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## **Paddy Murphy Philanthropy**

April second marked the first time the North Dakota Alpha Chapter has sponsored their sorely missed Patty Murphy week in the last five years. Surrounded by some skepticism as to how the men of the alpha chapter would be able to organize the event despite not ever seeing it before, the chapter managed to organize a Patty Murphy week that earned them campus-wide acclaim and respect. The philanthropy itself, headed by Eric Miller, the chapter's Community Service Chair earned for the children's miracle network well over \$1400.00 through many events that spawned greek community wide participation.

The week included a variety of events that were praised by all sororities alike including a campus wide murder mystery, a jail set up in the union, an

auction of our men to the sororities for cleaning services, and a funeral procession with all the candidates which ran down University Avenue. Among all the events directed towards earning money for the cause the chapter was holding a competition for a chapter sweetheart and a sweetheart house. Competition for the coveted Patty Murphy Girl was extremely closely matched as well as competitive. In the end one woman was victorious, Laura Thompson, a Pi Beta Phi from Hatton, North Dakota was named the Patty Murphy Girl for 2003.

## **State of the Chapter Report**

(by EA Michael Noterman)

The North Dakota Alpha chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has started off the fall semester of 2003 on a good note. Rush was very successful for us with 18 young men pledging our fraternity.

They are well on their way in completing an eight-week pledge program.

The active chapter currently sits at 30 active members. It is unfortunate that Brother Ben Olson was not able to return to school this fall. This summer he found out that he had a benign brain tumor. Fortunately he was able to have it operated on and is doing very well. He has already made a couple of visits up to North Dakota and is expected to return in the spring of 2004. We would also like to welcome to the North Dakota Alpha chapter Brother Justin Christensen. Justin transferred from the Nebraska Iota chapter. Justin is a great guy and an even greater addition to our chapter, everyone is happy to have him here.

Homecoming was a great time this year. We were paired up with Delta Delta Delta and Beta Theta Pi. Our team took first place

in the Sioux Scream and finished 7<sup>th</sup> overall out of 21 teams. The homecoming dance/banquet was also a success. Almost all of the members were able to attend. The pledges also did a very nice job with the Pledge Song.

I would also like to congratulate Brother Nick West. Nick married his longtime sweet heart Theresa Jordan on September 20, 2003. The reception was held at the Touch of Magic in East Grand Forks and it was beautiful; thank you Nick for inviting us.

Overall the semester is going well and we are looking forward to having another wonderful year. Our entire chapter is looking forward to this years Province Tau leadership school in Fargo, ND. Maybe we'll see some of you there.

In the Bonds,  
Mike Noterman.

### **The Executive Council Makes Big Changes**

At the beginning of the Fall semester 2002 the men appointed to the executive council made a conscious effort

to make changes in the house that will serve to the betterment of all the members. Among some of those were more extensive alcohol and substance policies as well as risk management policy changes. Over the course of the year the executive council has drafted numerous bylaws and has brought about many new policies that have impacted the house greatly. One of the changes made, was the enforcement placed upon the members themselves to ensure the offices they were appointed to were being served well. This year alone, the executive council has proposed and passed seven bylaws, planned one of the most extensive and successful fall rushes, and revived the long standing tradition of the Paddy Murphy Philanthropy that had been long since lost. As well as the many things done to serve the community around them, they have also sufficiently increased house participation in campus events as well as internal brotherhood inside the chapter and chapter relations within the greek community. For most on the

executive council the year has had it's struggles, but they are proud to say they have gotten through them and made some changes within the house that has made the chapter stronger. In closing, when looking into the year, pessimism surrounded the council, but through it all, our house has stuck together and turned something good into something great. The brothers in the house bleed purple and gold again and SAE is stronger than ever before.

### **Alumni donations make house more livable**

Due to the absolutely overwhelming generosity of our alumni, major renovations took place in the chapter house early this fall. As we all know through experience, the bathrooms left something to be desired in the chapter house, but no more. As you enter into these beautiful new facilities you are engulfed in jaw dropping tile work on the walls with our signature colors

intricately placed within to give an ambiance of class that was severely lacking in years prior. We have gone from toilets to absolute thrones all because of our alumni, who recognized the need and did all they could to fix it. We have also got new door frames around all our room doors, plus new double front doors to the entry way, and french doors on the library. Your generous donations built us some amazing facilities and they are continuing to do so, further renovations are currently being planned to take place in the summer. From the Chapter to all the Alumni, we thank you for all the support you have given us throughout this year and we will continue to stay in contact with you and hopefully build a bond that will span generations. Again, we thank you for all you have done. Phi Alpha!

