

THE HERALD

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Pitt Band Alumni Council Newsletter

Summer 2012

Band Alumni from nine decades attend weekend of Centennial Events

To cap off the 100 year celebration of Pitt Band, a series of alumni and student events were held the weekend of April 13-15, 2012, in Oakland and surrounding areas. Although in the midst of security challenges at Pitt, the weekend events went off without a hitch as alumni, students, and families were able to enjoy a fabulous weekend of socializing, sharing stories, and learning about the Pitt Band's 100 year history.

The weekend kicked off on April 13th with a gathering at the Library bar & restaurant in the South Side with over 100 alumni in attendance. The following day began with historic tours of Oakland, a student-sponsored exhibit on the expansive Pitt Band history, a student-sponsored Instrument Safari that gave participants a fun interactive musical display; and a silent auction and raffle with a wide variety of unique Pitt memorabilia, tickets, autographed items, and other fun takeaways. The Centennial Banquet took place later that evening at the Alumni Hall Connolley Ballroom. The program was chock-full of notable speakers, including guests Chancellor Mark A. Nordenberg, Athletic Director Steve Pederson, and former directors Don Hower and O'Neill Sanford. Former alumni, who marched as early as the 1930's, also shared moving stories from their times in the marching band. The night ended with a video montage of the band's history and the announcement of a proclamation from the City Council declaring April 14, 2012 as "Pitt Band Centennial Day," in the City of Pittsburgh.

The main event on April 15th was the annual Spring Gala symphonic band concert, held this year at Soldiers & Sailors Hall in honor of the special weekend. The concert included appearances by guest conductors Don Hower, former band director, and Joe Jordano, Pitt's baseball team coach. In addition, there were further events held throughout the weekend by the students of the four band organizations for their alumni.

PBAC thanks all who attended and helped with these monumental events commemorating the centennial anniversary of Pitt Band. If you have not yet shared your favorite memory from Pitt Band, please visit the PBAC [100th Anniversary page](#), and we look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at Alumni Band Day in Pitt Band's 101st year!

Additional pictures from the Spring Centennial Events can be seen at: <http://www.alumni.pitt.edu/photos/120413bandcentennial>



Photo credit: Jason Bridge

Alumni Band Day is October 13, 2012.

This game vs. Louisville will also be
Pitt's Homecoming.

Letter from the Director

Hello Pitt Band Alumni!

The 100th year of the Pitt Band has come to a close and what a year it was! The Centennial Celebration weekend was absolutely fantastic. The Friday night reception through all of the Saturday events and the Centennial Concert on Sunday proceeded without any interruption (bomb threats) and the attendance was way beyond our expectations. It was a joy for me to see the renewed friendships and hear funny stories that were told throughout the entire weekend.

My most sincere congratulations go out to the officers of the Pitt Band Alumni Council, the Centennial Banquet Committee, the Centennial History Book Committee, and all of our student band organizations and students who have spent hours over the past three years archiving and scanning our history in order to have a thorough and accurate history to present to you.

It is difficult to begin mentioning names since there are so many people to thank for the organization and countless hours dedicated to both the Fall Alumni Band weekend and the Centennial weekend, but I must mention two. Jen Costello and Lou Rusiski began transferring film and audio recordings to disc many years ago. Because of this dedication, the 100 Year video was put together with sound track that really portrays the entire history of our Pitt Band. Jen was also in charge of our organizations and auxiliary units and their wonderful displays at the Saturday history exhibition. In addition, you have been able to purchase individual pre-game and halftime shows for some time now as a fundraiser for the PBAC. I want to recognize and thank both of them for their foresight and countless hour of work in helping to make our Centennial program and the final video the success that it truly was.

It is unusual to have the past forty years of directors, dating back to 1972, in attendance at an event like this. I would like to thank Don Hower and O'Neill Sanford for taking time out of their busy schedules to return to Pittsburgh for this celebration.

Thank you to all alumni and their families who attended our celebration. I also want to thank this year's student band members. It was a very busy year with so many home games in both football and basketball but they worked very hard and continued to make the University and its alumni proud.

Thanks again and "Hail to Pitt!"

Jack R. Anderson

We are very thankful for the donations towards the Pitt Band Endowment from the following people:

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Slate of Officers for 2012-2014

To endorse the slate of officers below, or to make a nomination, please either email pbac.events@gmail.com or submit via mail to Pitt Band Alumni Council, P.O. Box 3754, Pittsburgh, PA 15230-3754

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. He served as the PBAC Vice President from 2008-2010, and has served as President since 2010. He is currently a Senior Financial Analyst with UPMC.

Vice President – Adam Warble, CAS '08

Adam played trumpet in the marching band, concert band, and pep 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 and choral teacher for grades 1-6 in the Riverside Beaver County School District. He also coordinates and directs the Pitt Band Alumni Herald Trumpets and served as the Vice-President of PBAC from 2010-2012.

Treasurer – Timothy Parenti, ENGR '10

Tim played trumpet in the marching band, symphonic band, and pep band from 2006 through 2010 and served as squad leader from 2008 through 2010. He is currently a graduate student at Pitt, working toward his Master's Degree in Computer Science.

Secretary – Justin Kibler, ENGR '11

Justin played trumpet in the marching band and pep band from 2007 through 2011, having served as squad leader and trumpet section leader. He now works as a Signalling Engineer at Ansaldo STS USA (former Union Switch and Signal).

Centennial Merchandise Sale

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|  | <p><i>100 Years of Pitt Band Book</i></p> | <p>\$50 (+\$10 shipping if applicable)</p> | <p>Click for order form</p> <p>The completed publication will be 10" x 10". Orders are encouraged to be in by May 31, 2012. Books available in June/July. Option to pick up at band room.</p> |
|  | <p>100 Year Anniversary DVDs</p> | <p>\$10-\$15/DVD \$30 for 3 DVD set (+\$2 shipping)</p> | <p>Click for order form</p> <p>DVDs available:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2011 Alumni Band Day • Centennial Banquet highlights • 2012 Spring Gala Concert |
|  | <p>100 Year Jackets</p> | <p>\$30 or \$50/2 jackets (+\$5 shipping)</p> | <p>Click for order form</p> <p>Sizes available include: XS, S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 5XL</p> |
|  | <p>Other 100 Year merchandise</p> | <p>\$5 (+\$5 shipping)</p> | <p>Click for order form</p> <p>Merchandise available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pint glasses • T-shirts: M, L (limited quantities available first come, first served) |

Pitt National Networking Day

is coming up on May 31, 2012.

Please visit the following website to find the gathering in your area:

<http://www.alumni.pitt.edu/event/nnd/>

Join the PAA!

www.alumni.pitt.edu/membership/benefits.php

In addition to the great support the Pitt Alumni Association (PAA) provides to the PBAC, becoming a member of the PAA also entitles you to many [benefits](#) as well! In addition to supporting your university, you will also receive members-only publications, advanced notice and discounts for events, retail discounts at multiple Pitt stores and many other partners, learning and travel opportunities, and access to the online community of Pitt alumni.