

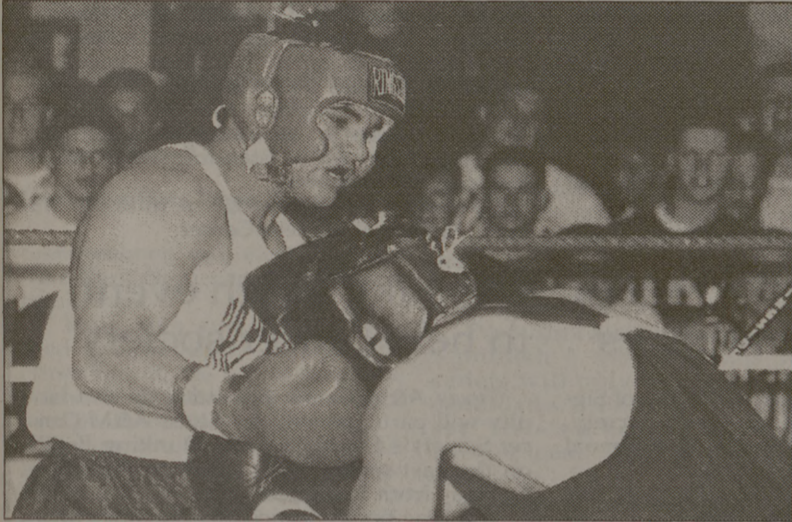
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## Aggies take to the ring to benefit scholarship fund



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Bobby Alfonso, a member of Kappa Alpha Order, lands a punch on Jeremy Kerth of Sigma Alpha Epsilon during a Fight Night final.

By WILLIAM HARRISON

The Battalion

The 17th annual Fight Night concluded its three-day competition Saturday after pitting present and former Texas A&M students against each other in the boxing ring to fund a memorial scholarship for incoming A&M students.

Fight Night, coordinated by U.S.A. Boxing, began Thursday and ended Saturday, taking place at Charlie's Bar in College Station. For the events, fighters were split into an open division and a division for A&M's national Greek fraternity chapters.

Jose Martinez and Darrell Sears of U.S.A. Boxing worked as coaches in the boxers' corners for the event and said this was the first year steps were taken to sanction the bout by the American Boxing Federation.

"We had certified judges, certified referees, and all the rules and regulations were used - there were no infractions," Martinez said.

Martinez, who has lived in Bryan for five years and works as an employee at the federal prison camp, said he has coached amateur boxing for 25 years, boxed seven years, and said the event and the participants are better than they used to be.

To be sanctioned by the federation, Martinez said that the fighters were required to train before stepping into the ring.

"The time before it was just 'Fight Night,' and that's exactly what it was. These guys are a lot better than last year," he said.

Sears, the owner of Brazos Valley Boxing, said he was proud of the fighters that had trained with him, saying that many did not have a prayer before they Mar-

tinized and Sears helped them.

"The best thing we know how to do is give them confidence in themselves and their physical ability," Sears said.

Charles Piper, the owner of Charlie's, said that he was glad to have an opportunity for the business and to contribute to the charity.

Piper said the event was an overall success aside from moving pool tables to accommodate the crowd and boxing ring and having to stop serving alcohol early after dealing with police and a rowdy crowd Thursday night.

"The boxing federation has handled it real well," Piper said. "I haven't had to deal with anything other than the bar and crowd control."

"We had a few fights (in the crowd) the first night. We took care of that problem the second and third nights and everything

went smoothly," he said.

Piper said he was glad that the organizers moved Saturday's finals from 7 p.m. to 2 p.m. to accommodate the fighters' Easter holiday plans.

"It was a chance for me to draw some people on a usually-off weekend. If you're in town, you're at Fight Night," Piper said.

During the Greek finals on Saturday, a vocal crowd rooted on the fighters by chanting the letters of the fraternities they represented in the ring.

Eddie Rubio, a former student fighting for Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, captured the Greek welterweight title for the "Pikes" which tied Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity in points for the Greek overall championship.

However, Rubio, who is the owner of Legend's bar in College

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## Cadet campaign fines

### Board overturns election penalties

By GINA HOWARD

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The Texas A&M University Student Government Judicial Board voted early Thursday morning to overturn an Election Commission ruling to fine 24 cadets for violating election rules.

Will Haraway, Corps commander designate, said he was happy with the decision.

"Our main concern was that there was the perception the candidates had somehow cheated," Haraway said. "We were vindicated."

On April 1, the commission issued \$25 fines to each of the cadets running for various student offices because of a Corps senior staff memorandum distributed in Corps residence halls.

The memo, signed by Haraway, listed each cadet running for office and the office sought.

The Election Commission issued the fines after determining that the memo was distributed during illegal campaigning hours.

The candidates appealed as a group, citing the following points:

- The Corps memo was not campaign literature.

- The memo was distributed through an open mail system that all candidates had access to.

- The purpose of the memo was to encourage civic mindedness.

- The candidates cannot be held accountable for the actions of Haraway.

- The Corps cannot automatically be considered a supporter of the listed candidates.

