

The Herald

Pitt Band Alumni Council Newsletter

Summer 2004

Alumni Band 2004 September 10–11

This year we return to the field.

Friday, September 10, 2004

- 6 pm: Alumni are invited to watch the Varsity Band rehearsal at Trees Field behind the Cost Center.
- 7 pm: Drill and music practice for our number with the Varsity Band.
- Following practice: Have pizza and beverages with the band seniors.



Last year's tailgate

Saturday, September 11, 2004 — Pitt vs. Ohio U. at Heinz Field

- 3 pm: Tailgate begins in the parking lot beside the Pitt Alumni Association Tent near Heinz Field Gate A. Look for the Pitt Band Alumni banner.
- 5 pm: Pregame concert with the Varsity Band in the amphitheater outside Gate A.
- Following the concert: March to Victory with the Varsity Band from PNC Park to Heinz Field.
- Take our seats in Heinz Field for the game.
- Half-time: March a number with the Varsity Band

Dress

- Alumni Band polo shirt and hat.
- Khaki pants.
- Brown or black shoes.

Family & Friends Tickets

- Tickets are available for family and friends for \$15 each.
- The family tickets will *not* be in the same section as the Alumni Band. They will however, all be together.

If you have any questions, please contact

- Bonnie Alspach at 412-563-1193 or bonniekaye3@juno.com
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Things to remember:

- Register for Alumni Day.
- Send in your family's ticket order by Sept 2rd.
- Send in your dues.
- If you know someone who did not receive this newsletter, share it with them.
- Check the website for updates:

www.pbac.net



The 2003 Alumni Band marching to Heinz Field

Our 2003–2004 Scholarship Donors:

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Director's Corner

Greetings from the University of Pittsburgh Bands!

We are having an outstanding year here with many positive things going on. In case you have not heard from Lou Rusiski already, Athletic Director Jeff Long has made an announcement regarding the new Band Complex. Please keep your eyes and ears open as we will need support from our alumni and friends for this massive project.

Band camp is coming up soon. As always, alumni are welcome to stop by from August 21 through 24 at the University of Pittsburgh's Bradford Campus. Recruiting is going extremely well and promises to give us another great complement of students. Throughout the year, please feel free to visit us on Friday nights from 6 pm to 8 pm before home games to watch the Varsity Band practice. We would love to have you stop by and chat with the students following those rehearsals.

Finally, stop by for our Panther Prowl, Pregame Concert and March to Victory starting 2 hours before kickoff at each home game.

Thank you for your continuous support of the University of Pittsburgh and our band program.

Hail to Pitt!

Jack R. Anderson
Director of Bands

2003 PBAC Scholarship

Each year the PBAC awards a \$3000 tuition scholarship to a bandsperson entering his or her sophomore year. Your donations pay for the first \$1000, which is matched for the following two years by the University. Additionally, two Frank Bolden Memorial Book Grants are given each year. The winners were announced at band camp in August.

The 2003 winner of the tuition scholarship is Andrew Levin. Andrew marched in the trumpet section during the football season including herald trumpets. He hails from Derwood, Maryland, where his dad is a high school band director. Majoring in neuroscience (with an eye toward medical school), Andrew also sat first trumpet in the Pitt Symphonic Band and in the National Intercollegiate Band last summer.

Bolden Memorial Grants went to James Cavello (alto saxophone) and Jeffrey Knox (trombone). Jim and Jeff had fine freshman years in the VMB and continue their commitment, teamwork and pride in our band programs.

On behalf of our students we thank all band alumni who make yearly contributions to the PBAC scholarship fund.

Dan Boyd (KGSB '57), Chair
PBAC Scholarship Committee

2003–2004 PBAC Membership, Merchandise and Event Registration Form
Return to: Pitt Band Alumni Council—P.O. Box 7273, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Name: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

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

EVENT REGISTRATION

I plan to participate in:

- PBAC rehearsal & social at Trees Hall, Friday night, Sept. 10 Alumni Band Day on Saturday, Sept. 11

Instrument or Auxiliary Unit _____ I will bring my own instrument I need to borrow an instrument

MEMBERSHIP

- PBAC Dues for 2004-2005 (\$20)\$ _____
(Dues cover Sept. 2004-Sept. 2005. Dec 2003 and all 2004 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 (\$22 M-XL, \$24 XXL, \$26 XXXL, \$30 4-5XL)\$ _____

shirts ordered _____ size(s) _____

- Alumni Band Hat (\$10 each) # ordered _____\$ _____

OPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Donation to the PBAC Scholarship fund\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED\$ _____

Checks for membership dues, merchandise, and scholarship fund, please make payable to **“PBAC”** and be sure to note in the memo what the check is for.

Checks for family & friends tickets, please make payable to **“University of Pittsburgh.”** We are receiving the checks and orders for tickets this year and passing them on to the Athletics Ticket Office.

Alumni Band Ticket Form—Family and Friends only. Alumni Band participants tickets are taken care of.

