

# The Herald

Pitt Band Alumni Council Newsletter

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### Reminders:

**Our website is [www.pbac.net](http://www.pbac.net)** and updates on Alumni Band Day will be posted there.

### Join the PAA

Being a member of the Pitt Alumni Association entitles you to many benefits and services that include members-only publications, advanced notice of events, discounts for Alumni sponsored events as well as retail discounts at the Pitt Shop and Bookstore. You will also have unlimited access to the online community where you can reconnect with classmates, add class notes, and network with other Pitt professionals. The Pitt Career Network is available to [PAA] members as well as learning and travel opportunities. [www.alumni.pitt.edu](http://www.alumni.pitt.edu)

If you know someone did not receive this newsletter, share it with them!

Pitt Band Alumni Council

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## Alumni Band Day: October 2, 2010

**Pitt vs Florida International. Game time: 3:30pm**

Friday, Oct 1: Practice Field Behind the Cost Center

- Alumni are invited and encouraged to attend the 6:00 rehearsal with the Varsity Band
- We will be learning a minimal drill as part of the halftime show.
- After the Varsity practice, we will have pizza and drinks with the senior members of the band
- In case of rain, rehearsal will be on the top floor of the Cost Center

Saturday, Oct 2: Alumni Band Day Tailgate and Game at Heinz Field

- Tailgate has been moved to [Red Lot 5](#) for Alumni Band Day
- Tailgate will begin at 11:30 and go until the March to Victory into the game
- Someone will be returning to the tailgate after halftime in case you would like to leave.

You can register online or just bring your form on Friday or Saturday!

# Letter from the Director

Hello everyone! It hardly seems possible that another Pitt football season is just around the corner. We are excited about this upcoming year, our 99<sup>th</sup>, and are looking forward to getting started.

I remind you again that you are very important to our success. Strong band alumni support at our football pre-game concerts and tailgate tent party demonstrates that we are an important part of this University and that your undergraduate experience in band continues to be an important part of your life. Concerts start two hours before kickoff outside Gate A of Heinz Field, and the tailgate party is located there as well. You don't have to stay long, just drop in to say hello! In this time of economic stress, visible support at our undergraduate band and alumni band events is so important. I look at the picture from the last game in Pitt Stadium ten years ago and see over three hundred alumni on the field. We can and should do that every year!! Plan now to attend Band Alumni Day this fall as we celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pitt Golden Girls.

Along those lines, let me give you another reminder that our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday will take place in October of 2011. Leading up to that there has been a tremendous response to our DVD sales since the winter newsletter, and we hope that continues. Our archiving of pictures and letters is going well. Thanks to Jennifer Costello for organizing and doing all of the work on these projects.

Thanks also to our band alumni officers and committee heads for all of the important work that they do for us. Without them we would not have an alumni scholarship given every year, a pre-game tailgate party, receptions at

our concerts, newsletters, alumni herald trumpets before every home football game and countless other services and projects they do for the band. Get involved, help the Pitt Band Alumni Council make a statement to the University community and collectively let's make this 100<sup>th</sup> birthday a real celebration!

I look forward to seeing you at the games and other band events this coming year!

Hail to Pitt!

Jack

## Archive Sale

Since the Pitt Band Video Archives were first offered in the fall of 2008, our alumni have been very supportive-- we are very appreciative of all the donations we have received. These donations have enabled us to make new additions to our archive list. In recent months, we have used some donations to digitally transfer additional materials from reel to reel audio tapes and film with sound. These are the first sound film recordings added to the list of available archives. The most notable of the new additions is a video with sound of the halftime from the 1964 Pitt vs. UCLA game, which was broadcast in its entirety live on NBC.

Audio CD recordings are also now available. These include CDs of the 1968 and 1969 Stadium Review Concerts, plus an audio recording of a testimonial dinner held in honor of Robert L. Ace Arthur in March of 1985.

Please check our website, <http://www.pbac.net>, for a complete updated list of all available DVDs and CDs.