**‘Pride of Lions’  
Prevails At 2003  
Founders Day**

*ESA Talk, Hall of Fame Inductees, Special Alum Presentation were Among Activities*

The Lion roared loudly and proudly in celebration of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of North Dakota Alpha Chapter at its 2003 annual Founders Day banquet in March.

The chapter was honored with an address by the national fraternity’s Eminent Supreme Archon, two alums were inducted into the Chapter Hall of Fame, a special gift presentation was made by a 1965 alum, and undergraduate winners of awards and scholarships were recognized. NDAL was founded in 1923, and the 2003 Founders Day banquet festivities were befitting of the eight special decades of our long and enduring local brotherhood.

The first visit to the chapter in its history by an Eminent Supreme Archon included Brother Richard Hopple’s keynote address at the banquet. He is an attorney in Cincinnati, Ohio. He spoke about the True Gentleman Initiative and how SAE was returning to its roots with an emphasis on good conduct, good scholarship, and good community service.



(ESA Hopple and Blakeway)

**Hall of Fame Inductees**

Chapter Hall of Fame inductees were Glenn Spitzer, ’70, and James Blakeway, ’83.

Brother Spitzer, from Ashley, ND, began his career as a manager with Borg Warner Acceptance from 1971 to 1976, then with Litton Microwave Industries in a similar position from 1976 to 1984. Now retired, he concluded his career with Katun Corporation of Minneapolis from 1984 to 2002 as vice president. Katun is the world’s leading aftermarket distributor of select products for office equipment. He and his family moved last spring from Maple Grove, MN, to Amery, WS.

Brother Blakeway, from Fargo, ND, is founder, president, and CEO of Blakeway Worldwide Panoramas, Inc., of Eden Prairie, MN. His business is the largest international publisher of skyline and panorama prints of U.S. and world

cities, historic landmarks, major golf courses, race tracks, and other athletic venues. After graduation he served in several marketing positions for Procter & Gamble for five years before embarking on his quest that would lead to his own global business ownership. After his Procter & Gamble stint, the path leading to eventual ownership of his own unique enterprise started in Australia, moved to a garage and the trunk of a car in California, and went as a fast-growing business to Minneapolis in 1991.



(Blakeway receiving award)

The Hall of Fame of the North Dakota Alpha Chapter of SAE was established in the mid-1990's to recognize career and personal achievements and service to community by alumni and to acknowledge their support of the Chapter. A display case that features perpetual plaques for each inductee and

accompanying narrative descriptions about each is featured on the Wall of Honor in the Chapter House. With the addition of the year 2003 inductees, there are 22 members in the Hall of Fame.

### **Alum Lion Presentation**

The special presentation at the Founders Day banquet was a personal creation of 1965 alumnus Jim Penwarden. It is a 16" x 20", framed copy of his colored pastel rendering art piece of the head of a full-maned lion which he "drew" as a twelve year-old. Brother Penwarden remarked at the presentation that when he made the work way back then, it must have been a foregone matter that he would eventually become a member of SAE fraternity which has the proud lion as one of its symbols. He said he had intended for years to frame and present the work to the Chapter and now has gotten around to that.

The artwork, which hangs in the Chapter House, includes this inscription: "To North Dakota Alpha Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, *With Memories*

*of a Roaring Good Time, 1962-1965; Presented at SAE Founders Day Celebration, March 2003; From James F. Penwarden, UND and N.D. Alpha, 1965."*



(Award winners)

**“Attention”**  
**To all alumni, Founders’ Day 2004 has been scheduled. The slide show is scheduled for April 16<sup>th</sup> at the Blue Moose, and the banquet is scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton. We welcome all alumni of the ND Alpha Chapter to attend these events. Phi Alpha!!**

