fun time, so we invited the bands of Princeton, Dartmouth, and Penn perform with us when they came to visit. It was great to spend time with other bands and get to know them a bit better, and we’re hoping that this can continue in the future.



Twirlers and color guard members relax on a sunny day.



Penny Haitkin '65 prepares to conduct the band in the Alma Mater after Cornell's homecoming victory against Colgate.

Looking back, I am very pleased with everything that the band has accomplished, not just in my time as head manager, but throughout my four years as a member. I am going to miss my experiences in the band and as head manager immensely, but what I have learned and gained has been and will continue to be invaluable.

I only hope that I've given back to the band at least a small piece of what it has given to me.

As the new leadership takes over, it's time for me to say good bye and make way for the 2007's head manager, Becca Priebe, and 2007's drum major Matt Caulfield (a.k.a. Becca and Matt v. 2.0). I know the band will be in qualified and capable hands and I'm looking forward to seeing what these two, along with the rest of the 2007 Bandstaph, can bring to their positions.

I also look forward to my own future, which includes a wedding in June (I will have a lot more time to organize that now that I am no longer in charge of the band) and plans for a graduate degree and a job in either music education or music therapy. Even as I embark on the journey into this next phase of my life, I will always remember with fondness my time as head manager and a member of the Big Red Marching Band.

— *Rebecca Guion IC '07*

A Parade to Remember

Maybe it was the fact that the temperature was in the 60s most of the day. Perhaps it was Cornell's publicity machine that encouraged more people to go. Perhaps it was the enthusiasm of the band and the alumni who gathered. Whatever it was, this year's Sy Katz '31 Parade following the Columbia game was maybe the best one ever.

Of course, there were worries before the Parade started that there might be hitches. Difficulties with the parade permit were resolved, thanks to the tenacity of Penny Haitkin '65 (well, it was Veteran's Day and a parade had just finished going up Fifth Avenue), but as alumni of all ages (and their

kids) gathered on the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral, kazoos in hand to form a band of their own (more than 500 were distributed). You knew then something special was going to happen. Of course, that something special had to wait for our very-delayed police escort, but once the parade got started, there was a feeling of overwhelming Big Red spirit in the air. Even the Empire State Building got into the act by glowing in bright red.

Led by President David Skorton (the first time a Cornell President had led the parade) along with **Faith "Happy" Reichert '25**, Cornell's old living alumna (who was celebrating her 105th birthday that day), the band marched down the width of Fifth Avenue. The NYPD, perhaps making up for their tardiness, closed down the entire avenue instead of just one lane. As the band turned on to East 44th Street for the concert in front of the Cornell Club, they were greeted by klieg and spotlights set up by the University to get maximum photo opportunities (and blind everyone else). Hundreds of additional alumni lined the sidewalks in front of the Club.

The concert was terrific, with alumni watching from inside the Cornell Club and on the street cheering on the Big Red Band. Then President Skorton led the band (following the mandatory aardvark) and alumni in a special singing of "Happy Birthday" to Happy Reichert to plenty of misty eyes, knowing this was a special Cornell moment. Then **Alice Katz Berglas '66** and **Bob Katz '69** joined drum major **Matt Tucker '07** on the ladder for the Alma Mater.



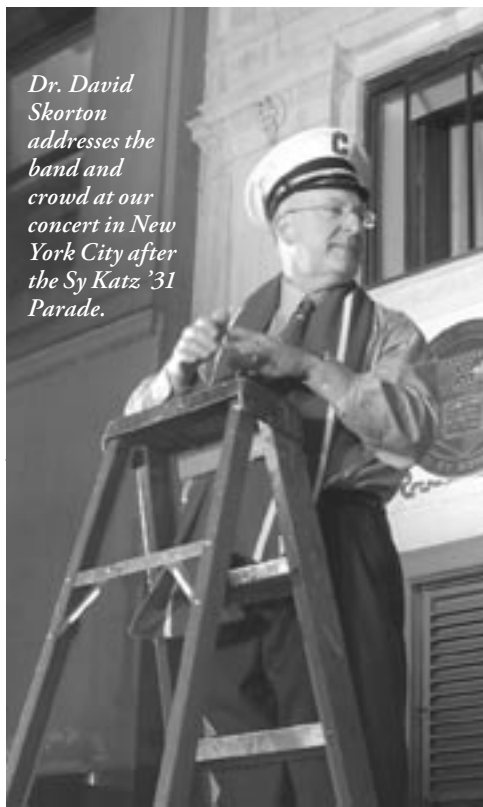
The Big Red Percussion Section goes marching down 5th Avenue during the Sy Katz '31 parade.

