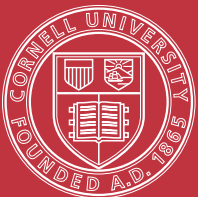


Big Red Band Notes



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Greetings

from your alumni chairs

We're excited to publish our second issue of *Band Notes*. You should look out for our third edition at the end of the year. It will be available electronically, so make sure you sign up for the BRBAA list-serve (you can find information on staying in touch with the band on the back of this issue). It will be posted online as well, so make sure to check out BRBAA.bigredbands.org! In this issue, we'd like to get some more alumni

input, so if you have any pictures or stories to relate, send an email to either one of us!

I'm Lauren, and I'm a junior majoring in Materials Science and Engineering. I really enjoyed meeting those of you who came to reunion, and I'm excited to meet everyone who comes to Homecoming! If you have any questions about upcoming events, you can email me at lmm238@cornell.edu.



Sarah and Lauren

I'm Sarah, and I'm a junior majoring in

Archaeology. I was sad to have to miss reunion this summer, but I hope to make up for it by meeting and talking to many of you at Homecoming. We are really looking forward to this great event, and you should be too! Feel free to contact me at snj25@cornell.edu with any questions or comments you might have.

Make sure that if you're coming to Homecoming, you know where to find the Big Red Band. This issue has plenty of information to help you make the most of your visit back to Cornell!

— *Lauren Mangano '11 and Sarah Johnson '11*

<http://mb.bigredbands.org>

FROM THE BRBAA CHAIR

The BRBAA annual meeting at Homecoming, which will be at 3:30 p.m. in the Statler Hotel, will be my first as chair, although by far not my first. I'd like to welcome **Marc Goldman '90**, **Rich Hovorka '96**, and **Matt Caulfield '08** to the board and thank **Jen Evans Allard '94**, **Mary Quillian '93**, and **Ilyse Gerson Cody '02** for their service. I'd also like to thank **Pat Carr '96** for his eight years as chair and for his gluttony for punishment in staying on as an at-large member.

I would also like to thank Matt Marsit, who served two years as the music advisor and will be moving to Dartmouth to become the Director of Winds. Unfortunately for us, the position that Matt held in the music department, Assistant Director of Bands, has been eliminated by the college. Although we don't have the resources to hire a faculty member, we feel that the input and perspective provided by a music advisor are worth maintaining. As a trial

replacement, we have a partial assistanceship to an Ithaca College School of Music graduate student who will provide most of the service we are losing from the Cornell music department. This year's advisor will be Mira Shifrin, a master's student in performance.

At Homecoming you'll get to see the band in their new uniforms! As Pat mentioned in the last *Band Notes*, we had the funds for the uniform purchase set aside in cash before the drop in the value of the long term investment pool. We will use the better part of the remaining cash on hand to purchase shares at this comparative discount, but our first priority is to maintain the operating budgets of the bands. You have not let us down, and gifts thus far this year are well above our expectations.

I hope to see you all at Homecoming, or at one of our alumni tailgates!

— *Eva Chiamulera '97*



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Lauren models the latest in Big Red Band fashion.

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Sept. 19	Bucknell
Sept. 26	at Yale
Oct. 3	at Colgate
Oct. 10	Harvard
Oct. 17	Fordham (Homecoming)
Oct. 24	Brown
Oct. 31	at Princeton
Nov. 7	at Dartmouth
Nov. 14	Columbia
Nov. 21	at Penn

For more information:
www.cornellbigred.com/schedule.aspx?path=football&

FROM THE LADDER

Greetings from Ithaca! My name is Shayna Gerson. This fall, I begin my senior year in mechanical engineering and my fourth year in the Big Red Band. I've played trumpet for the past three years and have previously served as librarian, show committee chair, and a conductor of the pep band.

