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Letter from the Alumni Liaison, Dexter Gulick

Brothers in Song:

The 120th anniversary of the Pitt Men's Glee Club incited a renewed connection with, and appreciation of, the alumni of the group. During my tenure as Alumni Liaison, I pledge to continue to foster this link that binds us all together—that we are brothers in song.

I was delighted to see such an alumni turnout for the “meet and greet” and alumni dinner as well as our spring concert. To maintain the level of connectivity established this past spring, you, as alumni, must continue to support and stay in contact with the current members of the Glee Club. In return, the members of the club must match this devotion by supporting the endeavors of our ever-growing alumni.

The most frequent regret I overheard at the reunion was that alumni had lost touch with current members of the group as well as those that were in the group with them during their years at the university. To alleviate this, the biannual newsletter we normally produce will be supplemented by a small, monthly postcard containing upcoming events in the group as well as the alumni base. We wish to include whatever may be meaningful to you—birthdays, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, deaths in the family, births, your singing gigs, presentations—literally anything in which the group and alumni base can support you.

To accomplish this, a new section has been added to our website, <http://www.pittmensgleeclub.org/>, specifically for alumni. Here, digital copies of the newsletter as well as monthly briefs containing information of the goings-on of the group and alumni can be found. To maintain the monthly mailings, you can submit events to be included by clicking on the “E-Mail Alumni Liaison” button found on this page.

Please do not be shy in informing us what is going on in your life. Just last spring a small contingency of the group was present at Loran Sekely's ('09) body building competition, and the year before that an octet sang for the wedding of Rick Erb ('04). If it is something that I or another member of the Glee Club can in some way attend, console, or support you, someone from this family should be in attendance.

Lastly, I'd like to end my correspondence with exciting news: recent alums Chad Slyman and Mike Pollock ('10) are working to get the alumni group officially recognized by the university. Mike recently met with Robert Young, the coordinator of all alumni councils and affinity groups for the university. In order to get the ball rolling on legitimizing the alumni association, he'd like to see an organized turnout at school events, particularly homecoming.

Homecoming this year is October 28th through October 31st and is marked with a Friday evening homecoming kick-off reception in the Cathedral of Learning. If the alumni could show up to this *en masse*, it'd make a good impression that the group is large and well-organized. Also, all alumni are invited to the PMGC Homecoming Tailgate while you're in town for the weekend. We'd love to see you at to our tailgate before the Homecoming football game as well as to help secure your tickets for the big game against Louisville.

I look forward to another wonderful year and any further suggestions you may have at strengthening our brotherhood.

Hail to Pitt,

Dexter Gulick, Alumni Liaison

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Letter from our President, Jared Wilson

Dear Alumni,

I am Jared Wilson, the new president of the Pitt Men's Glee Club and a senior finance and economics major from Holidaysburg, PA. I would like to take this opportunity to recap the spring and summer of 2010 and preview the 2010-2011 school year.

As many of you know, our 2010 was a very exciting year. The PMGC celebrated its 120th anniversary and the group traveled on a two week tour of Italy and Croatia. Our current alumni liaison and former tour manager have written about these two events further down in this newsletter, but I just wanted to comment that both went extremely well and were wonderful experiences for both the current members, as well as the alumni. In terms of club business, there was only one major change for the club during the past spring semester. As part of the renovations of the William Pitt Union, the Glee Club office has been moved from the ninth floor of the Union to a temporary office on the third floor of the Union. The University plans on moving our office to a permanent location in the newly acquired Concordia Club, but renovations of the building that need to take place before our move have yet to begin. At this point in time, we are unsure how long we will be in our temporary office in the Union, but look forward to working with the University in the planning process of how our new office will be

configured.

As for the 2010-2011 school year, the group has sixty three members as of the first week of classes. We are very excited about the talented voices we have added to the group. We have several concerts planned for the winter and spring, as well as several gigs set up with the University during both semesters. You can keep up to date with our concert schedule by visiting our website, www.pittmensgleeclub.org. After of international tour of 2010, we have a domestic tour planned for May 2011. The group will be traveling to Texas, specifically Austin and San Antonio, for a weeklong tour.

I am really looking forward to this year as we build on the already rich tradition of the PMGC. I also look forward to seeing the alumni at our concert, as well as other events that we have planned for the year.

Hail to Pitt,

Jared Wilson, President
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Website Information

You may or may not know, but the University of Pittsburgh Men's Glee Club website (<http://www.pittmensgleeclub.org>) has been completely overhauled by one of our members (Mike Neiderhauser). We now have the ability to make frequent updates to the site as well as upload our own material. This is very beneficial to the PMGC, PMGC Alumni, and the general public.

