

# The Herald

*Pitt Band Alumni Council Newsletter*

## WE'RE BACK

As of October, the PBAC Executive Committee has grown substantially. For so many years only a handful people volunteered their time and effort to organize and run the PBAC. Now, a new generation of band alums are stepping forth to lead the PBAC into the next century. We have established regular monthly meetings, chosen new officers, and have discussed the role of the PBAC.

Not only does the PBAC have it's obligations to the Varsity Band, but as a banner organization under the Pitt Alumni Association, it plays a major role in the University community. The president of the PBAC also sits on the Board of Directors and Leadership Council for the PAA. Under the umbrella of the PAA,

The PBAC is entitled to certain amenities not granted to all university alumni organizations. In return, we help with recruiting of alumni into the PAA and it's programs.

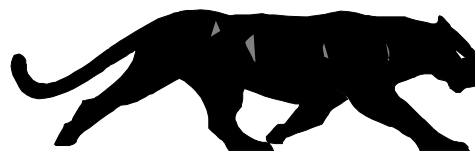
We have established committees with the officers acting as the chairs. Serving as Co-Presidents are Becky Brandt and Joe Mills. The Events team is chaired by VP Anthony Roscoe, who is responsible for organizing PBAC events, including Alumni Band Day. In the future, we hope to offer additional PBAC events throughout the year. The Communications team is headed by, Heather Brockway and is responsible for the newsletters, web page, correspondence, and helping the Events team with Alumni Day. The Fundraising/Financial

team is chaired by Treasurer, Ryan Minster. This team handles all money matters.

In addition, some members review scholarship applications while others are volunteering time to participate in the PAA's Alumni Legislative Network (ALN) and the Pitt Alumni Recruitment Team (PART).

It is our hope that with the hard work being put forth by the individuals on the Executive Committee, PBAC will continue to grow and support our Varsity Band for many years to come.

If you are interested in serving on or helping the Executive Committee, please contact Heather Brockway (412) 318-6649 or Pitt106@alumni.pitt.edu



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## Symphonic Band—Chancellor's Concert

With marching season over, symphonic band is taking center stage. 66 members strong, the band is currently rehearsing a variety of music. They recently made the annual trip to Harrisburg for the University's Alumni Legislative Breakfast where they wowed both alumni and legislators with a rousing rendition of "Hail to Pitt". Several alumni legislators took turns conducting the band.

The Symphonic Band will be holding it's annual Chancellor's Concert on April 7, at Bellefield Hall Auditorium. The concert begins at 7 p.m. and is free to the public. A reception will follow at the Alumni Center in the Masonic Temple

Later in the month, they will be taking a trip north, making a stop for a evening concert at Pitt-Bradford on April 30th before heading to Buffalo and Toronto.

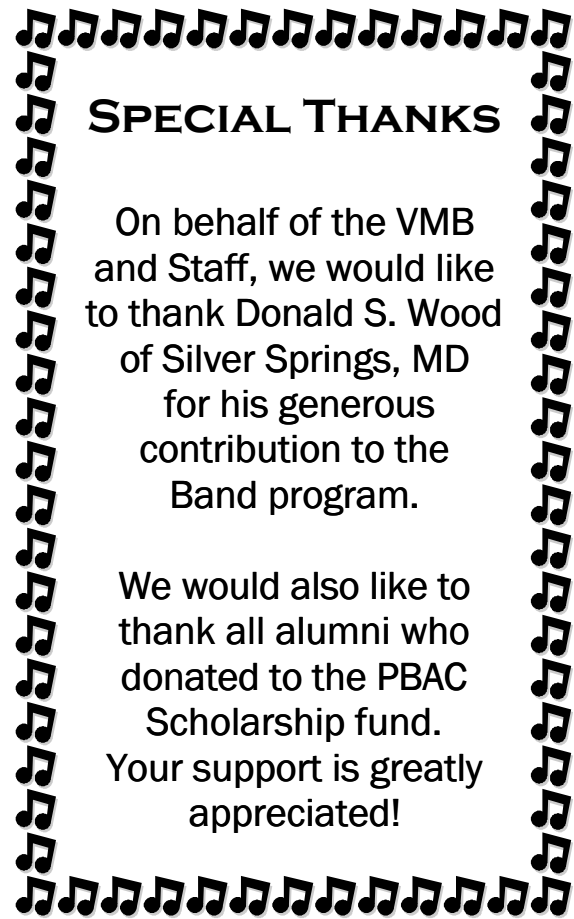
## Marching Season Review

This past fall, the VMB faced a bit of a challenge, having to adjust to life without Pitt Stadium. With a temporary band facility and practice fields, all 206 members rose to the occasion. Not only did they shine at the PSU game, the VMB showed that despite the logistics difficulties, they were ready and raring to go each and every home game.

The VMB started it's season early in August with Freshman Fun Day. This day provides the opportunity for the incoming members to get to know the upperclassmen. Band camp was again held at Pitt-Bradford in late August. Early October found the band trekking to Syracuse to watch the Panthers play the Orangemen. Later in the month, the band got to watch the final showdown between the Steelers and the Browns in Three Rivers Stadium.

The holidays found the band preparing to head to the Insight.Com Bowl in Phoenix, AZ. They preformed a spectacular "Final Countdown" halftime show referring to the fact that, for a second time in two years, they were closing a chapter in Pittsburgh sports history, Three Rivers Stadium. Although it was a disappointing loss, members still found time to bask in the 75° weather and enjoy the sights and sounds of a bowl game.