This past April, the marching band had its third annual Spring Concert on the Ithaca Commons. We paraded in from Dewitt Park and stopped to play two concerts on the Commons. The band looked and sounded amazing and we had a spectacular turn out! The crowds of spectators were blown away by our talent and energy. It was great to see the band reassembled and in uniform after such a long break from marching season. What a great way to get us pumped up for the upcoming fall!

There is a lot to be excited about this season. Besides showing off our shiny new uniforms (*Disclaimer: uniforms not actually shiny), we have four great shows lined up! In our first show (which will be performed at our first home game and at Yale) we travel around the globe in our World Music show, stopping in Russia, the Middle East, and Ireland. One of the other shows we're particularly excited about is our Halloween show (to be performed at home and ON Halloween at Princeton... black and orange — what luck!). This show includes songs such as a "Toccata" and "Fugue in D Minor" intro and "Thriller," from the late, great Michael Jackson.

You definitely don't want to miss this year's homecoming Movie show (which we will also



Drum Major Shayna Gerson cools off during the Spring Concert on the Ithaca Commons.

be performing for our friends, the Montreal Alouettes!). I am personally inexpressibly excited about the pre-game show, because I will be playing the part I have dreamed of for many, many years. I don't want to give away the surprise, but it may involve a blue hat and black ears (waterworks and pyrotechnics pending Athletics' approval.)

I guess you'll just have to come to Homecoming if you want to know what an amazing show we have planned! It will certainly be fantasmic *ahem* that is, fantastic. I look forward to meeting and greeting all of you (that means YOU) at Homecoming!

With the freshmen making their way to Cornell and all this talk about the upcoming season, I can't help but think back to my first First Night. I remember thinking it was incredibly overwhelming... but AWESOME at the same time! There was almost more going on around me than I could take in, but I instantly fell in love with the traditions, the chaos, and the people: the things that make us the Big Red Marching Band.

I can't wait to show these things and bring all the wonderful experiences I remember having as a freshman to the class of 2013.

See you in the stands!

— Shayna Gerson '10

HEAD MANAGER PERSPECTIVE

Hello everyone! My name is Stacy Biddlecomb and I am the 2009 Head Manager of the Big Red Marching Band. Some of you may remember me from last year, when I served as alumni relations co-chair. I hail from Severna Park, Md., and am majoring in Biological Sciences with a program of study in Ecology and Evolutionary Bio.

We're all very excited for the 2009 fall marching season! It looks to be quite the promising year with some amazing shows, several trips (including Montreal!) and a huge freshmen class. Our winning banter and enviable charisma must have won them over during our traditional hassling (ahem, 'recruiting') in front of new student registration.

I hope that we will be seeing many of return this year to enjoy the shows, but if you're not already convinced, here are a few reasons why this year especially promises to be a must-see performance:

- **New Uniforms!** It's been five or six years in the making, but, yes, we will finally be able to march onto the field wearing our new uniforms with pride.
- **New Flags!** This year we will be tossing and twirling flags of our very own colorguard's custom design. What's more, we even have more guard members to use the flags! A big change from the recent past, we now have upwards of 20 members to add some life and color to the field.
- **Sat. Oct. 17:** Homecoming v. Fordham. We have a great show planned for all of those returning, and would love to invite you all to come join us on the field at Halftime. Rumor also has it that our Drum Major may be breaking out a few surprises as well!

So thanks to everyone whose donations and constant support are shaping this season into the wonderful year I know it will be! If you have any questions, please contact me at slb79@cornell.edu. I hope to see you all at the games!

— Stacy Biddlecomb '10



Stacy Biddlecomb '10 tackles her head manager duties by holding the ladder during Cornell Days.

