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The Herald

Pitt Band Alumni Council Newsletter

Greetings from the Pittsburgh Panther Band Office:

The 2000-2001 academic year ended on a "high note" with the Pep Band playing in Madison Square Garden four nights in a row, including the last night's Big East Basketball Championship game, and our Symphonic Band performing several concerts in Pennsylvania and New York. I am extremely proud of our students, especially the way they handled this "year of change."

As we turn our sights to the fall, we see a Top 25 rating for our football team, a new stadium, and many new surprises that you will have to wait until September to see! Speaking of September, the Band will be very busy preparing for the season's home games. The excitement of the Thursday night ESPN game on September 27, and the anticipation of our away trip to the Notre Dame game on October 6 will help to carry us through the hard stretch in September.

We will return again this fall to Pitt's Bradford campus on August 17th for our thirteenth consecutive band camp there. The facilities in Bradford continue to meet our needs perfectly. Between now and then, members of the band staff are recruiting, auditioning, and planning for the upcoming football season.

Plans are currently being formulated to have our performances advertised on a "Bulletin Board" on our website. Send us your e-mail address at pittband@pitt.edu, and we will inform you of our fall performance schedule. Before each home game, we will be performing a pre-game concert near PNC Park and then parading to the stadium for the pre-game show. Once we have your e-mail address, we'll be able to keep you informed of exact locations and times for these pre-game activities.

As we move into a new era of Pitt athletics, I want to thank all of you for your support of the Pitt Band throughout the years and encourage everyone to get more involved in the future. Your attendance at the aforementioned fall events will support both the Pitt Band and the football program. The Band needs your support at the games, and we want everyone to attend our concerts. This is truly an exciting time at the University of Pittsburgh. We have two new state of the art arenas for football and basketball, new dormitories, new classroom buildings, and a beautiful new Alumni Center. Applications for admission to the University and the academic standards of admitted students have never been higher. Our athletic teams are winning, and the Pitt Band continues to grow and perform with pride and tradition. If you participate, I guarantee that you will feel the excitement from becoming a part of this dramatic transition.

Thank you again for your support, have a great summer, and plan to "Be There" for that opening game on September 1st.

Hail to Pitt!

Jack

2001 Alumni Band Weekend— September 7-8 Heinz Field

Plans are underway for our traditional Alumni Band Day festivities. Last year we took a break from marching but we are ready to get back on the field!

There are still many details that are being worked out, (e.g. tickets for family and friends, and practice times) but the date is set! We are also updating the design of the Alumni Band shirts and hats. Order yours today.

See inside for a tentative schedule, but start making plans now to join us for the first Alumni Band Day in the new Heinz Field!

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Tentative Alumni Band Day Schedule

Friday evening (9/7)

PBAC Social at the Pitt Club on Thackery Street

Family members and friends are welcome to join the fun at this informal get-together. PBAC will provide munchies and there will be a cash bar.

Saturday morning (9/8)

Alumni Band Practice (location to be determined)

Saturday afternoon (9/8)

Panther Prowl and Pregame Concert

March from Concert to Heinz Field

Halftime

Alumni Band members do not need to purchase a ticket for the game. Family and friends who want to attend with you will need a ticket. Further information will follow later in the summer. Most likely, family/friend tickets will *not* be located with the alumni band. Please check the PBAC web site often (www.pbac.net). Detail will be posted there as soon as they are finalized.

New!! Alumni Band Shirts and Hats

The Alumni Band shirts and hats are being updated to reflect the current team colors and style. The shirts will be navy blue and will be embroidered with the block PITT logo. The hats will also be navy blue and will be embroidered with the PBAC logo. (See logos to the right for the approximate design.)

The remainder of the Alumni Band uniform will stay the same, so find your khaki pants, dark socks and black shoes in time for September 8!



What's Going on:

What are YOU doing? Here's some of what we're doing!

