

Fraternity runs to Seattle to raise money for MDA

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Duck football fans motoring to Seattle for Saturday's game against Washington may be surprised to see someone running north along Interstate 5 with a football clutched in their hand.

The University chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity is attempting to raise \$10,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association by running a football from Eugene to Seattle, in conjunction with the Oregon-Washington football game.

The first leg of the run will begin at Autzen Stadium after football practice Wednesday. Forty SAEs will alternate running the 300 miles, hopefully reaching the University of Washington campus Friday night.

Runners will take the ball into Husky Stadium and give it to the MDA poster child prior to kickoff Saturday afternoon.

Anheuser-Busch is paying for the clothing, advertising and printing costs. Eugene radio station KEED is supplying transportation and McDonald's will provide food.

The 40 University runners will stay at Washington's SAE house.

In addition to the main sponsors, each runner is trying to raise \$1 per mile. Every dollar

raised will go directly to the MDA, which will use it for community patient services.

"At first, we wanted to raise \$15,000," says Scott Lee, SAE president. "But since this is a trial run, there were some complications. Next year we'll know exactly what to do, and I think we can raise \$50,000."

SAE wants the fundraiser to be an annual event, with the Washington chapter running to Eugene next year.



Photo by Ross Martin
SAEs (l. to r.) Mike Whitty, Randy Acres, Scott Lee (with ball) and Jeff Klein will join their brothers in a "football run" to Seattle for charity.

"We run an all-volunteer program at MDA," said director Stan Link. "So any help we can get from fraternities or other organizations is greatly appreciated."

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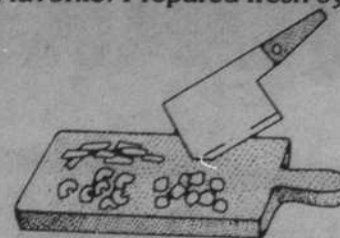
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