

## REPORT OF FARGO ALUMNI CHAPTER 2000-2001

### I. MEMBERSHIP

This past year the Active Chapter has been very aggressive in keeping the Alumni aware of happenings in Fargo (mostly through the use of e-mail). The Chapter is also making a big push to create excitement for Homecoming in the fall of 2001. Only good can come from keeping members informed and hopefully stirring interest in the Chapter house.

### II. FINANCES

The Alumni own two properties in Fargo – the Chapter house (which is paid for) and the adjacent apartment building (which has a mortgage of approx. \$23,000). The apartment building has worked out well as alternative housing – rents have covered mortgage payments and expenses – while property taxes have been eliminated, and the Active Chapter has taken responsibility for maintenance that was previously performed by a management company. The Alumni received a \$10,000 loan from National this year to replace shingles and repair some damage on the Chapter house. The actual cost of the work approached \$13,000 with the difference being picked up by rent receipts. Surplus funds for major projects continue to dwindle.

### III. HOUSING

The Alumni Chapter is currently looking at proposals to update the kitchen in the Chapter house. The Actives are taking the lead in this endeavor, as some of their building fund will be needed to cover costs. This project is estimated to cost from \$4,000 to \$7,000 depending on how extensive the remodeling and how much labor can be donated by the Actives. The roof of the adjacent apartment building also needs repairs. The Actives have agreed to furnish the labor if the Alumni will furnish the materials – estimated at \$2,500 – 3,000. Full occupancy in these two properties will be of the utmost importance so that rents do not become burdensome and so that there will be funds for repairs and updates.

### IV. GENERAL

The North Dakota State University administration has decreed that all fraternity houses will be dry by fall 2003. The policy will be phased in over the next two years. There was some resistance by the Active Chapter and the Greek Council (especially those over 21 years of age). They offered alternative policies in writing that were well thought out and well stated, but were pretty much rejected.