The Events team has been quite busy the past several months planning and holding events for the VMB seniors, the Symphonic Band, the Pitt Band Alumni, our family and friends. In a drive to keep the newest Pitt Band Alumni aware of life after school and how to keep on participating, we held an information session with pizza, wings and soft drinks for the seniors in the VMB. This was a great time for us to get to know them and to let them know that they can still participate after their time in school. In early February, the Pitt Symphonic Band made an early morning bus trip to Harrisburg to play for our state legislators and alumni during the Alumni Legislative Breakfast. To help support the students on this trip, PBAC bought, packed and handed out breakfast bags. The band members appreciated the treat as a thank you for their efforts to help keep our legislature aware of the University of Pittsburgh's needs. The Pitt Band Alumni Council also sponsored a reception at the Alumni Center after the Chancellor's Concert this past April. After the Symphonic Band's superb performance, over 200 people gathered for food, drinks and socializing. Finally, PBAC sponsored an evening at PNC Park to see the Pirates play in their new home. 100 alumni, friends and family members attended. If you were at any of these events, you know what a great time we had. If not, make sure you stop by next time. The successes of these events are sure to bring them back this coming year. Hail to Pitt!

—Anthony E. "Wedge" Roscoe

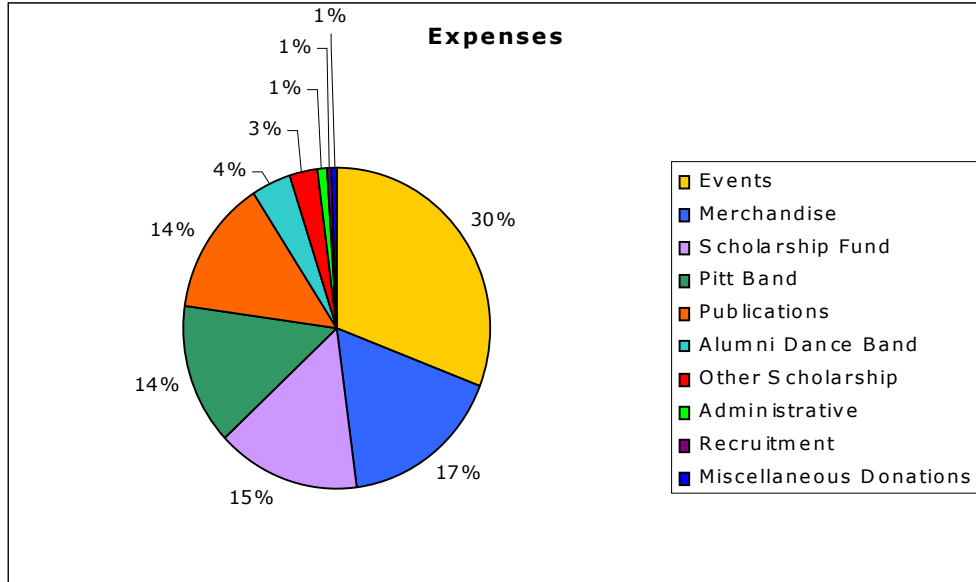


Thanks

To all those alumni who have completed surveys from the last newsletter! If you have not done so, and would like to have your voice heard, please complete it and send it with your 2001-2002 membership form. We would like to know what you think!

Where do my dues go? What does PBAC do? Why should I become a member of PBAC?

Where do my dues go? 2000-2001 Expenses



Merchandise for Alumni Day	\$ 3,200.00	17.0%
Scholarship Fund	\$ 2,867.00	15.2%
Pitt Band	\$ 2,667.00	14.2%
Publications	\$ 2,568.00	13.6%
Alumni Dance Band	\$ 750.00	4.0%
Other Scholarship	\$ 600.00	3.2%
Administrative	\$ 154.00	0.8%
Recruitment	\$ 102.00	0.5%
Miscellaneous Donations	\$ 100.00	0.5%

Why Should I become a member of PBAC?

Some alumni have asked “Why join Pitt Band Alumni Council?”