Some of the pages that may interest you are the Audio, Video, and Picture Pages. These pages contain up to date media of the group including a YouTube Portal, and Pictures organized by Albums. You can also

view the officers page to view information on our current officers. There is also a page to directly contact any of our Officers. But most importantly, there is now an Alumni Page. This page is a work in progress and we would like to know what information you would like on the site. If you have any ideas or comments about the site, please direct them to Mike at:

webmaster@pittmensgleeclub.org.

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Letter from our Tour Manager, Ben Dichter

The Pantheon in Rome was the perfect place to kick off our international summer tour. When tourists saw fifty men in tuxes stroll in, they knew something was about to happen. Ushers escorted us to the altar of the ancient temple and roped off the immediate seating area. In our first of eight formal concerts, the tourists visiting the Pantheon, although unsuspecting, became an appreciative audience. The initial attraction was the 2000-year old building, but as we filled the enormous dome with our voices, the audience became enchanted by the music. Many sat and stayed for the entire concert. After the concert, we filed through the narrow streets of Rome to our bus. We created quite a spectacle; 50 young men in tuxes turned more than a few heads. It was the first of many processions that we named, "The March of the Penguins." We could not imagine how the tour could get better after this, but it did!

We all relied on the fearless driver of our double-decker bus to get us safely from one destination to another. With inhuman precision, Joachim miraculously maneuvered around mopeds and Smart Cars in the narrow alleys of Rome. Whether we were weaving around ancient Italian cities, or traveling between concert venues, the bus made it easy for the group to bond. There were some heated games of Euchre and Spades, and we had plenty of time to learn more about each other. Even when a certain someone stunk up the bathroom so bad that Joachim threatened to stop driving, the group bonded over shared discomfort.

Global Educational Tours organized a jam-packed and well-rounded itinerary. All the guys fell in love with our tour guide, Elizabethta, a Venetian whose years of experience are only outshined by her overflowing compassion and enthusiasm. We had first class

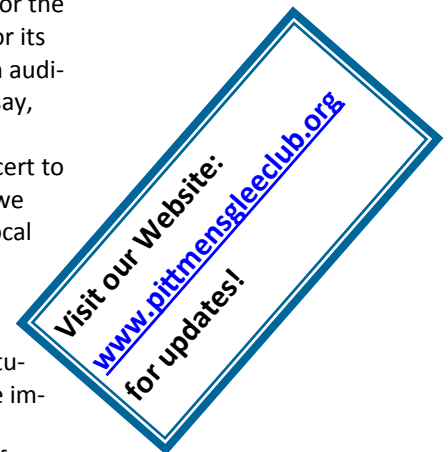
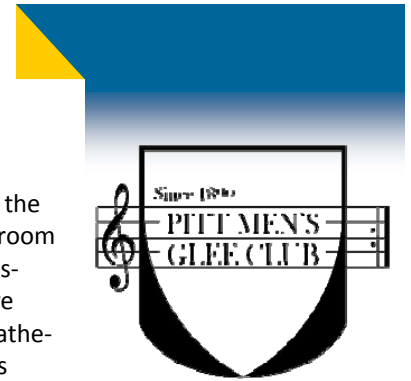
meals and hotel service- the chandelier in the Montecatini hotel was as big as my dorm room and the food was outstanding. With professionally guided tours in every city, we were simply blown away by all of the statues, cathedrals, plazas and museums. The group was moved to give impromptu concerts for our cooks, hotel employees and locals on the street. It was fun to share our talent in unlikely places.

Our proudest moment as a group was undoubtedly our performance at the Bologna Music Festival. This festival is a major event in the world of classical music. Being invited to participate in the festival was a big step for the Pitt Men's Glee Club and a great honor for its members. The house was packed with an audience educated in music, so, needless to say, the pressure was on. The group soared through every piece- it was our best concert to date. Richard was moved to tears when we ached our two Italian selections and the local audience shouted "Bravi!" over a roaring applause. The audience's enthusiasm remained strong and unwavering to the end of the concert. We received a tumultuous ovation with foot stomping and were implored to sing two encore numbers.

After two weeks and about 500 frescos (how are those made again?), we knew this tour was worth every dollar raised and every nitpicking rehearsal endured. For some of the young men this was an expensive trip, and for many it was their first time abroad. This would not have been possible without the generosity of alumni. Thank you for supporting an opportunity we will never forget.

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Ben Dichter, Tour Manager
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Upcoming Events

Flapjack Friday	Friday November 5, 2010	TBD—First Baptist Church
Winter Concert (Pitt)	Friday December 3, 2010	8PM—First Baptist Church
Winter Concert (Greenfield)	Saturday December 4, 2010	7PM—Greenfield
Winter Concert (New Kensington)	Saturday December 11, 2010	5PM Following Mass—New Kensington