PEP BAND UPDATE

2009-10

Men's Hockey SCHEDULE

Oct. 23	Ontario
Oct. 24	US Under-18 Team
Oct. 10	Niagara
Nov. 6	Dartmouth
Nov. 7	Harvard
Nov. 13	at Yale
Nov. 14	at Brown
Nov. 20	Princeton
Nov. 21	Quinnipiac
Nov. 24	Colgate
Nov. 28	vs. Boston University (at Madison Square Garden)
Dec. 4	at RIT
Dec. 5	at Union
Dec. 12	vs. Colorado College (Florida Classic)
Dec. 30	vs. TBA (Florida Classic)
Jan. 3	at University of New Hampshire
Jan. 15	at Clarkson
Jan. 16	at St. Lawrence
Jan. 22	University of North Dakota
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Jan. 29	St. Lawrence
Jan. 30	Clarkson
Feb. 5	at Quinnipiac
Feb. 6	at Princeton
Feb. 12	Brown
Feb. 13	Yale
Feb. 16	at Colgate
Feb. 19	at Harvard
Feb. 20	at Dartmouth
Feb. 26	Union
Feb. 27	RIT

For more information:
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Evan Walsh '11 shows off the new bari sax in Idaho at the NCAA Men's Basketball playoffs.

Last semester, the Pep Band made appearances at all regular season men's ice hockey games including trips to Albany, North Country, Harvard/Dartmouth and Yale/Brown. We also traveled to Philadelphia with the men's basketball team to win against Penn at the Palestra and crossed the Mason-Dixon line with the men's lacrosse team heading down to the University of Virginia. And for what may be the first time ever, the Pep Band followed all three men's teams to NCAA playoffs: traveling on a chartered plane to Boise, Idaho with the men's basketball

team for March Madness, crossing the Canadian border twice on the way to ice hockey regionals in Grand Rapids and spending Memorial Day weekend in Boston at the NCAA Lacrosse Final Four, mic'd up in Gillette Stadium.

This semester, we're looking forward to playing at the men's ice hockey game against BU at Madison Square Garden in New York City on November 28th and welcoming Alumni back for the Red-White preseason hockey scrimmage Homecoming weekend.

— *Miranda Reid '10*

2009-10

Men's Basketball SCHEDULE

Nov. 14	at University of Alabama
Nov. 18	at University of Massachusetts
Nov. 20	Seton Hall University
Nov. 24	at Syracuse
Nov. 27	at Drexel
Nov. 28	vs. UVM (in Philadelphia)
Nov. 29	vs. University of Toledo (in Philadelphia)
Dec. 2	at Bucknell
Dec. 6	vs. St. Joseph's University
Dec. 20	vs. Davidson (at Madison Square Garden)
Dec. 21	vs. St. Johns or Hofstra (at Madison Square Garden)
Dec. 29	at La Salle University
Dec. 31	vs. Penn State Erie
Jan. 2	vs. Bryant University
Jan. 6	at University of Kansas
Jan. 8	at University of South Dakota
Jan. 11	vs. Clarkson University
Jan. 16	vs. Columbia
Jan. 23	at Columbia
Jan. 29	vs. Dartmouth
Jan. 30	vs. Harvard
Feb. 5	vs. Yale
Feb. 6	vs. Brown
Feb. 12	at University of Pennsylvania
Feb. 13	at Princeton
Feb. 19	at Harvard
Feb. 20	at Dartmouth
Feb. 26	vs. Princeton
Feb. 27	vs. University of Pennsylvania
March 5	at Brown
March 6	at Yale

For more information:
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The band played at the men's ice hockey NCAA tournament in Grand Rapids, Mich.



The band makes it on the big screen at the NCAA Men's Lacrosse Championship game.

ALUMNI BEAT

Thanks to everyone who sent their information in. Don't forget, if you want to get updates about what's going on with band alumni activities, join our Facebook group.

→ **Dave Allen** (Manager '56), co-manager of the Big Red Band in 1955-56 reports: "My co-manager was **Dick Bowker '57**. I retired last year after 44 years as chief engineer for WICB. You know the radio station at the other place in Ithaca. Sorry I couldn't make this year's reunion as I [was] having hip replacement surgery. I have been married to Ruth for 32 years. We have two children but I couldn't get either to go to Cornell or to IC for that matter. I never played an instrument in the band because being a manager was more than full time — or at least it seemed that way."

