

the sports

viewpoint

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Weekend of fights  
was a real knockout

In its three short years of existence, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fight Night has finally come of age. Not only has the quality of fighters progressed with each year of existence, the event has ballooned into one of the highlights of the spring semester at Texas A&M.

Held this year at the Brazos County Pavilion — an excellent facility for holding such an event — 75 contestants and 66 fights were squeezed into 17 hours of boxing Friday and Saturday. While the blood was flowing inside the ring, in the stands the beer was being consumed at a record rate. The Sig Eps sold 54 kegs Friday night alone and a total of 101 kegs this year, compared to 52 total kegs sold last year.

For last year's event the Sig Eps purchased a regulation-size ring in an attempt to upgrade the quality of boxing. This year the fraternity spent \$800.00 on equipment for the two-day affair, purchasing a new pad and canvas for the ring.

The new equipment was put to good use as there were eight technical knockouts (TKO) and two knockouts (KO) in the tournament.

Carl Kickham, fighting in the lightweight open division, once again came away with the divisional championship, earning a unanimous decision over Bob Pope in the night's first championship bout. Kickham, fighting this year under the team name of American Amicable Life, had to win fights over Richard Campbell and Kim Thomas to make it into Saturday's championship.

"I had to train a lot more for this year's tournament," Kickham said after his final fight. "These guys were a lot meaner than the three I had to fight last year."

"Because I'm short (standing about 5-foot-5) I have to stay in close, be aggressive and not get hurt. I can't think about losing. I have to stay positive."

Kickham's philosophy rubbed off on his teammate, Brian Rice. For the second year in a row, Rice won the open middleweight division crown, earning a unanimous decision over Scott Holman.

Rice's and Kickham's victories were enough to earn the American Amicable team 6½ points and a first-place tie with Puryear Hall. Puryear was paced by David St. Germain's victory in the open light heavyweight division and Larry "Buck" Buchanan's victory in the open heavyweight division.

St. Germain's championship came on a first round KO of Kyle Janek. Buchanan earned a unanimous decision over Mark Wetzel in the finals of the heavyweight division.

In the Greek lightweight division, Eddie Burris, representing Pi Kappa Alpha, won a unanimous decision over Sig Ep Billy Fisher. Greg Propst, also of Pi Kappa Alpha, won the Greek middleweight division with a unanimous decision over Billy Waddell of Sigma Chi.

In the only split decision of the eight championship fights, Dana Grams of Sigma Chi, fighting as a light heavyweight, earned a decision over Ed Simmons of Sigma Phi Epsilon. Confusion followed the conclusion of the bout when it was announced that Simmons was the winner. After conferring with the ringside judges, Grams was ruled the winner of the fight.

In the night's last fight, 205-pound Mike Bailey, fighting for Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, KOed 199-pound Sig Ep Bobby Howell at 1:21 in the first round to win the Greek heavyweight division.

For the third year in a row, Sigma Phi Epsilon took team honors in the Greek division with a seven-point total. Sigma Chi and Pi Kappa Alpha tied for second with six points apiece.

A unique aspect of this year's Fight Night was the variety of entertainment offered the spectators. Besides the fighting in the ring Friday night, a few of the spectators were caught up in the action and decided to mix it up themselves. And it wasn't restricted to the males in the audience as two female fans disagreed to the point of physically abusing each other.

Saturday night, sororities participated in pillow fights, pitting two members from two sororities in the ring for two 30-second rounds, with the winner decided by the crowd's applause. The girls took the fights seriously.

In the finals, matching Delta Zeta against Kappa Alpha Theta, a member of Delta Zeta was KOed in the second round and remained unconscious for several minutes. The first annual pillow fight championship was awarded to Kappa Alpha.

The Kappa Pickers, members of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, supplied musical entertainment for the crowd before Saturday night's finals began.

This is the fourth Fight Night I've attended, one at Stephen F. Austin, another at Texas Tech and the last two held here at Texas A&M. Gary Childress, this year's chairman, and the rest of the members of Sigma Phi Epsilon can be proud of the job done this year. I have never attended such an event that was run so smoothly.

Those of you who missed the two-day affair missed not only some good boxing but one heck of a good time as well.

Play St. Mary's today

Ags take two from Owls

By DAVID BOGGAN  
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Mark Thurmond and Allan Ramirez are possibly the two best pitchers in the Southwest Conference. Depending on who you talk to, both have been mentioned as the best man on the mound in the league.

Last weekend's Texas A&M-Rice series in Houston brought Thurmond, the Aggies' senior left-hander, and Ramirez, the Owls' senior right-hander, together so that baseball fans could make their own comparison.

But deciding who is the best still might not be all that easy; both Thurmond and Ramirez won their games in the series. Ramirez was credited with the 2-0 victory in the series opener Friday afternoon and Thurmond won Saturday's first game 18-5.

The most interesting game of the series, however, came with Ramirez's arm still sore from his work the previous day and with Thurmond applying ice to his left shoulder.

In the hitters' duel that was Saturday's nightcap, Texas A&M's freshman, Bobby Taylor, was credited with the Aggies' 11-8 victory.

Before the final out, the Aggies had collected 14 hits off of Rice pitching.

Texas A&M's clean-up batter Kyle Hawthorne set the scoreboard in action in the first inning with a 380-foot grand slam homerun. The Aggies scored two more runs in the first, and after a half inning of play,

Rice fans were already starting to leave.