Thanks to the Cornell Club, band members were treated to dinner, and band parents were also invited to join alumni at a special reception at the Club with President Skorton. A special thanks goes to the Cornell Club and its staff for all their hard work.

Indeed, it was a very special night for everyone who gathered. All took in the spirit of **Sy Katz '31**, who never marched in the band but always felt the band was what was best about Cornell. **Bill Vanneman '31**, Sy's classmate, beamed throughout the concert. He wrote about the event in his class column in the March/April issue of the Cornell Alumni Magazine, "I...can think of Sy sitting atop one of those tall office buildings across from the Club, watching all those Cornellians having a great time down below."

Agreed, said Alice Katz Berglas in a recent e-mail on why her father never marched with the band. He told her at the very first parade back in the 1970s, "the parking lot and tailgate is for me, for shared fun. The parade is for the kids; it's their time to shine." And shine they did!

For more on this year's Sy Katz '31 Parade, go to <http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/Nov06/big.red.band.NYC.aj.html>



Dr. David Skorton addresses the band and crowd at our concert in New York City after the Sy Katz '31 Parade.

The Alumni Beat

We have several weddings to report in this edition of the Alumni Beat.

→ **Kim McMunn**

(clarinet '98) married Tom Vandenberg on July 1, 2006. **Beth Winters (percussion '97)** was a bridesmaid at the wedding, which took place at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis (with a carousel!). Kim and Tom are living in Dayton, Ind., near Tom's alma mater, Purdue, along with a dog, a cat and other small creatures. Kim says she can't wait for her 10th Reunion next year!



→ **Mary Hohenhaus (trumpet '87)** married John Trotter on Nov. 11, 2006 in Newport, R.I. A number of band alumni were in attendance: **Debbie Cluff (field manager '85)**; **Bethany Davis (pep band manager '89)**; **John (tuba '85)** and **Sarah Mendell Gilmour (head manager '87)**; **Heidi Lane (head manager '85)**; **Betsy Malone Link (pep band manager '85)**; and **Stu Pergament (tuba '87)**. Said Mary, "John has a graduate degree in music from Yale but we try not to hold that against him. He has experienced both Cornell/Brown football and Cornell/Harvard hockey and is now familiar with the phrase 'snatching defeat from the jaws of victory.' We bought a historic Victorian home in Pawtucket (within walking distance from the Brown stadium), which puts me close to the Miriam Hospital, where I practice and teach primary care

for Brown University's medical school and residency program in internal medicine." Mary also reports that **Pete (trumpet '86)** and **Barbara Werner Mazziotti (head manager '86)** welcomed son Daniel into their family.

→ **John Miers (trumpet '66)** performed the ceremony recently at his daughter Martha's wedding.

John just returned from Albuquerque and San Francisco for church meetings and is planning a trip to Pittsburgh for a meeting of the national board of Kappa Delta Rho. Then it's off to New Orleans to help rebuild the city (good work, John!). Meantime, **Dr. Bernard Yablin (clarinet '48; MD '53)** reports that he has been elected president of the Residents' Council of the Jewish Home of Rochester, where he resides. His two youngest daughters are still active in their respective school bands.

→ On Dec. 16, 2006, **Cheryl Goldman (mellophone '94)** married Mark Rogov. Cheryl and Mark will make their home in Port St. Lucie, Fla., where Mark is an athletic training coordinator for the New York Mets. Cheryl remains on the Sports and Wellness faculty of the College of Marin (in California), through teaching distance learning courses. One month later on Jan. 16, Cheryl's brother **Marc (trumpet '90)** and wife Cara welcomed daughter Olivia Cate into the world.

