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Bands to share field at A&M-UT game

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For the first time ever, the Aggie Band will perform along side of the Longhorn Band in a joint salute to the University of Texas' centennial of football during halftime of the UT - A&M game on Thanksgiving Day in Austin.

Col. Ray Toler, director of marching and concert bands at Texas A&M University, said both bands would be doing their routines before the grand finale.

"We're gonna do our drill then they'll do theirs and then we'll come back out on the field and play two songs with (the Longhorn Band)," Toler said.

Matt Daniel, head drum major of the Aggie Band, said the bands won't actually be marching together during halftime.

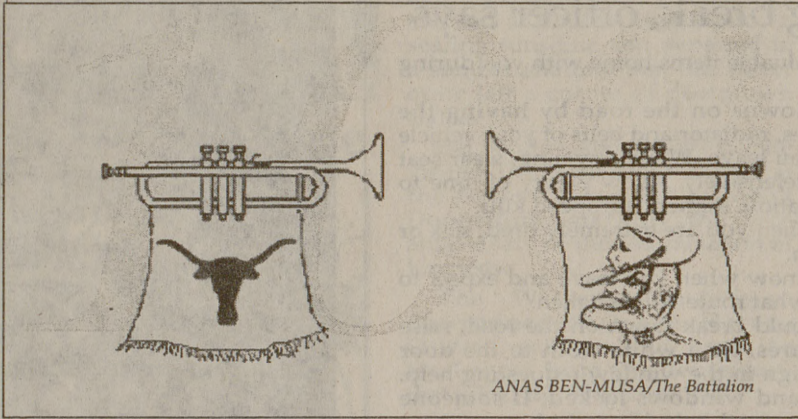
"We're not really marching with them, we're just there to enhance their performance during a salute to their football program," Daniel said.

Daniel, a senior recreation and parks major from DeSoto, Texas said A&M will begin the performance with a military song as the two bands move toward mid-field.

"We'll play first and then wait in the south end zone for UT to finish," Daniel said. "They will be in the north end zone and we'll march toward mid-field mirroring them and then play two songs."

The two songs both bands will play together are "Stars and Stripes Forever" and "Texas Our Texas." Following the two-song set there will be a fireworks display.

Jerry Lockhart, assistant director of the Longhorn Band, said he was surprised and excited about the performance.



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"It's the first time this has ever happened," Lockhart said. "It ought to be really great."

There were initially concerns of whether the Aggie Band would be marching during halftime of the University of Texas and Texas A&M football game at all, but they were put to rest before the

season even began.

Before the 1992 football season, the Director of the Music Department at the University of Texas, Glenn Richter, spoke with Toler about the possibilities of neither the Aggie Band nor the Longhorn Band marching at halftime.

"The Southwest Conference allots each school's band a certain amount of time on the field during halftime," and Toler said A&M was not willing to sacrifice their performance in Austin.

UT had been planning a special halftime production to celebrate their 100th year of football which involved some very elaborate effects, and it would have kept both university's bands in the stands.

"Nothing was actually locked in concrete but they wanted to do a laser show and that would have involved turning out the stadium

lights," Toler said.

The halogen lamps used in football stadiums, when turned off, take several minutes to warm up before providing full illumination on the field. Toler said if the lights were turned off before the Aggie Band took the field, there would not be sufficient time for the lights to warm back up, and people would not be able to see the performance.

Although the issue of halftime performances has been solved, A&M and UT are still at odds concerning two other Aggie traditions.

For the second time, UT will not allow A&M to form "boot line" during halftime, nor will UT allow Parsons Mounted Cavalry to bring their cannon.

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ROYCE ROSENHAUCH/Special to The Battalion

In preparation for their pantomime performance at Rudder Tower, Cyril Mathai and Ray Tarrant adjust their make up. They performed Saturday afternoon with the Chi Alpha Christian

Fellowship Pantomime Team, IMAGES, before the football game. Mathai, a freshman premed major, and Tarrant, a general studies major, perform Christian pantomimes to sharing their faith.

Saw Varsity's horns off . . .

Vandals deface Texas' stadium

By GARY P. CARROLL

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University of Texas officials are investigating a case of vandalism in which the horns of the Bevo logo were cut from the turf of Memorial Stadium late last Wednesday night.

The size of the dimensions of the turf cut out of the stadium were approximately six feet by three feet, and University of Texas officials said they have no leads and no suspects regarding the incident which caused more than \$7,500 in damage to the stadium.

The person or persons responsible for the incident broke into Memorial Stadium Wednesday night and cut the horns off of the mid-field logo. Authorities found a pair of pliers and a knife left on the field.

The suspects then fled the stadium dropping one of the pieces of turf outside the stadium in a flower bed.

Doug Wilson of the UT Athletic Department said the damages would be repaired before the Thanksgiving Day game between Texas and Texas A&M, but he could not speculate on any extensive repairs that may need to be made.

"We're going to patch the two areas, but I don't know if we're going to have to replace the turf sideline to sideline," Wilson said.

If the turf is replaced sideline to sideline, Wilson said the \$7,500 damage estimate will skyrocket.

Lt. Robert Ewan of the University of Texas Police Department said they are not positive the vandalism to Memorial Stadium was done by A&M students, but they are exploring all possibilities.

"At this point we have no suspects, but we have been in contact with the police department at A&M," Ewan said.

Texas A&M University Police Chief Bob Wiatt said right now his officers are working with UT officials, but there is nowhere to go without a suspect.