The Judicial Board decided the memorandum was not campaign material, leaving no grounds for the commission to issue fines.

Michelle Cook, election co-

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## Foreign policy sustains inequities, lecturer says

By JASON COX

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Of all American disciplines, international affairs and foreign policy are the least representative of women said Texas A&M University's first woman professor Thursday.

"American foreign policy and its determination has been a complete monopoly of men since the beginning of history," said Dr. Betty Unterberger, a professor of history, during a lecture sponsored by the Women's Studies Research Colloquium.

Most of the women recognized for their work in foreign affairs are marginal, she said. Often, these women are wives of prominent men - none actually holding a position in their own right.

"When I was at the International Women's Conference some years ago, I realized how many brilliant and sensitive women there were who were trying to do

something about the great problems that confronted our world," said Unterberger, who specializes in American-Russian relations.

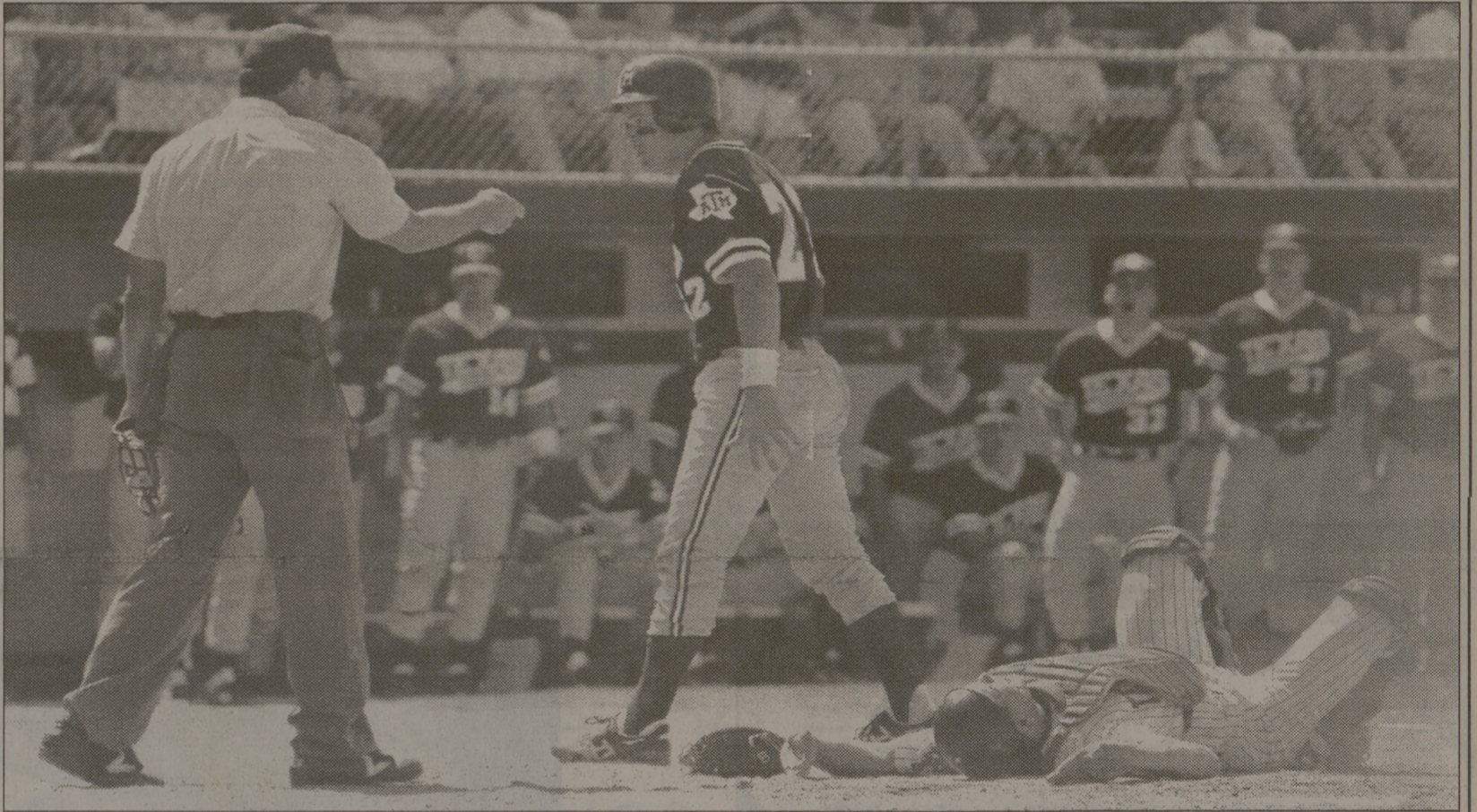
But foreign relations is not the only area where women will encounter inequities. Throughout her career, Unterberger said she encountered resistance from both male students and professors who felt her educational opportunities were a waste.

"When I received a fellowship to study at Duke, the head of the department spent two-and-a-half hours telling me why I had no right to be there, that I was taking bread out of the mouths of deserving male students who were going to get married and have families to support," she said. "I wonder where they thought my bread was going to come from."

