

The Herald

Pitt Band Alumni Council Newsletter

**Summer
2008**

Alumni Band 2008: Pitt vs. Buffalo, September 5-6

Please return the attached registration form.
The planned schedule will be similar to prior years:

Friday, September 5, 2008— Practice Field Behind Cost Center

- Alumni are invited (as well as encouraged & recommended) to attend an optional rehearsal Friday night down the hill from Trees Hall behind the Cost Center at 6 pm. We will practice the drill and music for our number with the Varsity Band during the practice.
- Following the practice, we will have pizza and beverages with the senior members of the band.

Saturday, September 6, 2008— Heinz Field

- 2:00 Tailgate in parking lot (see below)
- 5:00 Pre-game concert with the Varsity Band outside of Gate A in the amphitheater.
- March to Victory with the Varsity Band to Heinz Field following the pre-game concert.
- Take our seats in Heinz Field for 6:00 kickoff
- Post-game Tailgate

You're Invited to be Part of a New Tradition!

In addition to Alumni Band Day this year, you're invited to tailgate with the Pitt Band at every Pitt home football game. Please join us to meet and mingle with band alumni, band parents, staff, and students of the Pitt Band before the March to Victory. Enjoy tailgating without all of the work! The party is for every game and starts 3 hours before kickoff at the corner of General Robinson and Tony Dorsett Drive (Gold Lot #2). Admission is free and there will be Silver Star hot dogs, chips and drinks available for \$1 each. More information to follow, so keep your eyes open!

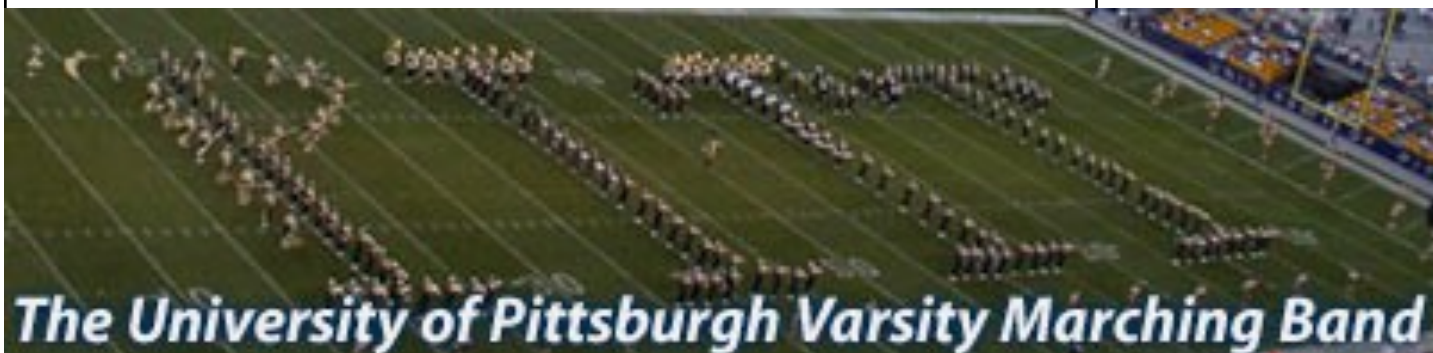
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Things to remember:

- Send in your dues!
- Register for Alumni Day!
- Send in your family's ticket order or call the ticket office by August 29
- If you know someone who did not receive this newsletter, please share it with them!
- Check the website for updates:

www.pbac.net



The University of Pittsburgh Varsity Marching Band

Our 2007–2008 Scholarship Donors:

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Thank you to all of our 2007-2008 donors! Please consider making a donation to the scholarship fund by including it with your PBAC Annual Registration. Thank you!

Letter from Jack Anderson, Director of Bands

Hello everyone! I hope you are having a great summer and are getting ready for football season like we are. Since that West Virginia game last December, everyone here at Pitt is very optimistic about this year's team. We have six great home games, so make your plans to come to Heinz Field and be part of a great game-day atmosphere.

There is no better time than now to be a Pitt Panther fan. Football, men's basketball and women's basketball are coming off excellent seasons, and all have many returning players from last year. Likewise, our band program continues to grow. With our outstanding nucleus returning and talented new musicians joining, we will field another strong marching band this year.

You are very important to our success. With the new tailgating tent three hours before kickoff as well as the pre-game concert before kickoff, you will have more opportunities to see the Pitt Band perform and more time to talk with us than in previous years. Come and re-live some of the Pitt Band traditions with us as we line up for the "March to Victory." Friday night practices are always open to alumni and parents at 6:00 PM, and we would love to have you watch our rehearsals.

In 2011, our Pitt Band will celebrate its 100th birthday. Now is the time to re-connect with our program, talk about your experiences and meet old friends as we cheer our university on to victory!

I look forward to seeing you this season.

"Hail to Pitt"!

Jack



Jack R. Anderson conducts

We are now in the planning stages for producing a DVD commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Pitt Band. Even though the 100th anniversary is in 2011, we are starting this project now to allow enough time for both research and production. Alumni can help with this project too! We are welcoming any contributions of film, video, pictures, audio recordings, or any other interesting items pertaining to Pitt Band history to use in the DVD and add to the history archives. We are specifically looking for audio and video recordings from the late 1970s and early 1980s.

We would also like to conduct interviews with Pitt Band members to include in the DVD. Pitt Band alumni are welcome to share their experiences with us on camera. You must be in the Pittsburgh area and available to travel to Oakland to participate. To contribute materials or to schedule an interview, please contact Jen Costello at eighthammer87@yahoo.com.