→ **Frank Russell** (Tuba '58): How things have changed since the six years I played in the Band from Sept. 1954 through June 1960. I played tuba my freshman year and switched to lyra bells for the next five years. I was Student Conductor in my fourth year and Manager in my fifth year. I still play tuba, having played in our local park band each summer since 1973." Frank currently resides in Newark, N.Y.

→ **Allan Rouselle** (Announcer '90): I've sold short stories to two different anthologies that hit the bookshelves in 2009. The first one, published just this past June, is "Last Man Standing," which appears in "Swordplay," edited by Denise Little. The anthology is a collection of stories about legendary swords; my piece is about General Custer's Last Stand (featuring his cavalry sword). The second will

hit the stands the first week of November, in the book entitled "The Trouble With Heroes." My story appears at first blush to be about Jason & the Argonauts (and Medea), but with the title, "If I Did It," you might imagine I have someone else in mind.

Allan reports he and his wife **Paulette Dwen** (Clarinet '89) "are raising our three amazing boys, living in style in our Big Red House. Feel free to visit my blog at www.rouselle.com/allan, or friends can visit us on Facebook."

→ Also on the left coast is veterinarian **Kris Hallden Bass** (flute '89) who explains her absence from Reunion: "A career-ending (total two-hour) snowboarding accident sucked up my vacation time. Now with both wrist fractures healed, I'm back at work

removing gonads and otherwise trying to improve both health and happiness in the co-mingled human-animal world. Current household inventory: four humans, two cats and one snake. The current doglessness will be temporary. Still in Salem, Ore., if anyone is cruising out west or along I-5, holler!"

→ Just beginning her career as a vet is **Alexis Stambaugh** (sax '05 DVM '09) who reports that having just graduated from Cornell Vet School, she's now working at North Country Veterinary Services in Pulaski, N.Y.

→ We received a lot of clarinet news: **Paige Kalika** (Clarinet '00) writes, "Let's see... living in Brooklyn, completing child neurology fellowship at SUNY Downstate this year, and got married this past January to Leo Sorits



The Big Red Band's newest alumni: class of 2009.

who, despite being neither a Cornell alum nor a bandie, is still wonderful. Life is good.”

→ Another clarinet alum celebrating is **Allison Groff Brenner** (Clarinet '02) who wrote us on August 23. She and husband Ken “welcomed our first son, **Maxwell Groff Brenner**, yesterday, August 22, 2009. He was 7 lbs 9oz, 21.5 inches. Born in Syracuse, N.Y. We are living in Syracuse, while I finish up my last year of medical school at SUNY Upstate.”

→ Clarinets appear to be fertile. We received a note from **Laura Ruganis Bobin** (Clarinet '03) that she and her husband welcome a baby girl, Laura Jane, on May 4, weighing 7 lbs.

→ **Howie Stein** (Clarinet '91) writes: “The last few months have been pretty eventful for me. I finished rabbinical school this spring, and was ordained on June 6 in Cincinnati. After contending with the difficult job market, I’ve landed a great job as the campus rabbi and community service coordinator at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. Yes, there’s more than corn in Iowa — we’ve got soybeans too! After a rather hectic month of July, my wife Debbie and I are settling into our new home and a slower pace of life that we’re both enjoying.” Drop Howie an e-mail at hss4@cornell.edu.

→ **Rob Chu** (Sax '04) finished Villanova Law School in May and received his MBA in July. He’ll start as a litigation associate in Philadelphia in September.

→ We can also depend on **Kathy Kiang Pascover** (Pep Band Manager '95) to provide an update on anyone who was in the band

during the 1990s. However, this time, she has something of her own to brag about: “**Mary Sue Page Youn** (Horn '94), **Mike Stuhlmiller** (Bone '94), and I raced in the New Jersey State Triathlon on Sunday, July 26. We all lived to see the finish line!” A playing of “Davy” in honor of the three of you.

