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Corps, fraternity relations helped

'Charity Bowl' aids organizations

By Tracy Staton
Reporter

"One — two — three!"
"Aaaaaay — Gig 'em, KA!"
It was Aggie football in miniature, complete with yell leaders, announcers, officers of the day and a crowd of 500.

But the "Charity Bowl" was a contest between the Kappa Alpha fraternity and the Corps of Cadets.

By winning the game 13-0, the fraternity earned 60 percent of the admission proceeds — about \$600 — for its philanthropy, the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The remaining 40 percent went to the Corps' chosen charity, United Way.

The organizations' benevolence was more than monetary, however. The game was a step toward interaction between two traditionally disparate groups.

Zane Russell, who organized the Corps team, said the game will help relations between the members.

"We both respected each other more after the game," Russell said. "It started out like a war, but we ended up having fun."

But the players were not the only people having fun.

The announcers, Bob Zagotta and Shawn Smith, kept the spectators entertained with a running patter of jokes and gags. Sometimes they were unatuned, but so involved with being comedians, they forgot to keep abreast of the game's statistics.

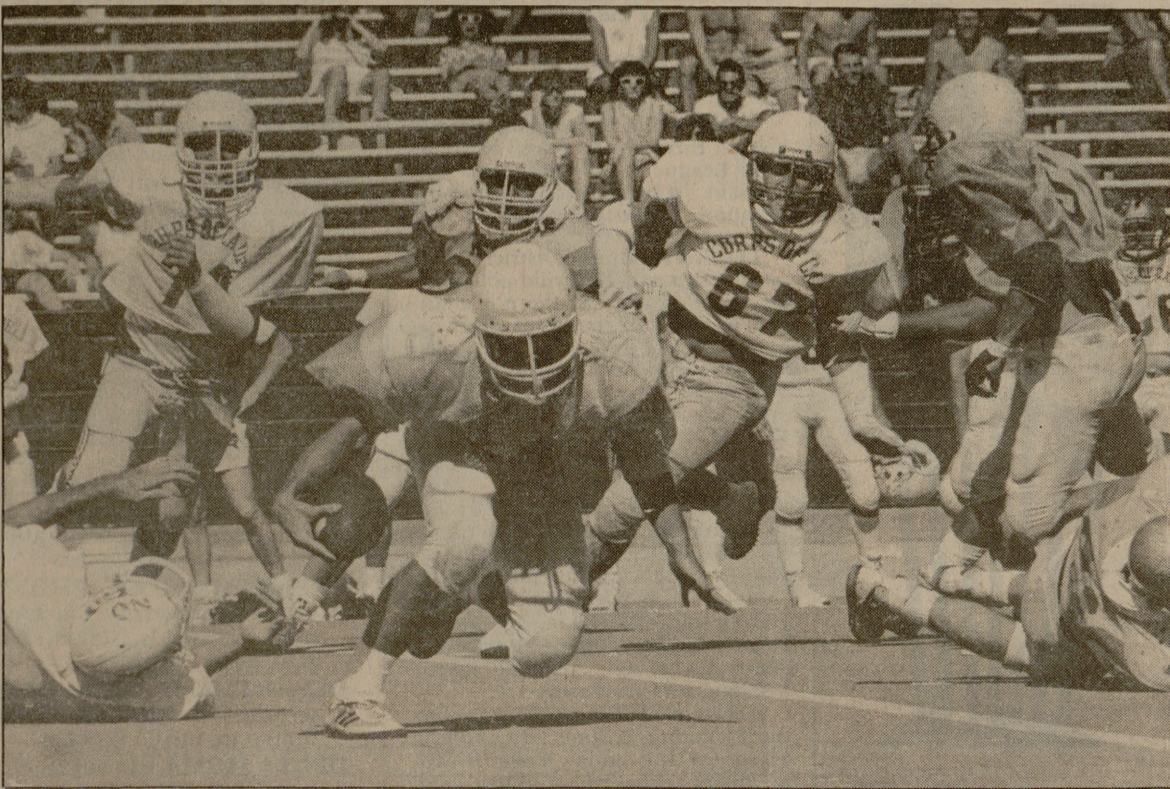
"The ball is on the . . . uh, on the field," Zagotta improvised when he didn't know the line of scrimmage.

The two men also tried to promote better relations between the groups.

"Won't you be my neighbor?" Smith asked the crowd.

Blake Harrison, offensive captain for Kappa Alpha, also caught the neighborly spirit.

