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Future Events

- December 3, 2005-SAE Philanthropy
- December 9, 2005-Christmas Formal
- March 4-Founders Day celebration
- March 9-11-Sesquicentennial celebration of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Mother Mu
- April 1-Province Tau Convention at the University of Minnesota
- April 21-23-TG Day of Service

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A New Year...A New Beginning

Summer has come and passed and a new school year is well underway. We began the 2005-2006 school year enjoying some much appreciated improvements to the chapter house.

As a result of water damage due to a leaky radiator last Spring semester, the library has been undergoing a drastic renovation, greatly improving the visual appeal of the main level of the house. Also, we received new carpet throughout the entire carpeted area of the main level, as well as on both the basement and first floor stairways. These welcomed changes were a great way to lead into this year and generate excitement throughout the active chapter about beginning a new academic year.

As with every year, the first weeks of the Fall semester mark a very important time for us, Fall rush. We went into this year's fall rush knowing its great importance, as we had been struggling with numbers due to graduation and academic suspensions. We began the year with fewer than 30 active members and only 17 in-house members, which included three pledges living in the house. This was due to the fact that it was decided not to initiate any new members last Spring due to the fact that we only had three pledges. It was decided that it would be best to wait and initiate them with what we were hoping would be a large Fall class. As the weeks passed, we

realized that our hopes of a large Fall class would be realized.

Finally, as it seems is always the case, this new school year has already had its ups and downs. The ups have been met with great enthusiasm and excitement, and the downs have been used as learning experiences to better ourselves and our chapter. We know that the rest of the year may bring some challenges, but we know they will be met and overcome, and that we have a prosperous time ahead of us to look forward to.

Fall Rush 2005

Rush is always a pivotal time for any fraternity; a time that we knew needed to be taken as seriously as ever in order to overcome our declining numbers.

Our 2005 rush kicked off on August 25th with a pig roast on our front lawn. We went into this event with memories of last years pig roast which ended up with a visit from the Grand Forks Fire Department. The pig was overcooked due it being engulfed in a giant ball of fire. However, this years roast went

flawlessly and it was delicious. The next night we took all of our prospective gentleman out to Mike's Pizza in East Grand Forks, and then out for a night of bowling at Liberty Lanes. We also had a Texas Hold 'Em Poker tournament at the house with some fabulous prizes and wings catered by Buffalo Wild Wings, and concluded our rush with ribs catered by GF Goodribs at the house.

In the end, we had a Fall 2005 pledge class of 19 men. Their pledgship culminated on No-



vember 5th when they were initiated at the Province Tau Leadership School at Simpson College in Indianola, IA. We had a very large number of our active chapter in attendance in addition to members from around the province.

Giving Back to the Community

Giving back to the community is a very important part of being a member of the Greek Community here on campus. That is why we make sure we plan philanthropic events as well as participate in various community service events.

As you all know, we do our Paddy Murphy philanthropy every other year, and last Spring it was time to do it once again. It was three days full of events such as a volleyball tour-

namment, a scavenger hunt, throw a pie at your favorite SAE, and an SAE auction. We ended up raising around \$1,500 for the Children's Miracle Network.

Even more recently, we participated in the Grand Forks YMCA Halloween Party. We volunteered our time for about three hours on October 23 to help the YMCA set up for the event, and also to run the various games for the kids. It was

definitely a worthwhile experience for all whom participated.

Looking ahead a little ways, we are currently planning a one day philanthropic event for December 3, 2005. We aren't quite sure what the event is going to be as of the publication of this newsletter, however whatever we do will benefit the Children's Miracle Network.



A couple of SAE's getting pied in the face for a good cause.

Recent Events

As this Fall semester enters the final stretch, we can begin to look back on a semester of some very productive and fun events.

Back during the last week of September was UND's Homecoming. This year we were grouped with Delta Gamma and Alpha Tau Omega for all of the Homecoming events. We participated in numerous events throughout the week,

culminating with our creative float in the Homecoming parade. Our team ended up winning the event for the Greek community.

On October 22 we had a retreat for all of the executive officers in the house. They took a weekend to go off by themselves and talk about their positions and make some goals for themselves as well as the chapter as a whole. They came

back with a report for the entire chapter mapping out what they had discussed. It was such a success that we plan on continuing to have this event every semester.

Most recently, we had a brotherhood retreat for the entire chapter at the cabin of one of our members. It was a weekend full of good times and the strengthening of the bonds that we all share.

***"A gentleman
can live through
anything"
-William
Faulkner
(Mississippi
1919)***

Future Events

Looking ahead we already have numerous events planned for the upcoming months.

As was already mentioned, we do have a philanthropic event in the works for December 3. We are also looking at getting our Christmas formal finalized for December 8. We are also looking forward to getting more information on the 150th Anniversary Celebration of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. This event will be held in Tuscaloosa, Alabama the weekend of March 10, 2006. We are al-

ready trying to get some numbers of guys that would like to attend so that we can start planning for this. Not too long after that, we will be having our Founders Day celebration here at North Dakota Alpha. It will be held on March 4. It will be held at The Town House Hotel in downtown Grand Forks.

Also, we are looking to the Summer of 2006 to host the first active/alumni golf tournament. Planning is still underway, but it will be held somewhere in the Twin Cities area.

It will held on July 17 in Cottage Grove, MN.

If you would like to attend any of these events, please contact the Eminent Archon Ray Lefebvre. His email address can be found on the last page.

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The True Gentleman is the man whose conduct proceeds from good will and an acute sense of propriety; and whose self control is equal to all emergencies; who does not make the poor man conscious of his poverty, the obscure man of his obscurity, or any man of his inferiority of deformity; who is himself humbled if necessity compels him to humble another; who does not flatter wealth, cringe before power, or boast of his own possessions or achievements; who speaks with frankness but always with sincerity and sympathy; whose deed follows his word; who thinks of the rights and feelings of others rather than his own; and who appears well in any company, a man with whom honor is sacred and virtue safe.

-John Walter Wayland

Fall Pledge Class of 2005

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- Nick Hinnerichs
- Doug Henze
- Ben Olofson
- Chris Donlon
- Alex Sheehan
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