"We have been in contact with Texas officials, we understand the incident occurred but that's all we have right now," Wiatt said. "We're not even sure that it was an Aggie that did it."

Sean McCaffrey, Class of '85 and Austin resident, said he feels certain an A&M student was re-

sponsible. McCaffrey said an anonymous caller called in to an Austin radio show and took responsibility for the incident.

"He said his name was 'Bob Hope' and that he had information that the horn would be on top of bonfire," McCaffrey said.

"I was in the Corps and the Ross Volunteers, and I know what good bull is," McCaffrey said, "but when you destroy \$7,500 of property that is not good bull."

According to sources in Austin, Head Football Coach John Mackovic was not upset over the incident and labeled it as just another incident of youthful indiscretion.

Mackovic and other members of the UT athletic department were unavailable for comment.

Damage heats up rivalry

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In 1963, the rivalry between the University of Texas and Texas A&M University was just as fiery and emotional as it is today.

However, in '63 the rivalry was intensified when students from A&M stole Bevo - the longhorn, steer mascot of UT.

Back in '63, the penalty for rustling cattle was still hanging - a hefty penalty for a seemingly harmless prank.

The students were not hanged, and the laws have since been changed, but the rivalry between the University of Texas and Texas A&M University has remained - and this rivalry was recently renewed.

Late last Wednesday night, the horns of Bevo - UT's mascot - painted on the turf of Memorial Stadium were cut off and stolen.

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Pepsi brings TV to bonfire

Big screen to show commercial, game highlights at event

By GINA HOWARD

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Modern technology will meet established tradition with the addition of a big screen television to the Texas Aggie Bonfire.

The "Jumbo-Tron" television will be situated next to the main platform and will serve several different purposes, said Dr. William Kibler, associate director of student affairs and bonfire adviser.

"The main purpose will be especially yell practice and the interviews so people far away can see, but it will also be showing highlights of the season and the University," Kibler said.

The television is made possible by funding from Pepsi, said Penny Zent, development director for KAMU-TV.

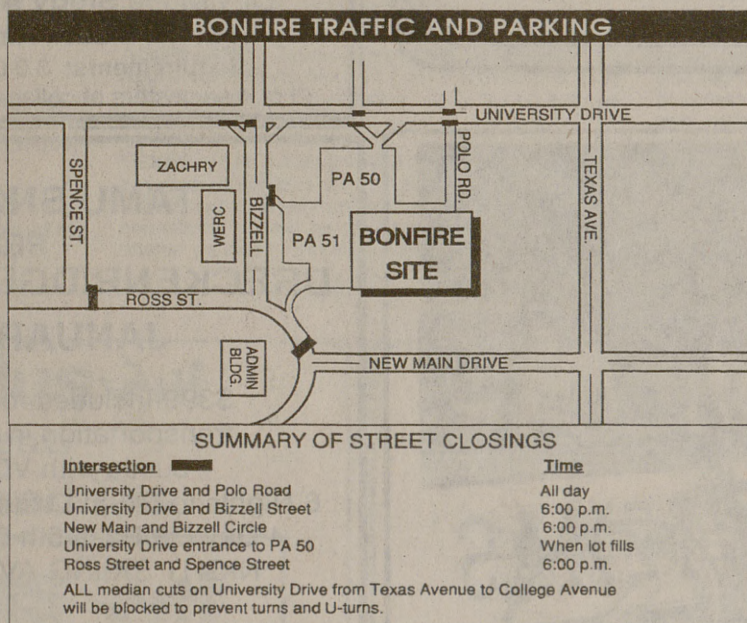
"We have made provisions through Pepsi to bring in the Jumbo-Tron," Zent said.

The pre-bonfire program on the screen will include game replays and highlights, responsible drinking announcements and Pepsi product commercials.

In addition, there will be a special showing of "We've Never Been Licked" after bonfire.

The broadcast shown on the screen will be the same as what people watching bonfire in their homes will see, Kibler said.

The 9-by-12 foot screen will be on the field and operational from 6-11 p.m.



Local police ready for bonfire crowds

By GINA HOWARD

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Local law enforcement agencies have spent weeks preparing to deal with potential problems at the new site of the 1992 Texas Aggie Bonfire.

The College Station Police Department hopes to avoid problems by keeping people informed, said Maj. Mason Newton, bonfire night

coordinator for the CSPD.

"Hopefully, we will be able to avoid a lot of accidents and hard feelings about the police by getting the word out and keeping everyone informed," Newton said. "We are hoping that people will use the only safe parking there is - the parking garages and lots."

Businesses in the east gate area have been warned and given their

"The behavior of the crowd has been much more restrained and remarkable than before we started to crackdown on alcohol. The crackdown was precipitated because of raucous, disgusting behavior at a family event."

- Bob Wiatt, director UPD

rights, Newton said. "They can allow parking or charge (for parking) without any problem, plus we have given them the information on towing regulations," he said.

Bryan-College Station Transit buses will not be running during bonfire, said Lyle Nelson, assistant administrator for transit services.

"If there is some assurance that there will be somewhere close by for the buses to safely load and unload, then we will," Nelson said. "As the situation stands, it would not be feasible for us to run."

If the situation warrants their use, 12 buses may run on bonfire night, Nelson said.

"We're looking at removing 1,500 cars from the bonfire site, and it would be very fortunate if we could do that," he said. "As it

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A&M defensive lineman Sam Adams wraps up TCU running back Curtis Modkins during the Aggies' 37-10 win Saturday. See related stories/Page 5.