"We don't have that much contact with the Corps," Harrison said. "Competing for a good cause was also an opportunity for us to understand each other better."



Kappa Alpha quarterback Blake Harrison, number 14, scrambles away from Corps defenders to gain seven yards in the Charity Bowl game Saturday at Kyle Field. Kappa Alpha won the game, 13-0. Proceeds will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the United Way.

Photo by Tracy Staton

Craig Meek, the team's defensive coordinator, agreed with Harrison.

"It was a start for us working with the Corps," Meek said. "It's something that can continue, and should continue — us working with each other and not against each other."

This interaction could continue, as both teams want to make the game an annual event.

"Next year we want to open the competition to all the fraternities, and to as many teams as the Corps wants to put together," Meek said. "We'll make it a tournament, and all

the proceeds will go to Muscular Dystrophy."

This year's game was the culmination of several weeks of hard practice for both teams. One cadet bruised his collarbone and three fraternity members sustained knee and ankle injuries.

Russell was nonplussed by the injuries.

"We all knew we were taking a risk when we signed up to play," he said. "You can get hurt riding your bicycle almost as easily as playing football."

The risk of injury posed some problems for Russell when he tried

to get equipment from the Athletic Department.

"When I called to find out about getting pads for the players, they went on and on about someone getting hurt," Russell said.

The department would not let either team use benches or first-down markers. The Kappa Alphas set up their own sound system because they weren't allowed to use the system at the field, Russell said.

"I don't understand why they wouldn't cooperate," Russell said. "We support them, I think they should support us, especially since it was for charity."

Paper says US, Mexico agree to shipments of hazardous waste

HOUSTON (AP) — The United States and Mexico have signed an agreement allowing shipment of hazardous wastes between the two nations for processing and disposal, and much of it is expected to pass through Texas, the *Houston Post* reported Sunday.

In a copyright story, the *Post* said the agreement has surprised some state officials because, they say, it appears not to require notification of officials in Texas or other states bordering Mexico.

"This damn stuff is coming through this state, and the federal regulations don't require them to notify state agencies about it," a state official who asked not to be identified told the newspaper.

But Environmental Protection Administration officials said Texas authorities may be misconstruing the agreement's language and regulations for enforcing it too narrowly.

Texas officials discovered the agreement earlier this year when University of Texas graduate students doing research on hazardous wastes shipments and materials were routinely handed a copy of the EPA regulations during a trip to Washington.

At least one group in Mexico also is startled by the agreement.

"We don't want our country to be a receiver of toxic wastes," said Manuel Fernandez, president of the Mexican Conservation Federation in Mexico City.

"What are we going to do with it?" Fernandez said. "Even if it is brought here legally, nobody knows what to do with it."

Although EPA records in Washington show only limited use so far of the 5-month-old agreement to ship the materials into Mexico, the practice is expected to increase significantly as chemical plants and other industries try to find means of treating and disposing hazardous wastes at prices cheaper than those charged by commercial processors in this country.

And traffic in hazardous wastes

across Texas is expected to increase accordingly, the *Post* reported.

The U.S.-Mexico agreement, signed last November, is an "annex" to a treaty on the environment signed at La Paz, Mexico, in 1983. Under the revised agreement, a company in this country must find a firm in Mexico willing to accept the wastes.

Mexico's government has to approve the deal and notify the U.S. embassy in Mexico City.

Man indicted for carrying gun at A&M

A member of the U.S. Coast Guard, suspected of leading Texas A&M police on a 25-minute foot chase on Feb. 22 after being spotted totting a gun inside a dormitory hallway, has been indicted on charges of unlawfully carrying the weapon.

Gus Grammas, 20, of Cutter Point Monroe in Freeport, was indicted Thursday by a Brazos County grand jury on charges of "places weapons prohibited," District Attorney Bill Turner explained that it is illegal to carry weapons on campus, since A&M is a state-run institution.

Grammas was taken into custody Feb. 22 in PA 30, the parking area behind the north campus dormitories, after he led University Police on a chase from Dorm 9 through the Commons area.

Police Chief Elmer Schneid said Grammas was carrying a .40-caliber automatic, two clips of ammunition and was wearing a bullet-proof vest all stolen from the Coast Guard Cutter Point Monroe.



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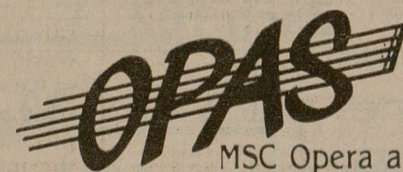
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