2008–2009 PBAC Membership, Merchandise and Event Registration Form

Return this portion to: Pitt Band Alumni Council—P.O. Box 7273, Pittsburgh, PA 15213
(If your address has changed recently, please call 1-800-258-7488 to update it with the PAA)

Name: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

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

EVENT REGISTRATION

I plan to participate in:

- PBAC rehearsal & social at Trees Hall, Friday night Sept. 5
(optional but recommended) Alumni Band Day on Saturday Sept. 6

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

MEMBERSHIP

- PBAC Dues for 2008-2009 (\$20)\$ _____
(Dues cover Sept. 2008 - Sept.2009. Dec 2007 and all 2008 graduates receive their first year of 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 (\$25 M, L, XL, XXL)# shirts ordered _____ size(s) _____ \$ _____
 Alumni Band Hat - Old Logo (\$10 each) # ordered _____ \$ _____

OPTIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Donation to the PBAC Scholarship fund\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED\$ _____

Please make checks payable to "PBAC" and return this portion of this registration page to the address above. If you have questions about this year's events, please email pbac.events@gmail.com or call Katie Welsh at 412-965-4338. If you know someone who has not received this newsletter, please forward a copy to them, or ask them to come Friday night and fill it out then. Thank you!

----- Above: Alumni Band Participant Registration Form (detach at dotted line, return to PBAC – see reverse) -----

Below: Alumni Band Friends/Family Ticket Form (detach at dotted line, return to Pitt Athletic Ticket Office – see reverse)

Friends/Family Tickets

Return by August 29, 2008 or call 1-800-643-PITT to order by phone

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____

Friends/Family Tickets (near the band)	Quantity	Price	Total
		\$15.00	\$
	Handling		\$5.00
TOTAL			\$

Please send this portion of registration page with check for tickets payable to the
"University of Pittsburgh" to:
University of Pittsburgh
Athletic Ticket Office
P.O. Box 7436
Pittsburgh, PA 15213-0436
Attn: Alumni Band Day

Please Charge My Credit Card: (Please print Clearly)

Visa MasterCard Discover

Card No. _____

Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Return this portion of the form to:

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Pittsburgh, PA 15213

_____ I endorse the slate of officers as proposed on page 5

_____ I would like to nominate:

Return this portion of the form to:

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*All orders must be received before **Friday, August 29** to ensure ticket delivery by mail.*

Letter from the Outgoing President

Greetings Band Alumni!

Another football season approaches, and we are another year closer to the 100th anniversary of the Pitt Band. Alumni Band Day this year, on September 6, 2008, will be just a scant 1,133 days away from our centennial on October 14, 2011. The Department of Bands and the Pitt Band Alumni Council have many plans coming together for the anniversary. As we rely more heavily on electronic communication, please be certain to check the website (pbac.net). The paper newsletters will still be coming, at least once a year, but for those most up-to-date information and for interim newsletters, please refer to the internet.

This summer ends my term of office as the PBAC president. It's been a pleasure to serve the alumni and the band these past several years as treasurer and president. As the new president takes up the mantle, I'll be taking a quieter role, so that I can concentrate on my graduate degree. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all PBAC presidents and officers who've come before me and who'll follow me for all of their hard work. I'd also like to thank all of the staff of the Pitt Alumni Association for their generous support of the Alumni Band and their cheerful and helpful attitudes. It certainly made my term all the easier.

You'll see in this issue of The Herald several new names proposed for the next board of officers. I'm very happy to see these alumni step up and continue the proud tradition of supporting the university and our band program. I support the slate of officers and hope that our dues-paying members will elect these competent individuals. Please cast your vote on the back of the membership form with this year's dues.

I hope to see many of you this fall. Hail to Pitt!
Ryan Minster
CAS '98, SIS '03G

Proposed Slate of PBAC Officers, 2008-2010

President: Katie Welsh, ENGR '05

Katie played flute in the band from 2001 to 2005. She was both a squad leader and a section leader. She works for FedEx Ground as an engineer. Katie has served as the PBAC Vice President since 2006.

Vice President: Brian Dahm, CBA '07

Brian played trumpet in the band from 2004 through 2007 and served as the trumpets' section leader. He currently works as a financial analyst at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Secretary: Jason Donovan, ENGR '05

Jason played trombone in the band from 2000 through 2001 when he was squad leader. He was chosen as the drum major in 2002 and continued in this role until 2005. Jason currently works as a manufacturing engineer at Parker Hannifin Corporation. He joined the PBAC immediately after graduation and became involved in both planning and execution of various projects and events. Jason continues to volunteer with the Pitt Bands as a Drum Major Coach and Drill Technician.

Treasurer: Carol Nichols, A&S '05, '06 (MS)

Carol played clarinet in the band from 2001 through 2005 and served as squad leader. She earned her BS in 2005 and MS in 2006, both in Computer Science. She is employed as a software engineer at Vivisimo. She has served as PBAC Treasurer since 2006.



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2008 Panther Football

August

30 Bowling Green 12:00 pm

September

6 Buffalo (Alumni Band Day) 6:00 pm

20 Iowa TBA

27 at Syracuse 12:00 pm

October

2 at USF TBA

18 at Navy 3:30 pm

25 Rutgers (Homecoming) TBA

November

1 at Notre Dame 2:30 pm

8 Louisville TBA

22 Cincinnati TBA

28 West Virginia 12:00 pm

December

6 Connecticut TBA