Plans are already underway for next year's marching season and the PBAC looks forward to opening the new Panther's stadium with the VMB in the fall.



### SPECIAL THANKS

On behalf of the VMB and Staff, we would like to thank Donald S. Wood of Silver Springs, MD for his generous contribution to the Band program.

We would also like to thank all alumni who donated to the PBAC Scholarship fund. Your support is greatly appreciated!

### Upcoming Events



- April 7, 2001**  
Chancellor's Concert  
7PM at Bellefield Hall
- PBAC Reception  
9PM at the Alumni Center
- April 30, 2001**  
Symphonic Band Concert  
7PM at Pitt-Bradford
- June 19 2001**  
Pirates game with the PBAC!!  
7:05 p.m. vs. Phillies
- Fall 2001**  
ALUMNI BAND DAY!!! TBA



### 2001 Pitt Football Schedule



DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 1	EAST TENNESSEE STATE	TBA
Sept. 8	SOUTH FLORIDA	TBA
Sept. 15	UAB	TBA
Sept. 27 (Thur.)	MIAMI* (ESPN)	TBA
Oct. 6	at Notre Dame (NBC)	2:30 EDT
Oct. 13	SYRACUSE*	TBA
Oct. 20	at Boston College*	TBA
Oct. 27	at Temple*	TBA
Nov. 3	VIRGINIA TECH*	TBA
Nov. 10	at Rutgers*	TBA
Nov. 24	at West Virginia	TBA

All home games denoted in bold CAPS  
\* denotes Big East Conference game

Due to the anticipated addition of television games, kickoff times will be announced at a later date

# ALUMNI SURVEY

We are conducting a survey to determine how we can better serve band alumni.  
Please answer the following questionnaire and mail to the PBAC address in the back.

Name (please include maiden name) \_\_\_\_\_

Years in VMB (1930-, 1960-, 1990-, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument/Auxiliary Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Current E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please circle YES or NO for the following questions:**

Do you wish to receive Email updates from the PBAC at the above address? YES NO

Are you a current member of the Pitt Band Alumni Council? YES NO

Are you a member of the Pitt Alumni Association? YES NO

Did you belong to any organizations in the VMB (IBK, KKØ, MKÕ, OÐA, TBÓ)? YES NO

IF YES please list \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like the above information shared with them?? YES NO

Are you interested in receiving membership information for any of the above organizations? YES NO

If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

If no, would you please give a brief explanation why.

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Would you visit the PBAC web page to receive info and/or to register electronically for events? YES NO

Are you a season ticket holder? YES NO

Would you be interested in knowing where other band alumni sit and tailgate? YES NO

Please give a brief answer.

What kind of events would you like to see PBAC sponsor? \_\_\_\_\_

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What would you like to see included on the PBAC web pages?

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How can the PBAC serve the alumni better??

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**FOR CURRENT PBAC MEMBERS: Have you paid you 2000-2001 dues?? If not, please enclose a check made out to the Pitt Band Alumni Council and send it with your survey!! (Dues cover from Sept-Sept)  
THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO REPLY TO OUR SURVEY! YOUR ANSWERS WILL HELP US SERVE YOU BETTER!! The PBAC Communications Team**



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**WWW.PBAC.NET**

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Online Community and  
find your friends at:*  
[www.alumniconnections.com/pitt](http://www.alumniconnections.com/pitt)

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Co-Presidents: Becky Brandt and Joe Mills; Vice President/Events Team Leader: Tony Roscoe; Secretary and Communications Team Leader: Heather Brockway; Treasurer and Financial Team Leader: Ryan Minster; Members: Dan Boyd, Darlene Frazier, Tricia Irrgang, Steve Kendro, Cameron Kramer, Bonnie Lata, Mark and Mary Matty, Heather McNeish, Kim Mitchell, Pam Stutzman, Amy Van Horne and Matt Wise



### 2001 PBAC Scholarship

This year's scholarship recipient is Abigail Roule. Abigail is a member of the trumpet section. She graduated with honors from Wyomissing Area High School in Reading, PA. Throughout her high school career, Abigail participated in a wide variety of music ensembles and extra curricular activities, including helping found the Wyomissing Institute of Fine Arts Brass Ensemble.

What made Abigail choose Pitt and the VMB? "the Pitt Band blew me away. Not only were Pitt's academics what I wanted, but Pitt had herald trumpets, smoke for their entrance and a huge size. I could tell from the moment they marched on the field that I wanted to join!"



Having a hard time getting tickets to Pirates games in the new PNC Park??

### **WE BOUGHT GROUP TICKETS!!**

PBAC has a block of 100 tickets for the June 19 game against the Phillies. Tickets are \$10 each and will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Family and friends are welcome! To purchase tickets, send the following to the PBAC address above:

- A note with your name, address, phone number, and the number of tickets you want
- A check, made payable to PBAC for \$10 per ticket

Tickets will be distributed on game day or will be left at will call. More details about tickets and a possible tailgate party will be sent to those purchasing tickets. Checks received after all the tickets are sold will be returned.

We're sorry, but we cannot give refunds for tickets that are not picked up. If you have questions, please contact Heather Brockway at (412) 318-6649.