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Self-defense show given to Aggies

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Bodies went tumbling, boards went flying, knives flashed and screams were heard from the stage. But it wasn't a barroom brawl. It was all part of a hapkido demonstration in Texas A&M University's Rudder Theater Tuesday night.

Hapkido is a Korean form of martial art similar to karate in movement but not in style. Hapkido's principle is to develop the body and soul at one time.

Phillip Long, a Texas undergraduate second-degree blackbelt illustrated some self-defense moves.

Many moves result in placing the attacker in a vulnerable position, Long said. Concentration is on the hands, he said. "If you control the hands, you control the person."

Breathing and mind control is very important in hapkido, Long said. The key to controlling the body is through controlling the mind, he said.

Long broke boards with his hands, feet, head and elbows. He explained

that he first relaxed, then concentrated all his energy on the part of the body that was going to penetrate the board. Through hard concentration, he did not feel any pain, he said.

Dr. Eric Deudon, a Texas A&M French professor, demonstrated a method of jujitsu for defense against an attacker with a knife.

The method consists of getting out of the path of the knife fast quickly and at the right time. Deudon stressed that a knife-armed attacker should be faced bare-handed only as a last resort. "Don't hurt yourself if you can avoid it," he said.

The Hapkido Club, which sponsored the demonstration, is a newly recognized student organization. The three instructors, Long, Deudon and Muneharu Sato, a blackbelt in kempo, will conduct classes four days a week. Kempo is another form of martial arts.

The classes will not be limited to strictly hapkido, Deudon said. Techniques of jujitsu and kempo will also be shown, he said.



Battalion photo by Cindy Calvin

Brad Furry lunges with a knife in hand as Dr. Eric Deudon protects himself using the martial art of hapkido. Furry and Deudon were demonstrating techniques of self-defense before an audience of 25 at Rudder Theater Tuesday night. The event was sponsored by the Korean Hapkido Society.

A&M 14th in merit scholars

Three Texas universities — Rice, Texas A&M University and the University of Texas at Austin — rank among the top 15 institutions in the country in enrollment of National Merit Scholars.

Rice ranks third nationally, with 498 of the high-achievement students, headed only by Harvard/Radcliffe with 810 and Washington University with 504.

Texas A&M ranks 14th, with 194 National Merit Scholars. That places it first among public institutions in the Southwest and fifth among public institutions nationally. UT-Austin is next with 190.

Following Rice in the national rankings are (in order) Yale, Michigan State, Princeton, Georgia Tech, MIT, Stanford, Ohio State, Carleton College and the University of Chi-

cago. Other Texas schools showing more than ten merit scholar enrollments in the 1978-79 National Merit Scholarship Corporation annual report are: Baylor, 108; SMU, 78; TCU, 62; Texas Tech and Trinity, 46 each; University of Houston, 29; Austin College, 26; University of Dallas, 19; North Texas State, 18 and Abilene Christian, 15.

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By DEBBIE NELSON
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