

# The Herald

*Pitt Band Alumni Council Newsletter*

**Summer  
2005**

## ***New, Permanent Home for Our Pitt Band***

On January 18, 2005, "Quest for Excellence – The Campaign for Pitt Athletics" was announced by the Pitt Athletic Department. The goal is to raise \$45 million over the next three years through increased support of the Panther Club Athletic Scholarship Fund (\$15 million) as well as for Olympic sport facility enhancements and endowment (\$30 million). A successful campaign will allow Pitt to level the playing field for 15 of 19 programs currently competing with less than the NCAA maximum allowable number of scholarships. It will also allow the building of new facilities for four programs competing without permanent homes, i.e. men's and women's soccer and men's and women's track and field. Included in the program is the building of a new, permanent home for our Pitt Band.

### ***The Emmaline D. Barco Band Complex***

Improvements from the current, temporary facility include:

- Permanent versus temporary home, including rehearsal area and administrative offices;
- On-site storage and adequate indoor practice space;
- State-of-the-art acoustics, playing surface and equipment;
- Potential site for concerts, camps and special events;
- A facility that will push the band programs to further excellence and will be a source of pride for the 250+ students who participate each year, the University and the athletes who represent us.

The Quest for Excellence Campaign is under the guidance of Mike Pratapas, Senior Associate Athletic Director and his staff. Your Pitt Band Alumni Council is fully cooperating with Mike and his staff to make it happen! Our current PBAC officers – Tony Roscoe, Bonnie Alspach, Ryan Minster, Becky and Dave Yuhas – will be fully involved. In addition we have formed an alumni advisory team to assist in the success of the campaign. This team includes:

- J. Roger Glunt, Trumpet, BUS '60
- Tim Pecsénye, Tenor Sax, CAS '84, LAW '87
- Becky Brandt, Trumpet, CAS '88
- Bill Gernert, Bass, ENGR '51
- Geoff White, Drum Major, CAS '01

We will be consulting and working closely with Jack Anderson and his staff to support the effort. As the campaign rolls out you will be hearing more about how you can contribute. Keep up to date by going to our website: [www.pbac.net](http://www.pbac.net).

Dan Boyd  
Team Leader  
PBAC Quest for Excellence Campaign

#### ***Things to Remember***

- If you know someone did not receive this newsletter, share it with them!
- Check the website for updates: [www.pbac.net](http://www.pbac.net)
- Be on the look out for new information for the "Quest for Excellence" campaign.



We love to hear from our alumni. If you have some exciting news that you would like to share with all of us (bandie weddings, bandie babies, etc.), drop us a line at our website or send us a letter! We can publish your news in the next newsletter!

## The Cost of Communication

Communication with our alumni is one of the top priorities for the Pitt Band Alumni Council. Otherwise you would not know about Alumni Band Day or the many ways that we continue to support the band program. To this end, we continue to maintain an email distribution list (pittbandalumni@yahoo.com), an updated website (www.pbac.net) and regular mailings and newsletters. The email group is free, and both the website hosting and maintenance are donated by alumni. (Thanks to Mark Matty and Dave Yuhas.)

However, the newsletter is a major cost item that will only increase with time. Our annual income from dues-paying members is approximately \$3000. A typical mailing that goes out to all 2200 of our alumni and friends costs nearly half of that amount alone.

In an effort to reduce costs so that we can continue providing you and the band program the appropriate support, the PBAC is looking for ways to communicate through electronic media. We understand that many of you may not have email addresses or online access to our website, so we will not eliminate mailings entirely. However, we encourage everyone to sign up for electronic distribution, via email, of our future newsletters. Keep an eye open in your email inboxes and visit our website on a regular basis for more information.

## 2004 PBAC Scholarship

Each year the PBAC awards a \$3000.00 tuition scholarship to a band person entering his or her sophomore year. The award – \$1000.00 per year – is matched by the University. In addition, two Frank Bolden Memorial Book Grants of \$150 are given each year to runners-up for the tuition scholarship. The winners were announced at band camp in August.

The 2004 winner of the tuition scholarship is Brian Nicholas. Brian marched in the bass section during the football season and also played bass in the symphonic band. He hails from Irwin, Pennsylvania, and is majoring in electrical engineering.

Book certificate awards went to Kevin Newak (trumpet) and Stephanie Peischl (colorguard). Kevin and Stephanie 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.

### 2004–05 Scholarship Donors

*This year we raised \$2,386 for the annual scholarship. Many thanks to ...*

Joanne Baiert	Michael Gruno	Anthony Roscoe
Richard Baker	Bernard Haberman	John Russell
Joanne Barbic	Byron Harriger	James Scannell
John Bates	Charles Harriger	Sam Schutte
Clay Beringer	Susan Henicle	Jim Semple
Albert Bertaccini	Judy Herilla	Larry Shughart
David Blinky	Kenneth Jennings	Harry Smith
Daniel Boyd	Ed Johnston	David Snyder
David Buchek	Robert Kiernan	Herbert Soltman
Conrad Calvano	Tammy King	Joe Stemm
Susan Camele	Jim Kirkwood	Hank Swank
Joseph Campbell	Thomas Lehman	Daniel Swanson
David Chitester	David Levy	Murray Tobin
Ernst Dorsch	Barbara McCloskey	Karen Turcan
Thomas Eyles	Harold McHail	William Turcan
Raymond Feura	Ryan Minster	Mary Vogeley
Josh Fox	Nancy O'Brokta	Gary Wandel
Tommilea Giegel	Dale Peckman	Daniel Weitzel
Roger Glunt	Rebecca Roach	John Yohe
Katherine Graham	William Rock	Aldo Zini