Our answer...Many of us made lifelong friends during our time in the band, not to mention all the fun we had. PBAC is a way to keep in touch with those friends by participating in alumni events and a very good way to show continuing support for the VMB and the University of Pittsburgh.

PBAC Sponsors Drum Corp Participants

This year PBAC is proud to help sponsor two Pitt VMB members for summer drum corps. Patricia McFadden, mellophone, will be spending her summer participating with the Crossmen. Mark Fosdick, bass, will be marching with the Bluecoats. We are happy to see that these two instrumentalists will be continuing to pursue their passion for music this summer. Congratulations to both for making the corps and best of luck to them this summer.

If either corps makes it to your area this summer, take the time to check them out.

What does PBAC do?

In addition to actively participating in the activities of the University, the Pitt Alumni Association and Team Pittsburgh, PBAC provides services to band alumni and the Varsity Marching Band. Following is a list of recent purchases/services provided for Band Alumni and the VMB.

- Airfare – 2 VMB members to attend the National Collegiate Band.
- Drum Corp—Sponsored 2 students who are marching.
- Trailer—purchased trailer to carry uniforms and instruments for concert and marching season.
- Video editing equipment—purchased so the band can make their own highlight videos.
- Liberty Bowl patches—1 for each student.
- Insight.com Bowl Highlight video—1 for each student.
- Sponsor 1 student for Chancellor’s concert tour and purchase ad in program booklet.
- Held a post-Chancellor’s Concert reception for alumni, band members and families.
- Provided breakfast for Concert Band members en route to the Harrisburg Legislative event.
- Provided \$1,000 scholarship to an incoming freshman since 1996. The scholarship award is \$4,000 after the matching funds from the Alumni Association and Office of Admissions is added.
- Purchase equipment for Alumni Band Day...drum sticks, mallets, oil, reeds, straps, etc.
- Print newsletters.
- Postage.
- Homecoming and Alumni Band Day food and beverages.

Editor's Corner

Well it's time for another newsletter! I realized after I sent the last one to the printer that there was one major thing I left out, dues! PBAC dues are \$15 for one year (Sept-Sept). Thanks to all those who pointed that out on the survey and don't forget to send those dues in!!

Speaking of the survey, I have been reading them. One of the things I noticed is that many of you want to find old friends. PBAC does not currently have a membership directory available for members, however there are two really good, ways available to look up old friends! One is to sign up for the Pitt Alumni Online Community. Once you're a member, you can access the online directory. It is **free** and you can register at www.alumniconnections.com/pitt.

For those of you not online, if you are a member of the Pitt Alumni Association, you can look up old friends through them. That's part of the membership benefits! If you aren't a PAA member, why not consider joining. There are a variety of membership plans and your membership dues help the University much the same as your PBAC dues help the VMB! For more information on joining the PAA, call 1800-ALU-PITT (258-7488) or check them out online at www.alumni.pitt.edu



Hail to Pitt!

—Heather Brockway

Congratulations Jack!

On April 7, 2001, at the Symphonic Band's annual Chancellor's Concert, the Northeast District Counselor of Tau Beta Sigma on the behalf of the Sorority's National Council presented Jack Anderson with the 2001 Paula Crider Outstanding Band Director Award. This award is presented to those college and university band directors who have distinguished themselves in the field of university bands and the purposes and qualities of Tau Beta Sigma. It is named for Paula Crider, who served as the director of the University of Texas Longhorn Band and a high school band director in Texas for 33 years. She was an active member of the Sorority's chapter at the University of Southern Mississippi and served as sponsor of the chapter at the University of Texas. She is a credit to those striving for excellence in the band field. Jack was nominated for the award by the Gamma Omega Chapter at Pitt and was selected by the National Council. He is only the second recipient of this very high honor.

Hail to Pitt!