→ Alumni Beat received a heads-up prior to Christmas from **Mark Mandarano (drum major '87)** that his wife Mina's CD performing music by Britten, Shostakovich and Schnittke had just been released on the Arabesque label (www.arabesquerecordings.com). We heard that Mark and his two kids (Augie, age three, and Giovanna, age one) traveled with Mina as she toured Italy with the New York Philharmonic. Mark also performed with the National Symphony at the Kennedy Center.

We're always looking for news for the Alumni Beat. Please forward any happenings to Scott Pesner '87 (sjp17@cornell.edu).

Join us at Reunion 2007

The Big Red Band has special plans this year for Reunion. Look for us to be around campus over Reunion weekend, but we'd also like to invite all alumni who graduated in years ending in 2 and 7 to return to the band room on Saturday, June 9 for our annual luncheon at 12 p.m. Current band members would love to hear stories from "when you were in band" and the 'youngsters' can tell you what's happening with the band.

If you're thinking of joining us for lunch, please contact the Alumni Relations chairs, Alice Beattie (aeb69@cornell.edu) or Liz Drenkard (ejd27@cornell.edu). We hope to see you there!



Freshmen Perspective

The scene is drum major elections, 2006. The bandies have been talking about nothing else for weeks. At lunch — of course we sit together at lunch — during practice, online, it's always back and forth. This year, it's a difficult decision between two sax players, both with comparable strengths. At nine a.m. we show up at the band room, and you can taste the tension in the air. I wish both candidates good luck; they're both trying to look confident. All around the crowded room, people are talking quietly in twos and threes. It's about to begin.

Something that astonished me from the first day of band camp was the band's policy on attendance, or more specifically, the lack of one. Coming from a band where someone had better be in the hospital if you miss a rehearsal, I knew that this couldn't possibly work. And yet...every rehearsal, people were there. Sure, almost everyone missed occasionally, and some people missed a bit more, but every time we went out to practice, there were tons of people on the field. The commitment that so many people made to the marching band astounded me. From the top officers down to the mass of flute freshman (and there was a mass...19!), these

people voluntarily took the time out of their schedules for no other reason than the fact that they believed in what we were doing.

Sure enough, elections are tough. The freshmen had been warned about how late it could go (and how late it had, in the past). The time outside was fun, both candidates have us form amusing shapes on the field, from a resistor to a book (because, as we all know, books are RED). But then we go inside, and the real pressure starts. Each candidate is watched, their technique analyzed, their presence on the podium felt. It's nerve-wracking, and that's just watching. And yet, you have to admire the people up there for what they're putting themselves through. They both have to want to be our next drum major badly enough to hurt.

My high school sends people all around the country, so naturally I always ask about other bands, what it's like. No university has a band like Cornell. At some schools, the band members are paid, and while the money is nice, the atmosphere is not. Some people are only there for the money, and the community is nowhere near the same. At other schools, it's all about the sports and it's only about the sports. But even in the bands comparable to the Big Red, we have something here that the other schools don't. I've heard several upperclassman talk about this, only recently: "It's all about the freshmen." There's never anything even approaching hazing, or disregard, or even contempt for the freshman. Instead, almost every band member I met tried to get to know me, to make me feel

welcome, to make me want to come back. At parties, at rehearsals, randomly between classes, the upperclassmen would do their best to become friends with me. The impact this had was incredible. I can't imagine having a better first semester.

At some point, as the night goes on, outgoing current drum major Matt Tucker '07 makes a comment along the lines of "all those things we do out there, on the field; it's nothing compared to the relationships we form in here." It's now about 2:00 a.m., and I look around the room at everyone debating, realizing how many people I've gotten to know and trust. It almost seems like we're closer to being a family than anything else.

Rarely a day goes by when I don't eat lunch or dinner at a table of band people. I've seen these people interact in so many ways, from hanging out watching a movie, to having intense disagreements on the field, to having an awesome trip and marching a great show. We're about ready to elect someone, to pick the person who will next lead this organization that has formed such wonderful ties among us. We're not just picking a drum major; we're picking a drum major of the Big Red Marching Band. The band may be different things to different people, but to those in it, it's fun, it's frustration, it's friends, and it's family.

— Adam Sorrin '10

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