**2005-06 PBAC Membership, Merchandise and Event Registration Form**  
**Return to: Pitt Band Alumni Council—PO 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**

- PBAC rehearsal Trees Hall, Friday night, Sept 23     Alumni Band Day on Saturday, Sept 24

Instrument/Colorguard/Golden Girl \_\_\_\_\_ *If you need to borrow an instrument other than a drum, a bass or a flag, please notify us ASAP at info@pbac.net so that we can arrange to provide an instrument for you.*

**MEMBERSHIP**

- PBAC Dues for 2004-2005 (\$20) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Dues cover Sept 2005–Sept 2006. Dec 2004 and all 2005 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      Number of shirts \_\_\_\_\_      Size(s) \_\_\_\_\_      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (\$22 M–XL, \$24 XXL, \$26 XXXL, \$30 4–5XL)
- Alumni Band Hat (\$10 each)      # ordered \_\_\_\_\_      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PBAC SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Donation to the PBAC Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to **“PBAC”** and note in the memo what the check is for.

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

**Ticket Registration Deadline: Monday, September 5, 2005**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

University of Pittsburgh  
 Athletic Ticket Office  
 PO Box 7436  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15213-0436  
**Attn: Alumni Band Day**

	Quantity	Price	Total
<b>Friends/Family Tickets</b>		\$18	\$
		Handling	\$5.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	\$

Please charge my credit card: *(Please print clearly)*

Visa       MasterCard       Discover

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Return this form to:*

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Family and friends ticket orders must be received by  
**September 5, 2005**, to ensure a seat in the stadium.

## The Banner Award

On April 30, 2005, the Pitt Band Alumni Council received its eighth banner award. The PBAC is one of the few types of council to receive the banner award for as long as it's been around. Some of the qualifications that allowed us to receive this award are:

- The Pitt Band Alumni sends a newsletter out 2 or 3 times a year, in addition to maintaining the PBAC website and email group.
- Fundraising included general membership dues, sale of old merchandise, the Pitt Alumni Dance Band and the Pitt Alumni Pep Band.
- The annual PBAC Scholarship was awarded in August of 2004 along with 2 book awards given to outstanding members of the marching band, as well as travel grants.
- The PBAC members attend and support Pitt Day in Harrisburg.



Becky Yuhas at the 2005 Banner Awards with (left to right) Keith Schaefer, Lee Patouillet and Brian Generalovich

As you can see, we keep pretty busy trying to maintain our status as a banner winner. We hope to have continued success with all of our activities, and welcome all help and suggestions any alumni may have.

## Congratulations!

The PBAC presented two awards at this year's Symphonic Band Gala.

We presented the Pitt Band Alumnus of Distinction Award to Jim Kirkwood (PHARM '65). Jim has had quite a successful career in the pharmaceutical industry and is well known by the Pitt Band's pharmacy majors. Jim, his wife Nancy and son Colin, never miss the trip to the Pitt Bradford campus for Pitt's annual band camp. This past year, Jim initiated a new scholarship to be presented each year at the Symphonic Band Gala.

Bill Gernert (ENGR '52) was honored with the Pitt Band Continuous Service Award. Bill can be found at every practice and football game as a member of the Operations Staff. He gladly assists with whatever needs to be done and has done so for 10 years. Without his help, many a member of the band would go without water, plume or Herald Trumpet.

The PBAC congratulates both Jim and Bill and applauds their undying loyalty and dedication.

## Video/Audio Archiving

Kappa Kappa Psi Brother Jen Costello is currently working on the VMB Video and Audio Archive project. We are currently seeking out any and all audio or video of the band that our alumni and friends have recorded.

Please contact Jen via email if you have any media to contribute regardless of the format that you recorded it in.

Her email address is: [eighthammer87@yahoo.com](mailto:eighthammer87@yahoo.com)



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## **September 24 · Alumni Band Day 2005**

### **Friday, September 23, 2004**

- 6:30–8:30 pm: Practice at Trees Field behind the Cost Center.
- Following practice: socialize with the band students.
- Please, do *not* park in the lot next to the field. Park on Robinson Street.

### **Saturday, September 24, 2004 — Pitt vs Youngstown State at Heinz Field**

- 4 hours before kickoff: Tailgate begins in the parking lot near Heinz Field Gate A. Look for the Pitt Band Alumni banner. Please bring no more than 2 or 3 guests.
- 2 hours before kickoff: 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. Only those in uniform can march the parade.
- Take our seats in Heinz Field for the game.
- Half-time: March a number with the Varsity Band

**Schedule and locations are tentative.**

**Check [www.pbac.net](http://www.pbac.net) prior to game day to confirm times and places.**

If you have any questions, please contact

- Bonnie Alspach at 412-563-1193 or [bonniekaye3@juno.com](mailto:bonniekaye3@juno.com)
- Tony Roscoe at 412-771-1748 or [pittwedge@alumni.pitt.edu](mailto:pittwedge@alumni.pitt.edu)

#### **Dress**

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

#### **Family & Friends Tickets**

- Tickets are available for family and friends for \$18 each.
- The family tickets will *not* be in the same section as the Alumni Band. They will, however, all be together.