

Bowl trip for band depends on support—director

By Ann Pollock

The Cornhusker Marching Band's attendance at the Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl will depend on "sufficient interest in state and local groups," according to Robert Fought, band director.

Fought said that he does not observe as much urgency in band members about making the trip as he did last year at bowl game time.

"There's a lot of individual rapping going on in small groups," he said, but "they're not chomping at the bit, and maybe that's because of the long period of indecision last year.

"The band pretty much has the general idealistic feeling that they've paid their dues all year, and that they

deserve all the benefits that the football team gets," Fought said. "They have the simple attitude about it that says, 'We're part of the show all season, why are we excluded now?'"

Fought said that he has been awaiting news of the decision concerning the band's role in the game from either UNL Chancellor Roy Young or Vice Chancellor of Business and Finance Miles Tommeraaen.

State funding not legal

If the band is to make the trip, Fought said that he thought the Athletic Dept. would be unable to contribute because of its limited, minor bowl funds. He also said that "apparently no state funds can be used legally unless the Legislature passes a line in their yearly budget specifically

for the band."

Fought said that he was opposed to fund raising drives by the band members because of the problems of equity of work and time.

"Over two-thirds of the kids in band are not music majors, and their parents are paying good money to send them to school, and since these sales would come up around finals, it's just not their place to have to do it," Fought said.

Fought said that he was not surprised by the criticism that the band received last year in response to the fund-raising drive that sent them to the Fiesta Bowl.

"I expected it, but I'm not so sure of its validity," Fought said of the argument that the band's fund-raising drive deprived other charities of support.

"Those people were not necessarily anti-band, some of them were just anti-university, and this was another way for them to condemn the university," Fought said.

A 'beautiful gesture'

Fought said that the private contributions were "just a beautiful gesture by the people in the state," and that the public's support of the band was "one of my most gratifying happenings."

Fought said that he anticipates this problem of insufficient funds for bowl game trips to persist in the future. He said that he hopes that a permanent system of financing band bowl trips can be established.

Each football season the band makes one trip, financed by the Athletic Dept., to an out-of-town game. This year's trip to Lawrence, Kan., cost about \$8,000, Fought said.

"I think that the people in the state are kind of naive if they think they can pull that kind of a once-in-a-lifetime thing off on an annual basis," Fought said of last year's drive. "Hopefully, we can get people in the upper echelon of the university to recognize that this is an ongoing problem so we can solve it."

Booster club possible

A band booster club, organized like other alumni or athletic organizations, would be one solution to the problem, he said. The members would have the option of donating money at the beginning of the year when they purchase their football tickets, Fought explained. The amount of money that they contribute would determine their membership status and recognition, Fought said.

The band's current money problem arose two years ago when the Athletic Dept. stopped paying for the band's trips, Fought said.

"Inflation caught up with us," said Fought. "The Athletic Dept. was willing to accept the loss (of taking the band) until they found a good excuse, and women's athletics is that excuse. They only have so much money for charities."



Photo by Kevin Higley

The Cornhusker Marching Band is shown here at a pre-game warmup at the NU-University of Kansas game in Lawrence, Kan. One band member seems to have a different idea of what headgear is appropriate for the musicians.

Ripoff artist with a college con sought by FBI

By Deb Brockhahn

Wanted by the FBI—A man who allegedly stole checks and deposit slips from three UNL professors and two graduate students.

The suspect is identified by an FBI investigator as Bernard A. McIntyre. He is suspected of striking the UNL campus twice, once in October 1975 and again last May. The FBI source, who declined to be identified, said the man also allegedly stole deposit slips from a Nebraska Wesleyan University professor in October 1975.

There are both federal and state warrants for McIntyre's arrest for "one of the most typical crimes in the United States today," the investigator said.

Edward Roche, associate professor of medicinal chemistry, was a UNL faculty member who had one of his checks stolen, according to UNL Campus Police. Roche teaches in the NU Pharmacy College, which moved to Omaha this year.