Unterberger said she concentrated her efforts on research and went out of her way not to draw attention to herself.

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## Aggies knock out Tech in three games



KYLE BURNETT/The Battalion

Aggie first basemen John Curl, looks at the umpire in disbelief after being called out home plate in the third inning of the first game of Saturday's double header against Texas Tech. Curl slid into home,

knocking over Tech catcher Matt Smith who returned to his feet a minute later. The Aggies went on to win 11-4 and swept the three-game series with Tech. See story page 5.

## IDRA director focuses on educational needs

By CHERYL HELLER

The Battalion

It is the responsibility of educators and the community to support the educational needs of all children, not just affluent students, said Dr. Maria Robledo Montecel, executive director of the Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA).

Montecel served as keynote speaker Thursday of the "Valuing Children: The Quantum Leap" session of "Meeting the Challenge: Critical Issues in Education, Health and Employment for Racial Minorities in Texas," sponsored by the Race and Ethnic Studies Institute of Texas A&M

### New plan can offer minority children opportunities to succeed in learning

University.

In her speech, Montecel stressed the problems of minority children dropping out of school at high rates, attending schools with poor resources, and having parents pushed to the margins of school and society.

"In education, minority children and their families and communities are simply not seen," she said. "The way we have been dealing with these children is to say that they fail because they are dumb, and because their families don't have the right values."

But a new approach is necessary to give minority children an opportunity to learn and do well in school, Montecel said.

"I suggest that we need a world view in which all children are valuable, in which all children can learn, in which all families are worth our honor and respect, and in which excellent education is available to all," she said.

The way to a new approach is to begin to look for what can be done to support the child, and to treat all children as important, Montecel said.

"If you don't look for a new approach, you simply don't see the possibilities," she said. "You assume there's nothing to do, because you think that poverty and being a minority is going to affect achievement in school."

Montecel stressed the problems minority children may face when learning to read because many of them have been brought up in small homes with several people to a room and have learned to tune out noise.

"A new way of looking at the situation, instead of thinking the children can't learn to read because they are poor minorities, is

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## Hutchison opposes Clinton's economic package

By STEPHANIE PATILLO

The Battalion

State Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison said Thursday she will stand up against military cuts that are too much too fast and will filibuster with other Republican legislators against President Clinton's \$16 billion economic package if elected to the U.S. Senate May 1.

Bryan-College Station veterans and small businessmen joined Hutchison and Sen. John McCain, R-Arizona, at a round table discussion on "The Clinton Plan: Impact on the Texas Economy and Military" at the College Station Hilton Hotel.

Much of the panel's discussion focused on whether the Clinton economic plan will reduce spending.

"Clearly, Clinton's \$16 billion package has no long-term benefits," Hutchison said.

"The Democrats have taken two or three really good programs and surrounded them with an outrageous plan."

The only worthwhile programs are Headstart and job incentives for youths, she said.

The president's economic package will just spend more money, Hutchison said. She offered her own plan of starting with a set budget and sticking to it.

"To extend benefits, we should take from another budgeted item instead of increasing spending," she said.

Hutchison also said she wants to actively help small businesses. The lack of capital is the number one problem of small businesses,

she said. To help combat this problem, Hutchison advocated investment in these businesses.

"If we keep putting costs on small businesses, then they will keep on moving to places like Korea," Hutchison said.

McCain, a Vietnam veteran and member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, addressed current military cutbacks.

While the United States needs the ability to project power, he said, the country needs to draw down its strategic capabilities.

"We need to shift our capabilities from the strategic side to the conventional side," he said.

But despite cutbacks, the military needs to remain strong enough to ship troops and equipment quickly in adverse conditions, he said.

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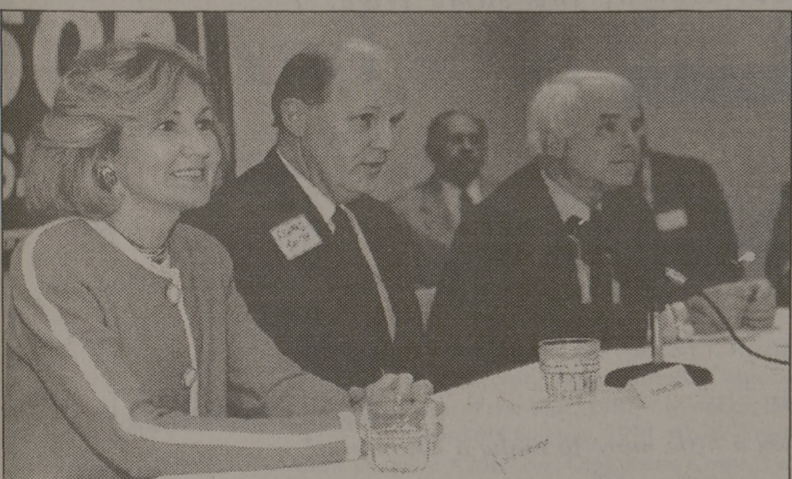
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DARRIN HILL/The Battalion

State Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison meets with a local group of veterans and small businessmen Thursday.