



Northmont Marching Band at U.C.'s Nippert Stadium last Saturday

## NORTHMONT MARCHING BAND PREPARED FOR GRAND NATIONALS

Practice schedule has remained the same

The Northmont Marching Band has been practicing the same number of hours each week as it did in September and October despite the football season winding down and despite the loss of daylight and arrival of colder weather. What makes the band motivated to continue such a pace are the final preparations for this week's Band of America Grand Nationals Championship in Indianapolis.

The marching band championship brings over 90 bands from around the country together for 2 days of preliminaries and a single day of semi-finalists and finalists to determine the Grand Champion of the 3 day event. For the Northmont Marching Band, it is the be-all and end-all of the marching band season. That means that this year's show "No Strings Attached" is in its near final version and only some fine tuning can be done at this point.

Northmont left this afternoon (Thursday) for Indianapolis and will be performing its show at 9:30PM tonight. The band will then spend part of the day Friday practicing before attending the Friday evening awards ceremony. At the conclusion of that ceremony, there will be an announcement of the approximately 32 bands for the Saturday morning and afternoon semi-finals. Northmont's goal is to be one of the semi-finalists and perform again on Saturday. From

the approximately 32 semi-finalists, 12 will be named finalist bands and they will perform again Saturday evening to determine the Grand Champion.