Robert Edmunds, captain of the criminal division of Campus Police, said the department does not know any other names of UNL professors who have had checks stolen. Edmunds said stolen checks of faculty members have shown up in different states and Campus Police did not suspect they were connected with McIntyre until last summer.

McIntyre allegedly stole about \$6,000 during his last suspected visit to the UNL campus.

According to FBI reports, McIntyre is described as white male, mid-forties, 5 ft. 11 in. tall, medium weight, dark greying hair, neat appearance, friendly, alone and apparently traveling in a personally owned vehicle.

Although McIntyre never has been "caught in the act," he allegedly enters college buildings and steals a deposit slip and several blank checks from an instructor's desk or coat. He allegedly goes to the victim's bank, where, representing himself as the victim, he deposits several previously stolen and forged checks payable to the victim.

McIntyre allegedly withdraws a "sizable" amount of cash, but leaves some deposited. At a later date, he allegedly will forge the victim's checks which he will use in another city in a similar scheme, the source said.

The FBI source said that for the past three years McIntyre allegedly has operated this scheme "almost daily" all over the U.S., but most of his activities have

been concentrated in Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

"He does have a history of hitting places more than once and we've taken precautions in case he comes here again," the FBI source said.

Interim NU president said 'probable'

By George Miller

The selection of an interim NU president is "possible," according to Regent Robert Simmons of Scottsbluff.

Simmons, a member of the NU Board of Regents' Executive Committee, said the regents had discussed during their Nov. 20 meeting offering the job to two of the six candidates under consideration.

However, since that time, one of those two persons declined the job, he said. The regents have not yet talked to the other candidate, Simmons said.

Simmons stressed that the one candidate under consideration to replace D.B. Varner was not the last choice of the regents, but that they could not approach him earlier for reasons Simmons declined to specify.

Simmons said an interim president could be appointed at the regents' Dec. 11 meeting.

William Swanson, university vice president for governmental relations, said the search for a new president would be included on the agenda for the Dec. 11 meeting.

Simmons said there are "lots of (NU) vice presidents" the regents could choose to fill in as interim president.

Persons mentioned as possible interim presidents include Steven Sample, executive vice president for academic affairs, and William Erskine, executive vice president for administration. Both have said they have not been approached about the job.

In addition, Chancellor Roy Young of UNL, Ronald Roskens of the University of Nebraska at Omaha and Henry McFadden, interim chancellor of the University of Nebraska Medical Center, also are vice presidents of NU.

Schuyler Regent Kermit Wagner mentioned Roskens, McFadden and Adam Breckenridge, outgoing UNL vice

The Lincoln Police and FBI have furnished every teller in Lincoln banks with photographs of McIntyre and Campus Police also have been informed, according to the investigator. Identification was made by fingerprints from the stolen checks and deposit slips, he said.

chancellor for academic affairs, as possible candidates for interim president.

Wagner agreed that there probably would be an interim president.

Simmons said the regents may go back to the 16-member search committee for new candidates if none of the present six candidates accept the Nebraska post.

He said early publication of the names of the six candidates have hampered the regents' efforts because the publicity allowed some of the candidates to work out better salary arrangements with their present employers.

One candidate for the job was said to have turned down the regents' offer after the governor of his state, which he was said to be having conflicts with, was not re-elected.

North Carolina turned out its incumbent governor in the Nov. 2 election. However, Harold F. Robinson, president of Western Carolina University at Cullowhee, N.C., said he had not been offered the job by the regents.

Robinson said he did not have any conflicts with North Carolina's outgoing governor.

Missouri also turned out its incumbent governor. One of the six candidates is James C. Olson, interim president of the University of Missouri.

However, Olson reportedly had been offered the job in October and had turned it down.

Besides Robinson and Olson, other candidates under consideration are Clayton Yeutter, U.S. special trade ambassador; Howard Neville, president of the University of Maine at Orono; Charles E. Bishop, president of the University of Arkansas and John C. Calhoun Jr., vice president for academic affairs at Texas A&M University.