Fraternity members fight for charity Friday night

By Eric Bottjer

Of the Emerald On Friday night, about 20 fraternity members will don 16-ounce boxing gloves and step into the ring to fight for

The fraternity fighters will be competing in the annual All-Fraternity Boxing Smoker, organized by Phi Kappa Psi fraternity with proceeds going to the March of Dimes.

While the event usually promises to be exciting, spectators shouldn't expect to see another Muhammed Ali or "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler in the ring. Ken Larsen, who will be the referee for the smoker fights, says the event is set-up for novice boxers only.

"Someone with over 15 amateur fights has no business being in this." Larsen says. "We want guys with little or no

Boyd Sherbourne falls into that category. Sherbourne, a member of the Phi Delta Theta house, will fight in the heavyweight class, despite never having boxed before.

"I'm doing it for a new exprience." Sherbourne says. "A friend of mine who fought in last year's smoker suggested it, and I thought 'sure, why not.'

Barry Steinbock, who fought in last year's smoker, says he probably will box again this year. 'I'm having a little problem with my weight," he says. 'I'm at 150 right now, and I need to drop five pounds to make the lightweight limit.

Steinbock, a Phi Kappa Psi member, says he will be boxing for two reasons: "It feels good to do something for charity, and at the same time, do something to support my fraternity.

Although the fighters will be going at each other with all of their might, spectators also shouldn't expect to see any 'blood bath-type' bouts. Larsen is a seasoned boxing referee, and he says if a fight becomes too one-sided; he'll be quick to react.

"A referee's responsibility is to ensure the fighters' safety. he says. "If I see someone getting hurt, I won't hesitate to stop the fight."

That's not to say the bouts won't be exciting. Fighters have only three one-minute rounds for each fight, leaving little time for dancing around and jabbing.

ers will be in one of four weight classes: lightweight, 145 pounds and under; middleweight, 146-165 pounds: heavyweight, 166-185 pounds; and super-



The seventh annual Phi Kappa Psi All-Fraternity Boxing Smoker is slated for Friday night in the National Guard armory. The charity event will feature fraternity boxers in four separate weight divisions. Tickets will be \$2.50 and available at the door.

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All of the boxers competing are required to be either members or pledges of a fraternity.

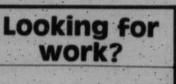
Last year's smoker raised \$1,000 for World Vision, an organization combating famine in Ethiopia. Larson says he hopes to raise at least the same amount from this year's event.

The smoker will be held Friday night at 2515 Centennial Blvd. in the National Guard armory. The first bout starts at 8 p.m., and the entire card should last about three hours.

Eric Larson, a Phi Kappa Psi member and chief organizer of this year's tournament, says the smoker will help shine a positive light on the Greek system.

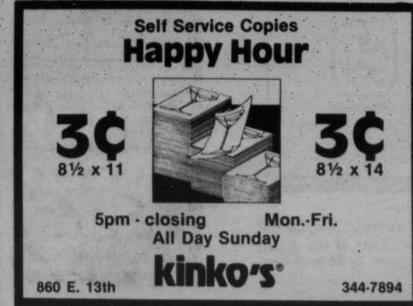
'Events like this show that Greeks do a lot of good for our community," Larson says. "We want to dispel the image that all fraternity guys do is drink beer and raise hell."

Beer and champagne coolers will be available at the event. Tickets are \$2.50 each, and will be sold at the door.



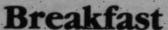


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