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Letter from the President

As your new OAB president, I'd like to start off my new term in office by clarifying three things:

- 1) This OAB presidential election was decided without pregnant chads, recounts, or Senate hearings.
- 2) OAB does not stand for "overactive bladder," no matter how scary the new stadium foghorn is for us alumns.
- 3) We were unable to get the domain name OAB.com. Please visit for full details on managing overactive bladder.

That said, I'd like to welcome you to this year's Homecoming game, where you are invited to take a (near) front row seat to witness the Ducks thrash Cal. Welcome back to those of you who are joining us again this year.

For people considering coming to the game for the first time this year, I have a couple of questions for you: Since you've graduated, how many of your friends, family or co-workers even know that you play an instrument? Do you hide your case under the bed with your Spanish books, juggling balls, skates, and other evidence of talents you had "back in the day?"

November 5 is your chance to actually take part in the game day entertainment again, and with the Ducks' performance getting better all the time, there's a good chance of full-blown televised coverage. You only need to commit one day of your time. We'll rehearse in the morning, hit the tailgaters and then hit the stands.

And if you've been away, the OMB post game show will most likely be shocking in its precision, difficulty and sheer volume.

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And we've asked staff members year after year with the same answer: If you're wondering if the band sounded that good when you were in it, chances are that the answer is yes but you've always been on the other end of the baton and couldn't hear it for yourself. Now's your chance.

So while you've been busy leading interesting, full lives, we've been here ready to get you in to one of the state's hottest game day events. All that we ask is that you come ready to have fun, ready to meet and greet the current OMB, and ready to play!

Gotta Go Gotta Go (DUCKS!)

Laura Hicks

New Faces

2005 OAB Officers:

President: Laura Hicks (new President)
Vice President: Jeannette Hodapp (new Vice President)
Secretary: Renee Schaefer (new Secretary)
Treasurer: Lani Akers (same stellar Treasurer)

2005 OAB Directors:

Monica Geraths (former Secretary)
Corianne Good (new member)
Rob Heinke (new member)
Phil Hodapp (former President)
Von Kam (new member)

Departures:

Jeff Swanson (former Vice President and current new dad)

Please visit the "Forms" page on our website for OAB Board applications.

2005 OMB Staff Changes:

OMB Director Todd Zimbelman left the U of O this year to take a position at the University of Texas at Arlington. The new Interim Assistant Director of Bands is Patrick Carney, who comes to Oregon from Florida State University. You can read Mr. Carney's bio online at www.oregonalumniband.com/omb.html.

New Administrative Coordinator of Athletic Bands

For those of you who have not checked in at the School of Music since last year's Homecoming Game, Connie Jo Hansen is no longer staffing the Band Office. Sarah Turley is the new Administrative Coordinator of Athletic Bands. You can e-mail her at omb@oregonalumniband.com

Homecoming 2005 Schedule

9:30	Check-in at Armory (Across from Autzen). Free coffee/tea
10:00 - noon	Rehearsal, eat, party, & tailgate! You may purchase food and beverages at the Mo' Center at any time during these two hours.
12:00	Be in the stands
12:30	Kickoff
3:30ish	Ducks win
3:45ish	Post Game PARTY in the Armory parking lot!



Important Homecoming Details

- **2005 OAB GAME DAY DIRECTOR:** This year's alumni band will be directed by former drum major and GGB member Laura Arthur.
- **HOMECOMING IS FREE** to all OMB alumni members who want to show up on game day and play.
- **REGISTER IN ADVANCE** online at www.oregonalumniband.com/homecoming, especially if you need sousaphone or percussion instruments.
- **INSTRUMENT LOANS:** The Oregon Alumni Band will be providing percussion and sousaphones **ONLY** by request as noted on your Homecoming registration. If you need to borrow an instrument, check with a friend, local high school or music store.
- **PARKING:** You have several options. We suggest parking at Alton Baker Park or along MLK/Centennial loop and walking. Both the stadium and the Armory charge \$20 or more for parking. Or take the Centennial Blvd. LTD bus or carpool to save money. Please note that if you or your instrument require transportation from the School of Music to the Armory, we can shuttle you (pre-registration is required; see previous paragraph).
- **DIRECTIONS TO THE ARMORY:** The Oregon Armory is located at 2515 MLK Jr. Boulevard (formerly named Centennial Boulevard). If you are headed toward Autzen from Coburg Road, the Armory is the brick building set far back from the road on the left side, near stadium Entry #1. Watch for the Oregon Trail Council (Boy Scouts) sign. The entrance to the Oregon Alumni Band section of the Armory is at the back of the parking lot, through the roll door at the very back of the building.