—Ryan Minster

Symphonic Band—Chancellor's Concert

The Symphonic Band held its annual Chancellor's concert on April 7. We are happy to report that many alumni were able to attend this year. The 66 members of the band had toes tapping as they preformed a variety of classical and newer pieces. The Seniors were recognized along with this year's scholarship winners. PBAC co-president, Becky Brandt presented Abigail Roule with her schol-

arship. Jack was honored as an outstanding director by Tau Beta Sigma National Band Sorority. The concert ended with all the Pitt alumni in the building singing the Alma Mater. Afterward, PBAC sponsored a reception at the Alumni Center in the Masonic Temple. Many alumni, current members and their families mixed and mingled, sharing stories. Thanks to all who made concert and

reception a success. Also special thanks to all the alumni who attended this year's concert. Your support of symphonic band is greatly appreciated!

2001-2002 PBAC Membership, Merchandise and Event Registration Form

Pitt Band Alumni Council
PO Box 9943, Pittsburgh, PA 15233
www.pbac.net

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone (Please include area code): _____

Evening Phone (Please include area code): _____

E-mail Address: _____

Years in Band (e.g., 1950-53, 1992-1994) : _____

Years Graduated and Degree(s): _____

EVENT REGISTRATION

I plan to participate in:

PBAC social at The Pitt Club, Friday night Sept. 7 (more information to come later)

Alumni Band Day on Saturday Sept. 8 (more information to come later)

Instrument or Auxiliary Unit _____

MEMBERSHIP

PBAC Dues for 2001-2002 (\$15) \$ _____
(Dues cover from Sept. 2001-Sept.2002. Dec 2000 and all 2001 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

New!! Alumni Band Shirt (\$22 M-XL, \$24XXL, \$26XXXL, \$30 4-5XL) \$ _____
shirts ordered\$_____ size(s) _____

New!! Alumni Band Hat (\$10 each) # ordered_____ \$ _____

OPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Donation to the PBAC Scholarship fund \$ _____

TOTAL INCLOSED \$ _____

Please make checks payable to PBAC and make sure you note in the memo what the check is for!!
Thanks!

If you have questions about this year's events, please contact Tony Roscoe at (412) 771-1748/
wedge@kkpsi.org, or Heather Brockway at (412) 318-6649/ Pitt106@alumni.pitt.edu.

If you know of someone who has not received this newsletter, please forward a copy to them, have them contact PBAC at the address/web site listed above or contact Heather at the info above.



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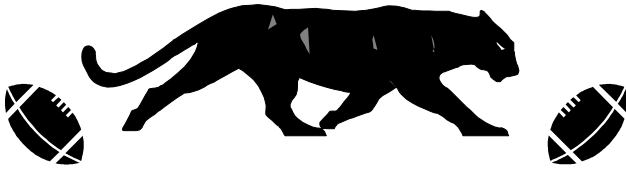
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WWW.PBAC.NET

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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, and Amy Van Horne



DATE TIME	OPPONENT	
Sept. 1	EAST TENNESSEE STATE	6:00 p.m.
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.

For tickets, call (800) 643-PITT.

**Plan to attend the first home
game to see what the Pitt Band
will be wearing!!**

Panther Headlines

“Head Coach Walt Harris and the entire Panther team also received plaudits from The Sporting News. Harris was lauded as the Big East’s “Best Coach,” while Pittsburgh was ranked 24th in the country by TSN.”

“The University of Pittsburgh’s Antonio Bryant, considered the premier wide receiver in college football and a 2001 Heisman Trophy candidate, has been named to two more preseason All-America teams.”

“The University of Pittsburgh will honor one of the greatest offensive linemen in college football history this fall when it retires the jersey of Mark May, an All-American and Outland Trophy winner for the Panthers from 1977-80. May’s No. 73 jersey will be retired on Sept. 27 when the Panthers host the Miami Hurricanes in a national ESPN Thursday night telecast.”

**Hire the Pitt Alumni Dance Band for
your next event!**

For more than 30 years, the Pitt Alumni Dance Band has been entertaining people with the sounds of big band music. The 15-piece ensemble has performed at weddings, reunions, anniversaries, banquets, conventions, festivals and more. Let us play your next event.

For price and scheduling information, contact Jack Anderson at (412) 648-8249.

