

# Marching band selected to go to New York

Oregon's band has been invited to march in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York

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Next fall's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade may have something different to show America: marching Ducks.

The University's marching band was invited Monday to New York City to march in the parade.

Dana Huddleston, administrative coordinator for the band, said she received a call from a Macy's representative, who unofficially notified the band. The representative said an official letter of invitation will come through the mail later in the week.

Unfortunately, the honor of marching in the parade will come at a price: "We're thinking now that we're going to have to raise about \$400,000," said Huddleston.

Jennifer Cooper, president of the band, said the funds raised by the band would be used mostly to cover transportation costs; lodging the band in hotels, renting charter buses to get around New York City and buying meals to feed the approximately 200 band members will take up the rest.

"We're hoping to get some help from the ASUO, and we're going to talk to companies and corporations," Huddleston said. Fund-raising plans are not definite at this point, however.

"We're not really sure yet how we're going to raise the money,"



The Oregon Marching Band performs at the Las Vegas Bowl in 1997.

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Cooper said.

Huddleston was setting up plans to address fund raising more concretely.

"We will be having a meeting later this week that will involve the band leadership," she said.

Huddleston explained that the marching band had to go through an application process in order to get chosen for the parade.

"They take 12 bands out of all

that apply worldwide," she said. "We had to send in an audio and a video tape. This is the first time we applied for it."

Cooper said the video tape was taken from the band's performance at the Las Vegas Bowl.

"It was our best performance," she said.

The audio tape was taken from a performance at the Festival of the Bands, an annual high school marching band competition host-

ed at Autzen Stadium.

This is not the marching band's first high-profile performance. In the past, the band has marched in the Rose Parade and played at the Cotton Bowl. The marching band has also been rated by various band directors as the best marching band in the Pacific-10 Conference, Huddleston said.

Cooper agreed. "I feel that way, but then, I'm in the band," she said.

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to supply information for a possible promotion within OPS and a negative recommendation to a proposed employer, Williams said.

"Williams is making various [racial discriminatory] claims about folks in the Office of Public Safety," Cogswell said. "It's just not the case. The prior... action he received was based on his performance."

Because of legal restraints, OPS officials are not allowed to comment on the suit.

Williams said he began to file complaints with his supervisors. They did not take enough action on the complaint, he said.

"Whenever you say something is racial, it should automatically go toward an investigation," Williams said. "That didn't happen [automatically]."

An investigation was conducted by the Office of Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity, according to a letter written by Jan Oliver, the assistant vice president for Institutional Affairs.

The investigation was based on William's allegation that he was not considered for promotion because of racial discrimination. According to the letter, the investigator "interviewed sixteen individuals and received extensive written information from one former employee of OPS" and found that William's was not promoted because of discrimination.

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