



Greetings from the President

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Fall is already upon us and the semester is flying by. The house is busy with a lot ahead of us to get done. The E-board has been busy with different events, but we have a great group of guys who have stepped up for the house. We had a great start to the year, with one of the biggest pledge classes to come through making it so we have over a fifty-man roster. With all of the guys becoming part of the house it is going to make it so that we have even a better future ahead. The month of October is going to be a busy one for us on the 16th we are having a homecoming hog roast. The house is going strong and everyone is deep into his studies along with different projects going on throughout the house. Even the grades of the house keep going up and more and more guys are going four year. The chapter has really pulled together and we have an excellent group of guys to show for it.

Alumni Relations

This year, the Michigan State University Chapter of FarmHouse Fraternity has experienced many strides in the area of Alumni relations. Now discussions with our alumni are becoming more routine and commonplace, as opposed to a privilege or rarity in years before. We have done many of the same events as last year, but with increased attendance, and intend to expand some of the others this semester.

Along with our regular alumni events, we hosted an alumni hog roast this fall before a football game. About 15-20 alumni showed up and we were all able to just casually hang out and talk and get to know each other. It also gave the new members opportunities to get signatures for their paddles. The state of the house was also discussed which has been a bigger topic of discussion with the fundraising efforts to remodel or build new. We had our annual founder's day this past spring with good attendance.

One big event this past fall that was a very nice addition was a large group of alumni that graduated in the 1950's. There were about 20-25 alumni that came with their wives. We had dinner at the house and then spent at least two hours listening to stories and having a fun time. Ike Sheppard organized the entire weekend which included a tour of campus and meetings away from the house. This event gave us a great opportunity to get donations for our housing project which we did.

Over the past two years one particular alumnus has had a haunted corn maze in Bad Axe, Michigan. 10-15 actives would go and help with this maze and also visit alumni in the area. This has turned into a great tradition and one we want to continue as long as we can.

Michigan State University's FarmHouse Fraternity is rapidly improving in the area of contact with our vast alumni base. I am positive that future generations of active men in this chapter will find ways to make more improvements and to keep the doors open to the many men who can provide us with so many things. As a future alumnus, I can say that I am proud to have been a member of this great group of men, and will convey those sentiments for years to come.