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Bandmen prepare for bowl

While most Texas A&M students disengaged from extracurricular activities last week to concentrate on final exams, the Texas Aggie Band kept on going.

Aggie bandmen have been preparing for halftime of the Dec. 31 Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl.

It will be the third straight bowl appearance with the Aggie football team by the band. The Houston Astrodome outing will be the Aggie Band's 31st football drill in three years, including trips to Memphis and El Paso for the Liberty and Sun Bowls. Fifteen of the 31 were road trips.

The band will arrive in Houston early Dec. 31 for a 10 a.m. practice, reported Lt. Col. Joe T. Haney, director.

The Aggies and Southern Cal Trojans kick off their Astro-Bluebonnet clash at 7 p.m. The game will be televised by Mizlou, with 93 percent national pickup.

Haney said the Houston appearance will include pregame show participation with the USC Trojan Band. The Aggie Band will play the National Anthem. The visiting band will provide music for presentation of the Astro-Bluebonnet queen.

"The band will be the only halftime activities," Haney said. "Since we're the host band, Southern Cal will go first."

He said the Aggie Band performance will feature a spread entrance, "flying 'M' formation" and "double diamond" drill. Part of the eight-

minute drill will spread the over 60 yards of the field.

Shortly after, all 264 members will be between the 45 yard line the Aggie Band's unique "blend merge." It will be set up by a line of minstrel turns.

The traditional block T will conclude the performance.

Field direction is provided by three drum majors, Bruce Harlow of Dallas, Lynn Balinas of Houston and James Earl of San Antonio.

of Texas A&M's Corps of Cadets, Joe Spann of Athens, Ga., Boehm of Angleton and Grady ret of Marlin command battalion-size Artillery and Bands.

Death of 'Pilgrim' the whale remains a mystery to vets

After two weeks of tests, the death of "Pilgrim," the rare pygmy sperm whale, remains as mysterious as ever.

Texas A&M University veterinarians, however, have ruled out speculation that a toxic renal condition and ear canal parasites were contributing factors.

Dr. Gayman Helman, clinical associate in Texas A&M's Veterinary

Pathology Department, said Friday no exact cause of death for the 1,000-pound mammal had been discovered after an autopsy and microscopic tissue studies.

"This is not uncommon, especially in marine animals," he said. "We don't know their history or where they came from. We don't have any owners to fill in the details."

"This is a rare species, and this is

probably only about the fourth fifth of its kind to ever be studied closely," added Helman.

The whale was found beached on Galveston Island Thanksgiving and was named "Pilgrim" in honor of the occasion. The mammal was opened the following day at Sea World where it was taken over by rescuers.

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MORE PLAYOFF RESULTS TOMORROW

Look for more playoff results in tomorrow's Battalion. The second day issue will wrap up the McDonald's sports for the fall semester. Be watching for your team or just check to see who won your division.

Job Availability

The journalist position for this McDonald's page will soon be open for anyone interested in writing sports articles and coordinating photography for intramural activities. Persons interested, should contact Pat Keller at the IM Office as soon as possible (845-7826).

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This ad is sponsored by McDonald's on University Drive and under the direction of the Intramural Office. Stories are by Larry Parker and photos are by Corey Gaskill.

Nancy Schtotterbeck polishes her bowling ball to the amusement of her team mate Mike Becker and opponents Susan Knoeller and Bob Bollinger. These two teams are in the finals of the Co Rec bowling competition.

Bowl-Off to come

The best bowlers will be finishing up their playoffs on December 11. But, the division winners deserve recognition for their efforts. If anyone is interested in knowing times for specific games during playoffs, check by the IM Office.

Corps	Men's A L-2	Men's B SQ 4	Men's C SQ 2
Fish	SQ 2 #1	SQ 4	
Indp.	Pure Trash	Swampbats III	
Dorm	Dunn #8	Davis-Gary 6B	Moses #5
	Women's A 3 Turkeys	Women's B Lucky Strikes	Women's C
Indp.	Mosher #7	Mosher #1	Mosher #15
Dorm	Co-Rec A Two Late	Co-Rec B US vs. Wesley Firecrackers	Co-Rec C Wesley Falcons vs. Hillel

Soccer Finalist

Men's and women's soccer teams will finish their division playoffs December 11. Special games will have to be played in the Spring Semester to decide if A&M will have an All-University Soccer Champion. This is how the soccer teams stand as they end their division playoffs.

Corps	Men's A C-2 #1 vs. E-1	Men's B K-2 vs. Moses	Men's C none
Fish	SQ 11 vs. SQ 3	none	none
Dorm	Dunn vs. Hotard	Legett vs. Hotard	none
Indp.	Central Am. vs. Hensel Stars	Sea Serpents vs. Mexico	Heads vs. Metatarsals
	Women's A Mosher Machines vs. Tang Gang	Women's B none	Women's C none
	Co-Rec A Atoms vs. All in the Family	Co-Rec B none	Co-Rec C none

Football Superball Champs

The IM football season has come to a close with another record turnout in participation; not just in football, but all of the IM sports. Here are the new All-University champs for the 1977 year.

Men's A Winners Sebek Bunch	Men's B Winners Hart #1	Men's C Winners Schuhmacher
Women's A LD 50s	Women's B Fowler #1	Women's C Zeta Tau Alpha
Co-Rec All-University Champs Class A BSU 6	Class B Lee's Army	Class C Briarwood Bananas



The runner from Jockey Underware, a class B flag football team trends his way through two defenders from Hart in the final game to determine the championship.

IM SPORT SHORTS

THE HOLIDAY RUSH

The IM Office will close December 23. All people who have business to conduct at the IM Office should come by as soon as possible.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Old bowlers never die, they just end up in the gutter.
N. Ann Alley

T-SHIRTS ARE IN

All individual winners in Class A, B, and C competition are asked to come by the IM Office. Team winners should send their team captain or a representative to pick up t-shirts for the entire team. The purpose of this measure is to avoid confusion and extra work for the IM people. The styles are new and different, so, hurry by.

"I SPY" COME ON BY

All people that were "I Spy" winners should come by the IM Office and pick up their BOG (BOG Our Guest) cards from the McDonald's Restaurant on University Drive. These cards are redeemable for food at local McDonald's.