

Cornhusker marching band reunion will culminate at halftime Saturday

By Deb Bockhahn

Nebraska fans will see members from the Cornhusker Marching Band's past at the football game Saturday when band alumni from as long ago as 1919 join in the halftime activities.

Last year was the first year alumni were reunited in the band. According to band director Jack Snider, the crowd and alumni "really got a kick out of it." It's going to be an annual event, he added.

"Just seeing the spirit and admiration the band alumni still have for it inspires the present band members," he said. "It's just a lot of fun for everybody."

During halftime activities 125 alumni from California, Colorado, Wyoming, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa will march with the band. Alumni will attend a banquet Friday night and a breakfast at the Nebraska Union Saturday. They will practice in the stadium following breakfast and in the music building just prior to the game.

Probably one of the oldest alumni attending the reunion is Vernon Forbes Sr., who played trumpet in the band in 1919. Although he won't be marching Saturday, he still shows the excitement about the band that he said he had years ago.

"Today's Nebraska band is a big improvement from when I was in school, there's no comparison," he said.

He said the 1919 band didn't do any maneuvering, but marched out in military fashion and played the national anthem. "We didn't do anything like they do today—they're definitely more of a crowd pleaser."

Neal Baker, a 1971 alumnus said he thinks the addition of female band members and the flag corps has added a lot to the band's performance. The band was all male when he participated "but, of course, there was always the golden girl." Regardless of how the NU team was ranked, Baker said the band was always excited to play.

Playing in the band is a family affair with the Schmucker family. According to Kim Schmucker, she, her husband, James, and brother-in-law, Robert, all NU band alumni, will attend Saturday's activities. Kim said she's excited about coming back even though she played in 1975.

"It'll be great to see people that I met throughout the years and talk about some of the old band trips," she added. "Band has meant a lot to me—that's where I met my husband. I think the whole weekend will be a great experience for everyone."



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Peter Cheng, UNL political science professor, said knowledge of the Japanese language is not required to participate because the courses in Japanese history, culture, politics, art, society and philosophy are taught in English.

The students must study Japanese in either an intensive 12 hour a week course or a regular course of six hours a week, Cheng said.

The cost to the student is approximately \$3,100, which includes tuition, fees, room and board. This does not include miscellaneous expenses.

Cheaper accommodations may be arranged through the

Japanese universities if a student wants to live with a family, he said.

Junior Darlene Hoffman, who participated in the program at Wanzan University last year, said she lived with two families and earned extra money by tutoring English.

She said she earned about \$10 an hour, tutoring 15 hours a week at a Catholic culture center in Nagoya. Knowledge of the Japanese language was not necessary to tutor, Hoffman said, because she worked with advanced students who only needed help with pronunciation.

Hoffman said the classes at Nanzan were small and the academic pressure was mild compared to UNL.

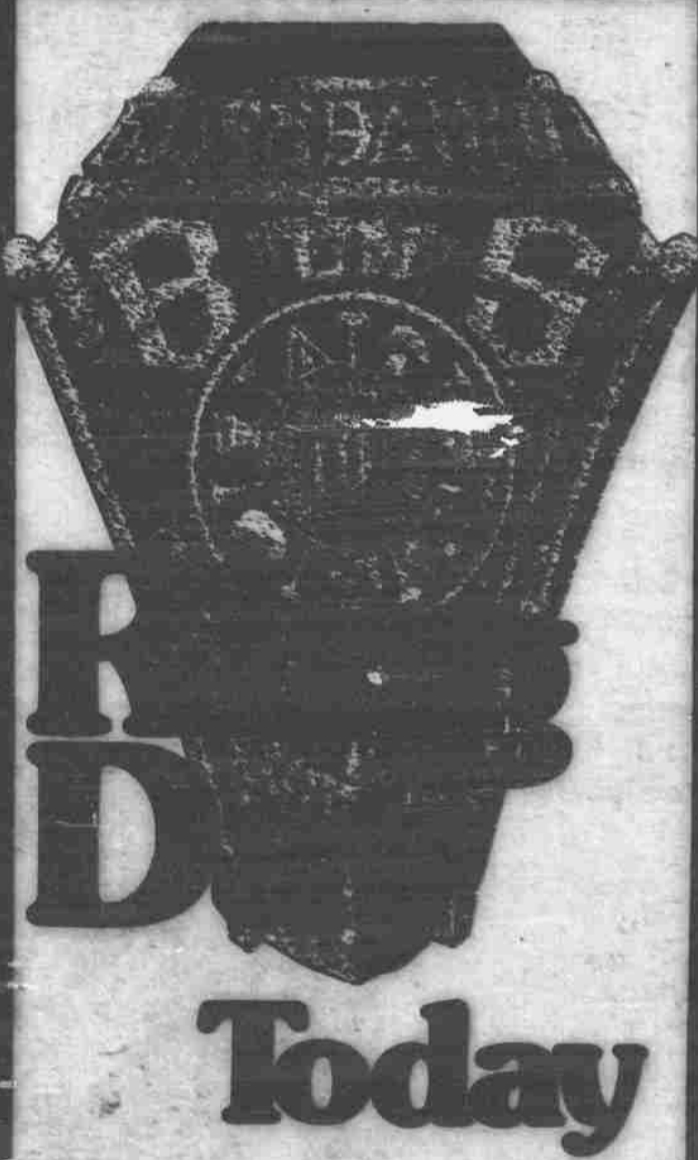
"It's not just the education, it's learning to adjust," she said. "It broadened my whole outlook. It's a fantastic experience."

Hoffman said she is taking Japanese studies this year through the University Studies program and said she hopes to return to Japan after graduation.

To apply for the 1977-78 Japan study program, contact Peter Cheng, Oldfather Hall 541.

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