→ Speaking of the Stuhlmiller clan, former BRBAA chair **Christine Watters Stuhlmiller** (bells '93) and husband **David** (percussion '92) welcomed son Nicholas David in March. He joins big sister Sarah.

→ **Mike Van Brunt** (Sax '97), had a baby boy in December, Liam Desmond, while **Johnny Chan** (Tuba '97) tied the knot with Jennifer on June 10 in the Netherlands.

→ **Heidi Russell** (trumpet '87) spent part of her summer at a three-week artist residency in Berlin with Transart Institute. Along with pursuing her own fine art photography passion, she has recently begun curating multi-discipline art exhibitions. She is co-curator at Manhattan Theatre Source and curator of two weekly features with the e-zine “The New York Optimist” Heidi invites you to reach out to her through Facebook or LinkedIn. You can also see her self portrait work at www.nystudiogallery.com.

→ Finally, this from man-about-the world **Gligor Tashkovich** (Baritone '87): “I was invited by Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy to participate in their 20th Annual Halki International Seminar on the Dodecanese Island of Halki last month. ALL-

Join Us For Homecoming!

The Big Red Band wants to see YOU this Homecoming. We’ve got plenty of activities planned for you to catch up with your classmates and see how the band is doing. The fun starts Friday night, October 16, with a reception in the band room. Saturday morning, grab breakfast in Barton Hall, then join the band for rehearsal. Next, head up to Kite Hill for the Alumni Association tailgate, before sitting down to watch what is sure to be an exciting game against Fordham. During halftime, join the current band members on the field for part of the halftime show and remember just how awesome it feels to perform in front of thousands. Stick around for the post-game show, and then come on back to the band room for some refreshments.

For more information, contact **Lauren Mangano** (lmangano@gmail.com) or **Sarah Johnson** (snj25@cornell.edu). We hope to see you at one or all of our events!

expense paid trips to a remote Greek island are pretty cool! Then, I was invited by the US Institute of Peace to participate in a ‘war-gaming’ simulation (last week) of a post-conflict country where I more-or-less reprised in my role as Minister of Commerce. It turns out that I was the first Minister of Commerce in 100 simulations to successfully privatize 100% of the state’s eight industries! Unfortunately, the military didn’t have a marching band; I probably should have ordered this!”

*Have interesting exploits to share? Drop us a line — **Scott Pesner '87** at sjp17@cornell.edu.*

REFLECTIONS ON REUNION

Reunion is a strange time when Hot Truck parks on the Arts Quad and you can't go anywhere without seeing a white tent.

Even more importantly, it's a time to return to the Band Room in Barton Hall, dust off your instrument, meet up with old friends, and strut your stuff at the All-Alumni Luncheon. This year we had a great turn-out, with over 30 alums representing every section and plenty of current members to join them.

Everyone had a great time at the concert up in Barton Hall, where the Reunion Band played Cornell tunes and favorites like Pinball Wizard and Emerald Eyes. The Reunion Band played with a great deal of enthusiasm and energy — not bad for a group that picked up their instruments a few minutes before.

Whether you attended Reunion or not, we hope that you can join us for Homecoming this year on October 26! Hot Truck may not be so conveniently located during Homecoming, but we guarantee that you'll get a chance to play and parade just like you used to in the Big Red Band.



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Lowell Frank '99 relives his glory days.

Keep in Touch with the Bands!

Want the latest information from the band and BRBAA? Join either our listserve (to do this, drop an e-mail to Scott Pesner '87, sjpez87@aol.com, and he'll provide the directions) or through our Facebook group: Let's Go Red! Big Red Bands Alumni. We'll be posting information on tailgates and other Band events.

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The drumline rocks Ithaca Commons during the Spring Concert.



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