But the Owls maintained faith in themselves and scored four runs off of six hits in the first inning. Rice continued to chase the Aggies, collecting 11 hits off of Aggie pitching, but the Owls could get no closer than an 8-7 deficit in the third inning.

"In that last game we just had some breakdowns on defense out there," Texas A&M coach Tom Chandler said. "But it did seem to make things interesting."

Hawthorne, who along with designated hitter Rodney Hodde had two homeruns Saturday afternoon, said that the Aggies' fast start might have had something to do with Rice's comeback.

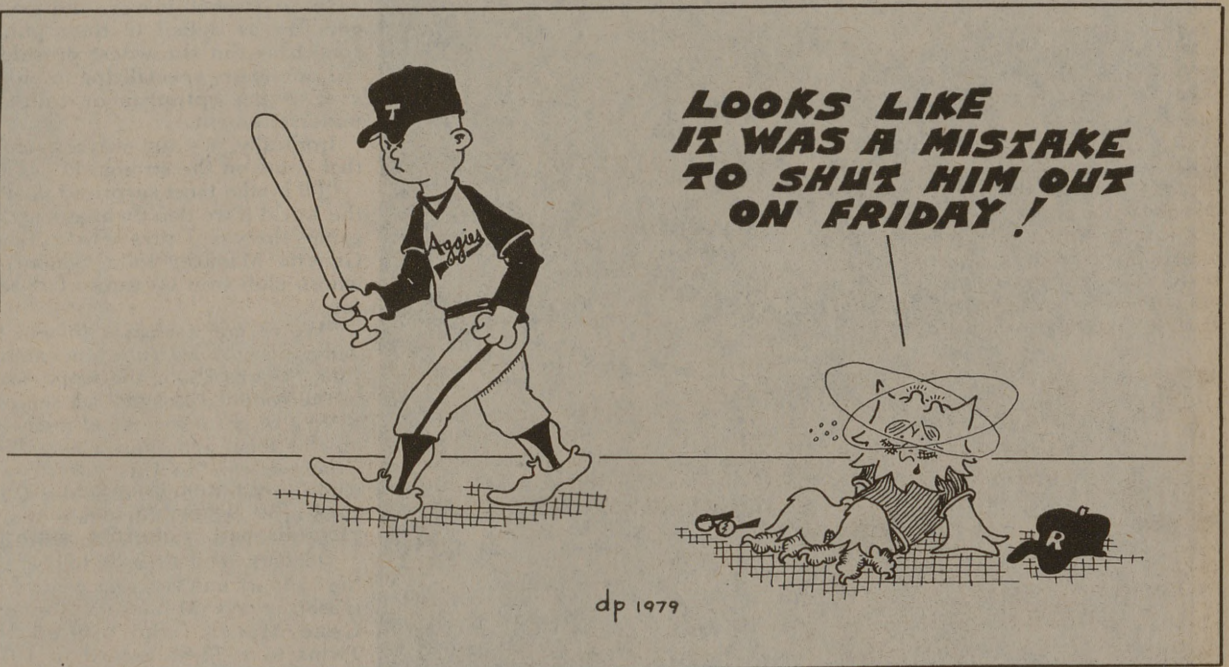
"Maybe we relaxed a little after the first inning and let them come back," Hawthorne said. "Overall, Rice is not a good team. But they're a proud team. They don't want to lose just like anybody else doesn't want to lose."

In Friday's game, Texas A&M's Mark Ross gave up only six hits, but the Aggies could not score any runs off Ramirez.

"We just weren't hitting," Chandler said. "And I think that we might have been overmatched by Ramirez."

Ramirez scattered five hits and Jim Michalek drove in two runs with a double in Friday's contest.

Ramirez was never in serious trouble in going the distance for the Owls to pick up his third win of the season. It was the first SWC loss for



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Aggie notes

Ags place second

The Texas A&M softball team finished second in the Sooner Invitational in Norman, Okla., last weekend.

The Aggies lost their opening game to Southwest Missouri, then defeated Northwestern, Kansas State, Minnesota, UT-Arlington and Oklahoma State before losing to Texas Women's University in the finals, 2-0.

The Aggies, who will host Indiana at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Travis Park, have a season record of 8-5.

Track

The Texas A&M women's track team finished first in its own meet Saturday at Bryan Stadium.

The Aggies had eight first-place finishers: javelin, Donna Branch, 147-18; long jump, Linda Waltman, 18-3½; discus, Vickilee Cobern, 138-9½; 100-meter hurdles, Waltman, 14.0; 880-meter run, Waltman, 2:15.4; 400-meter hurdles, Cindy Bartlett, 1:03.6; two-mile run, Lorie Scott, 11:00.29; mile-relay team, 3:58.3.

Team points in the meet: Texas A&M, 174; Houston, 86; North Texas State, 72; Texas Southern, 62; Oklahoma State, 45; Sam Houston State, 40; Stephen F. Austin, 28; Lamar, 20; Texas Women's University, 15; Texas A&I, 15; Baylor, 9; East Texas State, 9; UT-Arlington, 6; West Texas State, 5; Rice, 1.

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Handball

Richard Harrison, a freshman management major, has been invited to compete in the national handball championships in Coral Gables, Fla., May 5-12.

Harrison, a member of the Texas A&M handball club, received the invitation after he won the Southwest United States Handball Association divisional championship (novice division) in Austin March 4.

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