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Fraternity boxing event raises more than \$1,000 for charity

By Robert Collias
Of the Emerald

The annual Phi Kappa Psi Smoker, held Friday night at the National Guard Armory, was a success for charity that raised more than \$1,000 for the Merch of Dimes.

"It was definitely a success," said Phi Kappa Psi President Thomas Dilley. "There was a bigger crowd than we usually have."

More than 1,000 spectators were treated to some exciting matches. The smoker is designed for fighters with little or no experience, but the matches kept the fans entertained.

Although the event did not bring back memories of Joe Louis or Muhammed Ali, it did give fans a lot of entertainment for the \$2.50 admission price.

Because the each fight was only three one-minute rounds, they were usually action-packed.

"We didn't want any professional fighters out there," referee Ken Larson said. "This was strictly for the amateur guys."

A total of 24 competitors entered the ring in four different weight classes: the lightweight class, 145 pounds and under; the middleweight class,



Photo by Karen Stallwood

A large crowd enjoyed the excitement of amateur boxing Friday at the Phi Kappa Psi Smoker, which brought in more than \$1,000 for charity.

146-165 pounds; the heavyweight class, 166-185 pounds; and the superheavyweight class, 186 pounds and over.

Middleweights kicked off the night with five first-round fights. The fourth fight of the night brought the evening's only casualty, Sigma Chi's Jay Poe

dislocated his shoulder in his fight with Phi Kappa Psi's Scott Brown and was forced to leave the ring.

Ring announcer Ryan Hora gave a special feeling to the fights as he shouted out the announcements with all the enthusiasm of any New York Madison Square showman.

The event was a chance for the fraternity members to show some spirit for their favorite boxers. Chants of Kappa Sigma, Sigma Phi Epsilon or the like prevailed most of the evening.

"It really psyched me up," said Kappa Sigma's Chris Welborn, who was the runner-up in the heavyweight division. "I really felt good when I heard the guys cheering for me."

The winners in the four weight divisions received trophies for their efforts and the spectators' respect for going into battle.

In the lightweight final, Theta Chi's Don Beechcraft defeated Sigma Phi Epsilon's Scott Hamon.

Phi Kappa Psi's Shon Lindley captured the middleweight division with a win over Phi Delta Theta's Dennis Espinosa.

In the battle of the heavyweights, Sigma Phi Epsilon's Philip Parody defeated Kappa Sigma's Chris Welborn.

In the final match of the evening, Tau Kappa Epsilon's Frank Miller beat defending champion Charlie Spencer of Phi Delta Theta.

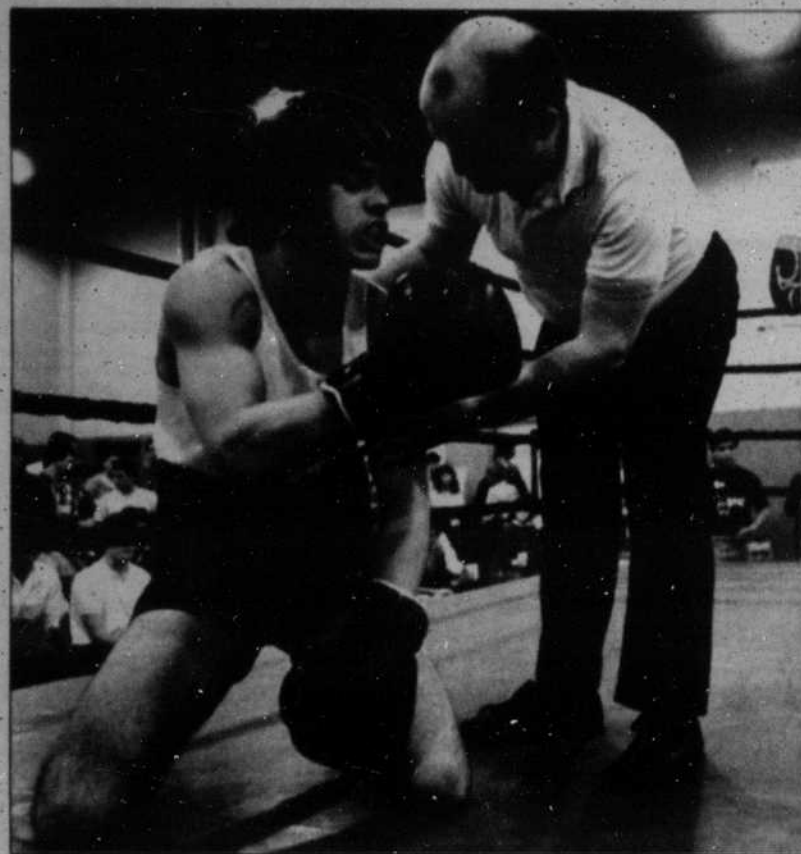


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Referee Ken Larson checks on the evening's casualty, Jay Poe, who dislocated his shoulder.

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