Lights, Camera ... Action!

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Steve Beverly

New Orleans or Bust!

By Sarah Hackett
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Battling the wind and rain, the brothers of Sigma Alpha Epsilon biked their way from Memphis to New Orleans Friday, March 14, participating in a bike-athon benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Traveling 450 miles in all, each chapter had a 75 to 80 mile radius designated for biking. Matt West, Chad Butler, Ken Barker and Justin Green represented Union as they biked from Oxford, Miss. to Vadar, Miss. "Making the trip and making the effort was worth it, because it was for such a good cause," Barker said.

With the help of five other local SAE chapters from Mississippi State, University of Memphis, Rhodes College, Christian Brothers University and University of Tennessee at Martin, they raised $10,000 for the hospital.

The St. Jude fund-raiser is a fairly new project that has its foundation at Union. It was started last year when Union’s fraternity raised $3,000 for St. Jude by walking from Jackson to Memphis.

Last year’s success inspired the chapter to expand this year’s project, in order to include other regional SAE chapters.

Through the leadership of Union student, Stephen Eldridge, and Kemp Conrad, a Rhodes College student, the chapter gathered the interest and support of the other local chapters, where it was decided to hold a bike-a-thon starting at St. Jude Hospital in Memphis and ending in New Orleans. The fraternity’s regional conference was scheduled to be held the same weekend.

Despite the rainy weather conditions, this year’s fund-raiser was a success and West, the community service chairman for Union’s SAE, expressed his hopes that this project will "constantly evolve into a bigger and better event that will be a long-standing tradition in SAE."

"We hope that others will see that we are using our letters for something other than competition and for a good cause. We take pride in being involved in the community," West stated.

In addition to their St. Jude fund raiser, the SAEs have also devoted 4,000 hours to community service projects this year.

Their work has not gone unnoticed. Through programs, such as community service, scholarship and intramural sports, they received the SAE provincial zone award which names them the best SAE chapter in the region.

SAE plans to stay involved in the community this semester by participating in such upcoming projects as leading Bible studies at Younghou and helping to lead the March of Dimes annual Walk-America.

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