## Officers:

**Katie Coperich** *President*  
**Brian Dahm** *Vice President*  
**Jason Donovan** *Secretary*  
**Carol Nichols** *Treasurer*

## Scholarship Donors

Richard M. Baker  
John W. Bates  
Jennifer Beidle  
Clay Beringer III  
Frank Bondarenka  
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Lindsey Brett  
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Brian Dahm  
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J. Roger Glunt  
Bernard Haberman  
Byron "Zorch" Harriger  
Clayton Hartman  
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Joan Marszalek  
Harold L. McHail  
Ryan Minster  
Jerome Molitor  
Russ Myer  
James Provenzano Jr  
Tony Roscoe  
James Edward Sczepanski  
James Sutherland Semple  
Harry A. Smith, Jr  
Herbert Soltman  
Joe Stemm  
Madelain Tauberg, in Memory of  
James Lee Miller  
William and Karen Turcan  
Eugene Vittone II  
Mary Kernan Vogeley  
Karen Monro Walker  
Gary Wandel  
Aldo Zini  
Larry Shughart

## 2010-2012 Slate of Officers

### President – Brian Dahm CBA '07

Brian played trumpet in the marching band, concert band, and pep band from 2004 through 2007 and served as the trumpets' section leader. In 2008-2010, he served as the PBAC's Vice President. He currently works as a senior accountant at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

### Vice President – Adam Warble, CAS '08

Adam played trumpet in the band from 2003 through 2008 and served as a squad leader and the trumpet section leader. He then earned his music education certification at Carnegie Mellon University. Currently, Adam is an elementary general music teacher in the Pittsburgh city schools and an assistant band director with the Ambridge Area High School Marching Band. He also coordinates and directs the Pitt Band Alumni Herald Trumpets.

### Treasurer – Kevin Miraglia CAS '07

Kevin played clarinet in the marching band, concert band, and pep band from 2003-2007 and served as squad leader between 2005-2007. He currently works for Industry Weapon, a digital signage company in Pittsburgh.

### Secretary – Colleen Davy CAS '07

Colleen played baritone in marching band from 2004-2007, where she served as squad leader, and flute in symphonic band from 2005-2007. She is currently a graduate student at Carnegie Mellon University, working toward her Ph.D. in Cognitive Psychology.

## Council's Corner

This summer the PBAC executive committee voted for the 2010-2012 slate of officers and I am very excited to be taking on the responsibility of president for the next two years. These should be a great couple of years for myself and the other new officers as we take on these new responsibilities, especially continuing to improve and add to our alumni events and celebrating the Pitt Band's 100 Year Anniversary in 2011.

If you haven't come by yet, the Pitt Band Alumni Tailgate is a great way to connect with other Pitt Band alumni, as well as interact with the varsity band before the March to Victory parade. Moved by Gate A near the pregame concert this year due to the new amphitheater going into our old Gold Lot 2, the tailgate is still a great place to come and stop by to say hello or stick around for the whole pregame.

Of course, the talk of the town right now is the 100 year anniversary in 2011. If you are interested in getting involved in the planning or helping out when the time comes, keep an eye out for more details as they start to become available. We will have plenty of ways to get involved, and we will be sure to communicate all of the scheduling information for the celebrations as soon as the details are available. Many people are already working hard to plan what should be a very exciting 100th year for the Pitt Band and alumni!

Lastly I want to thank those officers stepping down this summer for their years in office. Not only have they brought the PBAC a long way and made great changes within our organization, but they are each staying involved with the PBAC and continuing to serve in other roles. Their contributions are greatly appreciated. For anyone else that would also like to get involved with the PBAC, we would love to have you! Please get in touch with us via email or talk to any of us at alumni band day and we'll see everyone October 2!

Hail to Pitt!

Brian Dahm



**If coming to Alumni Band Day, bring this form with you to practice on Friday or to the game on Saturday  
OR Register online at pbac.net!**

**If not attending, you may also mail this form to PBAC, PO Box 7273, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Band (e.g., 1950-53) : \_\_\_\_\_ Years Graduated and Degree(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**EVENT REGISTRATION**

I plan to participate in:

- PBAC rehearsal & social at Trees Hall, Friday night Oct. 1  
(optional but recommended)
- Alumni Band Day on Saturday Oct. 2

Instrument or Auxiliary Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  I will bring my own instrument  I need to borrow an instrument

**MEMBERSHIP**

PBAC Dues for 2010-2011 (\$25) .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

*(Dues cover Sept. 2010-Sept.2011. Dec 2009 and all 2010 graduates receive their first year membership free! Please write free next to the dollar sign and return this form so we have your current contact information!)*

**MERCHANDISE**

Alumni Band Shirt (\$25 M-XL, \$25 XXL, \$25 XXXL, \$25 4-5XL) .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

# shirts ordered \_\_\_\_\_ size(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Alumni Band Hat (\$10 each) # ordered \_\_\_\_\_ .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Donation to the PBAC Scholarship fund .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to PBAC.**

If you have any questions please contact Brian Dahm (412-983-4095) , Katie Coperich (412-965-4338) or [pbac.events@gmail.com](mailto:pbac.events@gmail.com).

If you know someone who has not received this newsletter, please forward a copy to them. Thanks!

\_\_\_\_\_ I endorse the slate of officers as proposed on page 3

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to nominate: