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Pitt Band Alumni Council Newsletter

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100 Year Anniversary Alumni Band Day

October 15th's Alumni Band Day brought together alumni band members from many decades to celebrate the band's centennial anniversary. The day's major events took place

at Heinz Field for the Pitt vs. Utah football game. Clothed in special edition 100 Year Pitt Band jackets, the alumni first joined with current band members in the pregame concert and the march into the stadium.



Alumni band members perform the halftime show in P-I-T-T formation (second 'T' pictured).

After the half-time announcement of the homecoming court, the Pitt Band and alumni members ran from all four tunnels and took the field to make the largest P-I-T-T ever on Heinz Field. To commemorate 100 years of the band, the combined bands performed the school fight songs and Pitt's Alma Mater.

To permanently recognize this historic event in Pitt Band history, pictures of each letter of P-I-T-T from the halftime performance will be framed with signatures of all participating members and alumni. DVDs of the performance will be on sale in the Spring as well as other centennial merchandise being put together.

A huge "Thank You!" goes out to all who participated in this remarkable event.

Special Centennial Spring Gala Event

Planning and preparations are underway for a series of Pitt Band Centennial events from April 13-15, 2012. The definitive plans so far include a banquet at Heinz Field the evening of Saturday, April 14th; a special performance at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall by the symphonic band for our annual spring gala concert on Sunday, April 15th at 1:30pm; as well as some more-open events around campus and the city.

Please look for formal invitations by mail in February 2012. We look forward to many alumni band members and their families joining us this spring!

Letter from the Director



Hello Pitt Band Alumni!

WOW! FANTASTIC! HOW IN THE WORLD DID YOU PRACTICE THAT?

Those are a sampling of the emails that I received after the "100th Birthday Celebration" at the Homecoming halftime on October 15th. It certainly was a great day for the Pitt Band as well as the University of Pittsburgh. If you didn't attend the Pitt vs. Syracuse game on December 3rd, Brian Dahm and I were presented with a "100 Year" commemorative plaque at halftime by Chancellor Nordenberg and Athletic Director Steve Pederson. It was a fitting conclusion to this football season.

I would personally like to thank all alumni who participated in that performance and especially thank President Brian Dahm and our Alumni Council Officers and Committee Members for a terrific job of organizing and running the activities of the day. Everybody that I saw had a smile on their face and "Pride" in their performance. It was an extremely difficult task to move around 400 people in a matter of 2 hours but it was successfully accomplished by teamwork and very thorough planning. Their tireless efforts were certainly appreciated by all who were in Heinz Field that day!

The Pitt Band has had another terrific year! Our students are talented, hard working and very dedicated to the Pitt Band experience. They are part of the family now! You as alumni can be very proud of their efforts.

Everything has gone extremely well this year. Our pre-game concerts were very well- attended and our shows were well received. We were extremely busy with 8 home games and 2 NFL games. That is a lot of music and drill to learn! We had a wonderful trip to Toronto to play for the Buffalo Bills. They provided us with a "First Class," all- expenses paid trip and we even had an opportunity to talk and get pictures taken with Dave Wannstedt.

As we move on to the new semester, we must first prepare for the BBVA Compass Bowl Game. Our men's basketball team is highly- ranked and playing well. "March Madness" will again be wild for our pep band. I would like to give special thanks to the alumni band members who played at the basketball games in November and December when there were conflicts with marching band events. Adam Warble and Tyler McGaughey did a great job of organizing and leading those bands!

Please note that the symphonic band's "Spring Gala Concert" will be held the afternoon of Sunday, April 15th at Soldiers and Sailors Hall at 1:30 PM. Many "100 -Year" events will be held that weekend, including past directors returning to guest conduct selections on the concert. I hope you will be able to attend.

Thank you for your enthusiastic support throughout the year. If I don't see you at basketball games, I hope to see you at the "Centennial Banquet" and at our concert on April 15th. Your enthusiastic and visible support is very important on this, our 100th Year.

"Hail to Pitt"
Jack R. Anderson

This "Celebrating 100 years of Pitt Band!" sign hung from the stands during Alumni Band Day. PBAC members contributed their time and effort into planning admirable details for this special occasion.



DVD Archive and Centennial Merchandise sale

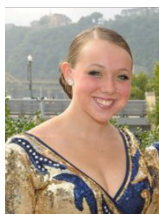
Sales have been underway for DVDs of Pitt Band performances dating from 1937-present. The creation of these DVDs have been funded by the generous support of alumni donors, and new items continue to be available for purchase. Most recently, a video with sound of the halftime from the 1964 Pitt vs. UCLA game, which was broadcast in its entirety live on NBC, was transferred from reel-to-reel video. Further additions are audio 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.

Donations of \$5-\$15 are requested for DVDs and CDs, plus a \$2 shipping charge. The complete list of DVDs and CDs available and the order form are located on the PBAC website at <http://pbac.net/PittBandArchivesOrderForm1Mar2010.pdf>

The 100 year jackets, used by the alumni band this fall, are \$30 and can be purchased by contacting pbac.executive@gmail.com. Shipping arrangements can be made. Additional merchandise commemorating the 100 years of Pitt Band will be made available during the Spring centennial event in April.

Meet Darcy Mautino, 2011 PBAC Scholarship Awardee

I graduated from Ringgold High School in Monongahela PA in 2010. Music is an essential part of dancing and baton twirling, both of which have been my life since the age of two. My mother and aunt were both baton twirlers and are both currently dance and baton teachers are Ruby Daugherty and Sherry's School of Dance in South Park, PA, home of the Modernettes Baton Twirling Corps. I twirled with the Modernettes from age 8-18, and was a high school majorette all four years of school. Twirling with the Modernettes allowed me to compete in ten national championships and two world championships. Pitt Band has only furthered my cherished twirling career, and has introduced me to people I love so much! I am majoring in Communications, and the teamwork and leadership skills I have learned, and will learn with the Pitt Band will only expand my future.



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