### **Executive Council Reports**

#### **Deputy Eminent Archon, Jake Greener**

The house is off to a new year with more new members. The new members of last years class has stepped up to a lot of the executive board positions in the house. Everyone in their position has been doing a very good job of completing the tasks that come with their

executive role. Our 80<sup>th</sup> Homecoming went quite well. A few awards that were given out included, most outstanding out of house active award, most outstanding in house active award, and the lion award. The awards were given to Kory Kotbra, Scott Harvey, and Jake Greener, respectively. We had a few alumni stop by the house and reminisce about the old times they had when living in the house, which is fun to hear. Next year we will be having shuttles run the alumni from the house to the football game if wanted. The house has had a few new changes to the look of the entry and the library. We have new French doors for the entry way and the library that are surrounded by an elegant wood frame. The men of North Dakota Alpha will be attending Province Tau Leadership School at North Dakota Beta in November. We will be defending our singing award at leadership school. In the bonds, Jake Greener. #264188

**Pledge Educator,  
Dillan Knudson**

I am happy to report that this semester your NDAL Chapter has 15 gentlemen in its 2003 pledge class.

**Preston Johnson**

Thief River Falls, MN

**AJ Erickson**

Fargo, ND

**Michael Dean**

Minnetonka, MN

**Josh Berger**

Woodbury, MN

**Ray Leferbuve**

Haywood, WS

**Eugene "Al" Branstiler**

Cooperstown, ND

**Adam Tehle**

Fargo, ND

**Eric Leister**

Thief River Falls, MN

**Bradley Fondrich**

Fargo, ND

**Eric Chuhanic**

Eden Prairie, MN

**Matt Dyer**

Dayton, Ohio

**Tom Sweeney**

Fargo, ND

**Brian Hartley**

Eagan, MN

**Tony Motley**

Maryland

**Tijani Abul-**

**Mohammad**

Queens, NY

We currently use an 8 week pledge program which includes big brother night, formal pledging, making chili for cowboy week...and many other events geared towards having a good time and learning

all the great history of our local chapter and our national fraternity. The boys should be activated by mid November so if there are alumni who would like to be present or even help with ritual I would love to see you there.

In the Bonds,

Dillan Knudson

#257732

**Community Service  
Chair, Kevin  
Engelstad**

Community service is a very important part of the fraternity. Through community service people get to see how much we actually care about the community. We have and are taking part in a few different events this semester to give back what we can to the community.

The first event of the semester was the Walk for Diabetes which was held on October 4, 2003 at University Park. We walked the three mile course as a house, and raised about \$250 through donations from actives, pledges, and a local business. We will be taking part in this event annually and hopefully our donations

will get larger and larger.

The next event that we are involved in is the Children's Miracle Network letter-writing campaign. For this I have asked that every member provide me with ten names and addresses of people that they know. We will be sending out letters to every one of these people asking for a donation of \$25 to the Children's Miracle Network. Through this we should easily be able to raise \$7,500.

There are many other events going on that still have to be looked at and would be great ways to give back to the community. With the participation we had for the Walk for Diabetes I see no problem in getting involved in one to two more events this semester.

In the bonds,  
Kevin Engelstad  
#264187

## **Executive Council Members**

**Eminent Archon:** Mike Noterman of Innergrove Heights, MN

**Eminent Deputy**

**Archon:** Jake Greener of Fargo, ND

**Eminent Treasurer:**

Scott Harvey of  
Plymouth, MN

**Eminent Recorder:**

Grant Wood of  
Minnetonka, MN

**Alumni Coordinator:**

Dave Macintosh of  
Fargo, ND

**House Manager:**

Jimmy Tehan of  
Rockton, ILL

**Risk Manager:** Nick  
Turman of Fargo, ND

**Kitchen Manager:**

Jesse Rheault, of Fargo,  
ND

**Community Service**

**Chair:** Kevin Englstad  
of Fargo, ND

**Social Chair:** Scott  
Salimi of Wyzata, MN

**Scholarship Chair:**

Erick Swenson of Fargo,  
ND

**Special Events Chair:**

Eric Miller of Seattle,  
WA

**Membership**

**Educator:** Jake Eveland  
of Plymouth, MN

**Pledge Educator:**

Dillan Knudson of  
Fargo, ND

**Chaplin:** Adam

Anderson of Duluth,  
MN

**Member at Large:**

Adam Fuglberg of West  
Fargo, ND

**Eminent Warden:**

Ryan Ricard of  
Bemidji, MN