Ticket Registration Deadline: Thursday, September 2, 2003

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Please make all checks payable to the
“University of Pittsburgh” and send
 payment/registration form with the above form to:

**Pitt Band Alumni Council
 PO Box 7273
 Pittsburgh PA 15213**

	Quantity	Price	Total
Friends/Family Tickets		\$15	\$
		Handling	\$5.00
TOTAL			\$

Please Charge My Credit Card: *(Please print Clearly)*

- Visa MasterCard Discover

Card No. _____

Signature _____

Exp. Date _____

Return the form to:

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Family and friends ticket orders must be received
by ***Thursday, September 2, 2003***, to ensure a seat
in the stadium

Continuous Outstanding Service

At the Pitt Symphonic Band's Chancellor's Concert this April, the PBAC recognized an alumnus whose contributions to the Pitt Band have been invaluable. Anyone who's visited the band in its home or on the road undoubtedly has been struck by his wit, has been captivated by his charm, and has cringed at his horrendous jokes.

Lou Rusiski (ENGR '71) marched bass drum in the Pitt Band from 1968 to 1971. He now serves as the General Operations Director for the band, or as he prefers: Textiles and Transportation. Every aspect of the band has his hand in it, from uniforms to field props to transporting equipment from Oakland to Heinz Field. Ever notice those large equipment boxes the operations staff push around? Those are a Louie special. For all he does, we recognized Lou with the 2004 Continuous Outstanding Service Award. Thanks Louie!

Pitt Band Scholar Update: She's One of Us Now

On April 24, 2004, Abigail Roule, the 2000 Pitt Band Scholarship recipient, graduated from the School of Arts and Sciences with a double major in Spanish and rhetoric and communication. She starts at NYU this fall, pursuing a master's in bilingual elementary education.

In addition to serving as a trumpet section leader, Abby took full advantage of the college experience, including some study abroad. Following is an excerpt of a testimonial written by Abby published in the Council on International Educational Exchange's brochure:

“ ‘Make sure you don't get lost!’

“Those words spoken by my Spanish host mother rang in my head as I got off the bus at the Spanish Red Cross Building. Enrique, the band director, met me and said, ‘So, you play the trumpet?’ It was settled. I was going to play the trumpet for the Band de Música de la Cruz Roja, Sevilla. Of course, that first conversation was the simplest part of the band experience. There were adventures every week in attempting to understand what songs we were playing. All the music seemed to run together, but at the same time, everyone in the band seemed to notice that I wasn't doing half bad for an American.

“Learning the musical terms was an adventure. For some reason no one teaches you what a *fliscorno* (mellophone), *tromba* (French horn), or *flautin* (piccolo) is in Spanish class. And I must have missed the day when we learned the verb *finar* (to tune) or *ensayar* (to practice).

“At any rate, I eventually realized that if I got to the Red Cross an hour or so before the concert, I could get coffee with some of the people in the band and catch a ride to where we had to be. As I learned how the songs were supposed to sound, I also learned that the people in the band were just like the people in my band at home. I realized that I had found a family in the band. The experience of the concerts and Semana Santa was invaluable. I cannot describe the *saetas* sung from balconies, the rose petals thrown on the virgins, or the dark church of Los Gitanos lit with candles. La Banda de Música de la Cruz Roja has allowed me to not only study, but to live in Seville. I am certain that my trumpet was the best thing I put in my suitcase, and that the music of Semana Santa will be my favorite souvenir.”

Our 2003–2004 Scholarship Donors (cont'd from p 2)

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Altogether, \$2,310 were raised last year for the scholarship fund.

Many thanks to all of our donors!



Abby playing with the Band de Música



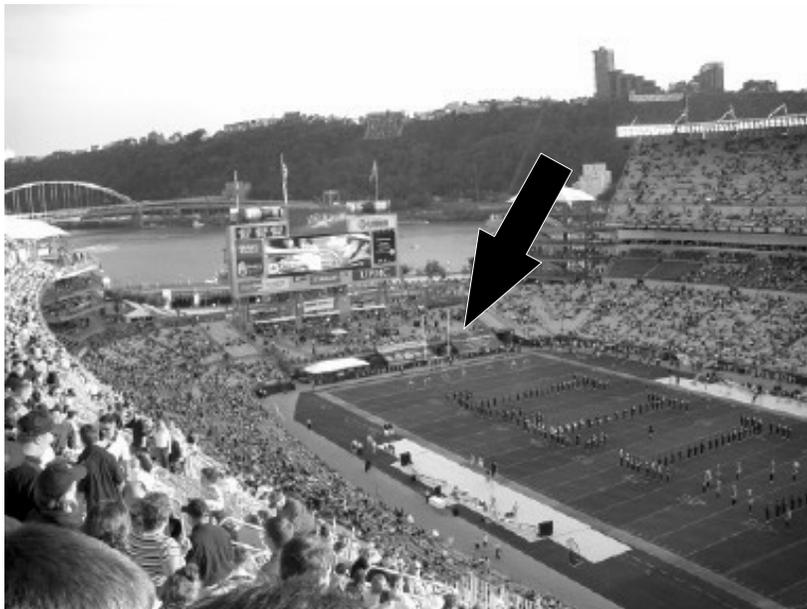
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Remember this view from last year?
This year the alumni band will be sitting where the arrow is pointing.

2004 Panther Football

September

6	at South Florida	4:30 pm
11	Ohio (Alumni Band Day)	7:00 pm
18	Nebraska	12:00 pm
25	Furman	1:00 pm
30	at Connecticut	7:00 pm

October

9	at Temple	TBA
16	Boston College	TBA
23	Rutgers (Homecoming)	TBA

November

6	at Syracuse	TBA
13	at Notre Dame	2:30 pm
25	West Virginia	7:30 pm

