## Coach's, band director's jobs share similarities <br> By Christopher Galen <br> Though the musicians are taken for granted sometime

The director of the Cornhusker Marching Band readily admits that the band and the Nebraska football team possess many of the same winning attributes when they perform on the field each Saturday.
"There are, I guess, many similiarities," said Robert Fought, who is in his eighth year as director of the band. "We try to recruit good people from around the country, and thus we have a very consistent program.'


A group of abandoned tubas lying on the Memorial Stadium turf reflect the early-moming sun.
Beach Boys may appear at halftime

The Beach Boys may make a surprise appearance at the Sept. 11 halftime show of the Iowa-Nebraska game, according to Robert Fought, UNL marching band director. "It's really up in the air right now," Fought said. "I was contacted by John Skold, assistant manager of the State Fair, about the possibility of an appearance by the group. They are scheduled to perform at the State Fair at
$5: 30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. If they arrive in Lincoln in time for the $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. start of halftime, the group might make an appearance there, Fought said.

If the Beach Boys do appear, they cannot perform any songs because they are under contract," he said. By coincidence, Fought said he had been planning to do a selection of Beach Boys' music at the halftime show.

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Fought views his band's mission as twofold, he said.
"One purpose we have is to give support to the ball players each Saturday, while also entertaining the crow at halftime," he said.
In addition to playing five Nebraska fight songs and recognizing the visiting team with their school song during the pre-game show, Fought has to please a mixed assor ment of fans at halftime, he said.
"There are two basic factions, the younger students and the older alumni. Plus I also have to keep the band members in mind," Fought said.
He tries to mix popular music with older standards and the one common ground seems to be country-western music, he said.
Fought also performs duties much like a footbal coach. He plans all the formations that the marcher follow, and he choreographs their footwork as well

The band has a contractual agreement with variou arrangers who write the music used during the games he said.
Fought then molds the music to the particular themes of the shows.

Fought estimated that approximately 430 people signed up for tryouts in the spring, with 310 people at tending the band camp in early August. After a weeken of drills, the final cut to some 265 musicians and fla girls was made, and a week of five-a-day practices began

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"Band camp makes the season," said Dave Herbener a second-year member of the trombone section. "You have to be willing to work. You're either marching or playing from morning until night,"he said.
But by the time a mock rehearsal is finished at the week's end, the members of the band are ready to begin learning the formations to be used in the fall shows "I didn't hear many complaints during camp, and I'm ooking forward to a great year," Fought said. "These are the hardest-working kids I've seen, and they're very cooperative. I think that the talent we have is as good or better than the past few years.
Besides performing at home games, the band also will attend the Nebraska-Kansas game in Lawrence, Kan., this fall. A 30 -piece pep band will attend all other away conference games, Fought said.

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