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As the president for the school year, I am making my first contact with you via the "State of the Fraternity" report. It being impossible to meet all of you in person, it is through this newsletter that the active chapter hopes to communicate news of interest to older and younger alums alike. We welcome your support or criticism which will help us make the Sigman more interesting and readable for you.

This Fall, we will be starting with 60 active members, with a full house of 39 and 21 out of house members. The chapter initiated 28 fine men last year, and they have shown great enthusiasm. The chapter will be working with a strong out of house membership which will prove helpful in rush. We have also revised the chapter by-laws for the first time since 1961.

Overall, the fraternity system at Michigan is coming alive after a few lean years. Evidence of this is the fact that many fraternities have expressed interest in re-establishing, or initiating, new chapters on campus. Fraternities and sororities have shown that they can be a strong force in student government. It was finally realized by greek leaders that the greek system represented too valuable a resource not to be tapped. An organized party backed by many greek houses won 1/2 the number of seats available on the Student Council. We were able to use our manpower to get one of our own members elected to one of these seats. With this foundation on which to build, Greeks will again have an important voice in the operations of student government which has been racked by scandal in recent years. In addition, the FCC (Fraternity Co-operative Council) has been reorganized and is under the leadership of our own Jim Olney. Our chapter has taken an active role in making FCC a benefit to the fraternity system as a whole. A campus-wide rush program involving all houses who register is planned for Winter and should prove beneficial to all of the houses.

As you may recall from our last newsletter, the deal involving the adjacent property owned by Kappa Alpha Psi National was discussed. The hopes were to purchase the property and demolish the present structure, giving us land on which to expand. At our present rate of growth, our house may prove inadequate to meet our needs in the future. Since our last offer of \$15,000. was made, it has become known that the property was sold to a local religious group for \$25,000. They are currently renovating the present structure. We were dismayed to hear this, but we must look ahead to the future and come up with alternatives.

This summer, the active chapter has operated as a boarding house to generate additional revenues and to offer members inexpensive living facilities for the summer months. The house was full to capacity during the Spring term and reasonably full during July and August. The additional income realized will insure our present financial stability. This year, we plan to allocate more money for making necessary repairs and improvements to members' rooms as last year extensive improvements were made on the common areas. The chapter held a work week before classes started to shape up the house.

In the area of alumni relations, we realize that we too will soon be alums and don't want our involvement canceled with graduation. Thus, you, the alums, are entitled to a concerted effort by the active chapter to establish a workable alumni program. As a first step, the Sigman will be published more frequently this year beginning with this first issue. We hope our efforts will not fall on deaf ears, and that you will find time to give us the feedback that we feel is essential.

Yours in ZAX
Stephen S. Grimm
President

HOME COMING

Homecoming weekend at Michigan for Lambda Chi Alpha has traditionally been known as Alumni Weekend, and this year it was no exception. Everyone enjoyed a particularly great weekend.

Lambda Chi Alpha and Delta Delta Delta sorority worked jointly on a yard display at the Lambda Chi Alpha house for the majority of the week. The theme of this

year's display was "Everything Is Coming Up Roses". We ended up with 2nd place in the yard display contest.

George Spasyk, executive director of our national Fraternity and a Michigan alumnus, flew up from Indianapolis for the weekend. For the first time in a long while, George spent the weekend in the house, staying in his old room and sleeping in his good old bed in the

cold dorm. The associates from Indiana University staged their "walkout" and did their brothers of Michigan the honor of their presence by staying with us.

Saturday, Clydie May prepared an especially nice brunch before the game and then it was off to the stadium. It was a beautiful Fall day for the clash between Michigan and Indiana. The Wolverines of Michigan demolished the Hoosiers, 55-7. That evening, the

actives and alumni were treated to a delicious dinner with all the extras. Later, the house held a dance in honor of the alumni and their families. The group, Windjammer, provided the entertainment to everyone's enjoyment.

All in all, it turned out to be an excellent weekend with a great turnout of alumni and a fantastic atmosphere of brotherhood.

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ALUMNI PROFILES

Interested in the whereabouts and present goings on of some of those long lost brothers? So are we! In the issues to follow, the Sigman will feature "OLDIES BUT GOODIES", a column containing tidbits of information concerning alumni of Sigma Zeta.

Please, help us out by completeing the Alumni Profile form which you have received, or will receive in following issues.

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