

Beat of a different drum

I had a recurring nightmare over the summer months.

The time: January 1, 1982.

The place: Pasadena, Calif.

Just before the wave of green jerseys flooded the field, signaling the University of Oregon's long-awaited return to the Rose Bowl, the stadium announcer chokes out the words:

"Ladies and gentlemen: Now for our national anthem by the Michigan Wolverine and Daisy Duck marching bands."

I caught myself in the double-take. Wasn't that supposed to be the Fighting Duck marching band?

Not this time. The University, in a financial mess from the previous year and who knows how many years before that, had said goodbye to the costly marching band. But with all of the bowl talk emanating from the football camp, some wise administrator had a backup plan.

We could probably get the Daisy Ducks. They outnumber the band anyway, and if the Oregon crowd took notice, it would be better than having real musicians out there that few in the crowd ever cared about.

So, those great ladies, who have been supporting Oregon sports for 10 years, decided to don all of the required paraphernalia and pound the grassy turf of the Rose Bowl.

Most of the women had never even played a musical instrument before. But then again, neither had many of them been to Pasadena before, so the Daisy Ducks gave the green light to the administration.

It actually went quite well. The Daisy Ducks went through the motions while the mighty Wolverine band provided the music. Nobody noticed a thing.

Back to reality. The chances of Oregon making it into Pasadena New Year's Day are not very good. It's too bad, because Oregon does have a marching band.

It's true that the University's marching band is understaffed and underfinanced. It doesn't have many people in it either — not if it

is compared to, say, the University of Washington's "Tequila Players."

Nevertheless, the band is out there.

I, for one, commend the band for being out on the field, out in the rain during the Husky game. And the fans? So few of them appreciated the efforts of the volunteers that I could probably have picked out each individual hand clap in the confines of Autzen stadium.

One of the problems, admittedly, is the band is not as flashy as other bands around the conference.

The boring halftime show, I believe, is a result of the crowd not getting into the band's performance. Even Oregon State students find occasion to support the crazy antics of their marching band (excuses that they have little else to get excited about at a football game are beginning to lose some support).



The solution to this is to get the band members to look like they are enjoying themselves out there.

I can't believe that this university, with a lunatic fringe very much in evidence, has such a hard time getting band members who march to the beat of a somewhat different drum — people who can have a good time, no matter what the score, no matter how much rain fills the tubas.

Marching band director Gerald Poe can go ahead and say his program was hurt by bad press coverage — it was. But for the three years I have been here, the marching band has been an object of ridicule in the bleachers.

People at Washington and Oregon State have discovered what it takes to have a well-liked band. It takes a little craziness.

University marching band members might feel foolish doing head bops and rolling around on the football field, but, given time, Oregon football fans would respond with approval.

Of course, there is another alternative. What do the Daisy Ducks do on Saturdays, but watch the Ducks at Autzen Stadium?

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