

# Band duo marching home

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When the Cornhusker marching band takes the field at the Big 12 Championship in San Antonio on Saturday, two members will feel right at home.

San Antonio is home for Courtney Hill, the band's feature twirler, and baritone player Amanda Roggasch.

"I'm really excited about going back home," said Hill, who was born in San Antonio.

Hill, a senior broadcasting major, has won seven world and six national twirling titles. But even with all her success, Hill said she is still nervous about performing in front of the San Antonio crowd, which will include her family and friends. She even admits she's been practicing a little harder this week.

"I'm hoping for a no-drop performance," Hill said. "In competition, drops don't count against you very much. It's what you do underneath the baton and your handling of it that matters. But a crowd can be really hard on you when you drop it."

Roggasch, who had lived in San Antonio since she was 5 years old, was eager for her

family and friends to see her perform for the first time this year.

"I didn't get to see them over Thanksgiving," said Roggasch, a sophomore broadcasting major. "It'll be the first time that I've seen them since July."

Roggasch's father, Robert, said he's eager to see his daughter perform, adding that Roggasch and Hill will both have their own cheering section in the stands.

"There's going to be a lot of her friends from school and church there with binoculars, trying to get a glimpse of her on the field," Robert Roggasch said.

"We'll be there rooting on the team, as well as the band."

The two friends from San Antonio didn't know each other until Amanda Roggasch mentioned to her doctor she was considering attending the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Her doctor, Gordon Hill, suggested she should talk with his daughter, Courtney, who was already attending UNL.

The two met each other and discovered they had each performed in marching bands for rival high schools, and shared many mutual friends. Hill persuaded Roggasch to join the university marching band, and then

talked her into joining her sorority, Chi Omega.

The band will arrive in San Antonio Saturday morning, then return to Lincoln after the game, but neither Hill nor Roggasch will be leaving with it. Both will be staying in Texas to spend time with their friends and families.

Roggasch said she and Hill both have several friends on the Texas A&M band.

"I'm the only baritone from my high school that didn't go to A&M," Roggasch said. "We've got a bet with them that if Nebraska loses, we have to cook for them."

"But Nebraska's not going to lose," Hill said.

This won't be the first time the two have fraternized with an opposing school's band. Both enjoyed meeting with friends on the Texas band at last year's championship game in St. Louis.

That year, they both found themselves on the Texas side of the field when the Longhorns scored the winning touchdown.

"It was sort of scary, standing on that side of the field, dressed in Husker red when they won the game," Hill said.

But neither expects the same thing to happen this year.

# Architecture student wins national election

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Palu said he attributes his success to the university and its professors and organizations, as well as his family and friends.

"Success is not something that a successful individual should flaunt; it is something they should help teach," Palu said.

"Becoming the national president of AIAS is quite an honor, but I owe this honor to my fellow colleagues and peers and to a successful university that taught me how to be successful."

Palu said he thought coming to UNL would give him an outstanding education. Now, as Palu prepares for graduation in May, he says there is no doubt that UNL is one of the finest post-secondary schools in the nation.

### DESIGNING GOALS

For Palu, the road to success was designed and built with time and effort.

"In architectural terms, my college life was in the draft stages for a while," Palu said. "Only after time did the drawings of my life take shape."

Palu, who is from Loop City, did not know in 1994 what to expect from his college experience.

He started with a general studies major. After accepting a work study job in the architectural shop his freshman year, he changed his major to architectural studies.

Palu said the motivation to move into architecture came from his mentor, Louis Svoboda, architectural shop steward for the College of Architecture.

"Looking back at everything he taught me throughout the years, I'm honored to have had such a great mentor," Palu said.

Palu said his motivation also came from his family, the community and organizations on campus.

As a member of Chancellor's Leadership Class, Palu learned the qualities of being a good leader and role model.

By attending LeaderShape the second semester of his junior year, Palu established personal and academic goals along with a vision statement to be completed before graduation.

"LeaderShape was a great opportunity to look at my life and decide

what I want to accomplish in it," Palu said. "I was able to set goals for myself, goals that will not be completed by graduation, but goals that I will complete through life."

Palu's brother said Jay has been goal-driven since he was a child. "When Jay would set his goals, it would take a hell of a lot to stop him," he said.

Palu said becoming national president of AIAS was not one of his goals, but it does put him in a better position to accomplish the goals he has set.

### CONSTRUCTING A NEW LIFE

Palu said he is ready to accept the challenge of being a college student at the same time as national AIAS president elect.

"By example, it is tough to find the leadership qualities that Palu has shown as a student in college," Clark said. "Jay works for the common good of the organization as well as the common good of the school and the community."

Palu is required to attend conferences and meetings across the nation the rest of the school year. In the first week of July, Palu will move to Washington, D.C., for a year as AIAS national president.

"When you are running for an office you don't think of long-term results, you just focus on the present and take things day by day," Palu said.

### COMPLETING THE PROJECT

A great work ethic and new perspectives are two things Palu hopes to bring to AIAS.

Viet Hoang, a senior finance major and Palu's close friend, said Palu will be bringing only good qualities to the national organization.

"I've known Jay for over four years and he is an incredibly dedicated student and he knows when to be serious and when to have fun," Hoang said.

Palu is confident in carrying out his duties as national president, and said if any failures arise, he will just have to learn from them.

"You have to have motivation in all you do, and you have to realize that failure is a natural part of life," he said. "All you can do is look back on the failures in your life and learn from them. Then you motivate yourself to try what you failed again."

# Eighth annual powwow offers drums, native dance

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dancing, with dancers from all over the Midwest, but will also give spectators the opportunity to dance.

Saturday's festivities will start at 1 p.m. and continue until 11 p.m. The event will resume on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. It will be held in the Great Plains Room in the Nebraska East Union.

Organizers urge people to arrive early, as one of the most important parts of the powwow is its three Grand Entries at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday.

All competitors in the powwow will dance in the Grand Entries. This will be combined with an honoring of veterans with a color guard

and a prayer by the elders to start off the dancing each time.

"Being there to watch the Grand Entry at 1 p.m. will be the most hypnotizing (event) - very powerful," Grayson said.

Other items on the agenda include information booths, a free supper from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Saturday night, and drumming from The Tribe - the host Drum Group which will play for most of the dances.

Miller and Few Tails-Castellanos also encouraged students to purchase a program at the event. The program will detail the history and meaning of a powwow and how to act at the powwow.

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