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John Stefanek: Hello, my name is John Stefanek. I'm a history doctoral student at the University of Montana. It is June 26, 10:02 am. I am here in my apartment in Missoula, Montana with Carter at Montana State.

Carter Moffitt: Hello, I'm Carter Moffitt. I'm the current chapter president at the Kappa Sigma Fraternity here at Montana State University. I'm gonna be a junior this coming semester. I'm studying environmental engineering here and I'm from Boulder, Colorado.

JS: All right. Oh yeah, and we're also... this a virtual interview. We're conducting this over Zoom. Cool, all right. So Carter, you mentioned you're from Boulder. What brought you to Montana?

CM: It's funny, I get that question a lot. I think the main thing people here in Bozeman say is, you know, the mountains. I love to ski, to hike, to fish, camp. And Bozeman's kind of a great place for that. And then the engineering school is good too, I guess.

JS: Sure. And so you're studying engineering. Did you come into Montana State knowing you wanted to do that or did you find it along the way?

CM: Yeah, I came in... my senior year I started to realize how much I really enjoyed the sciences, the appreciation I had for the environment. So that kind of combined and I came in knowing what I wanted to study.

JS: Gotcha. And maybe a long-term question but do you want to stay in the Montana area after graduation or do you want to move back home or go somewhere else? What are you thinking?

CM: I don't know. I love it here and I definitely could see myself living here, but, you know, I like to change things up. I'm hoping to study abroad here soon, you know, I've always wanted to live abroad so that would maybe be something I'd do right out of college.

JS: All right. And so you're the current chapter president at Kappa Sigma at Montana State. What attracted you to Kappa Sigma?

CM: So I'd say there's about, well there's seven fraternity houses here at MSU and, you know, I kind of went and checked out a lot during rush week the first week of school as a freshman and I think I just really clicked with the guys here the most. They felt like the most genuine people, you know, and I really enjoyed being here and around that atmosphere.

JS: Yeah. And did you know, going into Montana State, that you wanted to join Greek life?

CM: It's definitely something I thought about before coming here and, you know, I said "give it look" and, you know, I ended up really liking it and I was... I'm happy with the decision I made.

JS: Excellent. And how large is your chapter?

CM: We have, at the moment, we have fifty active members.

JS: Okay. And is that like about, you know, average for a university like Montana State?

CM: Yeah, I'd say we're about average. We might be a little on the smaller side but it's closer to average.

JS: Okay. And so... so describe how you became president of Kappa Sigma.

CM: I guess, you know, it was something I thought about a lot last year and people had kinda encouraged me to do it but as the time got closer it was something I just I felt like I didn't really want to do it, you know, it's... fraternities, I mean, they're famous for, you know, getting in trouble and all of that and it can be... I saw the challenge of trying to manage fifty college men and how that could be stressful. So that really deterred me from running, but when the time came, you know, there were not many strong candidates for the position and a lot of people really counted on me to kinda step up and fill the role. So that's kind of what happened and then, you know, it's been... it's definitely been a challenge. Much more difficult than I thought it was gonna be, but I've learned a ton from it and it's been a good experience so far I would say, for the most part.

JS: Yeah. Is this your first semester as chapter president?

CM: Yeah, so I've been president for six months now and I got six more.

JS: Okay.

CM: **[unintelligible]** this year.

JS: All right. And so, you talked about it a little bit but, you know, describe what being chapter president entails for your group.

CM: From my experience for the most part it's been... there's a lot of facets to it but I'm in pretty constant, open communication with the university, our national headquarters, as well other organizations here like IFC, they're the Interfraternal Council and they oversee all the fraternities, so I'm kind of the... I represent the fraternity to these big groups who kinda oversee us. And then more internally, I run weekly meetings and I oversee four other executive

positions who then are in turn going oversee around like thirty positions within the house. Yeah, but I'd say probably my biggest responsibility is, you know, keeping things running smooth here and then just keeping that open communication with those higher-ups.

JS: Sure. What would you say are some of the most, well, what are some of the most challenging aspects of being chapter president in general, you would say?

CM: I kinda mentioned it a little bit earlier, but, you know, we are, as a fraternity we do have parties, you know, and we have guys who like to drink and having to... when you have fifty guys who are... we're having parties and the people are gonna get in trouble for one thing or another and... you know we got in a lot of trouble at the beginning of last semester because we had gotten some noise complaints over the summer and then several members had gotten M.I.P. tickets. And I really... having to A: you gotta go and give some kind of punishment to some of your close friends and that's always tough, and then, you know, I then have to go and try to defend the chapter to all of those people I mentioned earlier, to the university, to the national headquarters. And that's been tough, you know, and I feel like it's hard having a position... having to step into that position of authority, that's kinda... you know I really like all the guys here and I consider them some of my closest friends and, you know, it's not always fun to have to be the guy that says, you know, "you messed up, here's your punishment" or "you can't be doing that, you're gonna get us in trouble." That's probably been the toughest part for me.

JS: Yeah. And you mentioned a little bit about, you know, nationally sometimes fraternities are getting in trouble. And, you know, there's been some declines in membership over the years and some attribute this to negative media attention towards fraternity hazing or sexual assaults, incidents.

CM: Yeah.

JS: Like, and I know that like some of the newspapers here in Montana like the *Missoulian* have reported about this and... do you... how have you and your chapter kind of responded to some of these national events or events on your campus?

CM: Yeah, I mean I think it's, you know, these stereotypes are definitely... they're there for a reason and I think there are a good amount of fraternities that are just representing fraternities very negatively and, you know, they're doing some pretty horrible things with little consequences and that's really damaged the whole system and I think, you know one thing I like to tell people who don't... who aren't really associated with Greek life or don't know much about it is that, you know, every single house is gonna be different. You know I don't think the letters necessarily matter, it's like I'm a Kappa Sigma but there are Kappa Sigma chapters all across the nation and I'm sure that some of those chapters have values that I wouldn't agree with or that are different from mine, you know, there's Jewish fraternities, there's gay fraternities, there's African-American fraternities, there's just a whole different group and it really changes where you go, so. As... you know, again I think those stereotypes are there for a

reason but at the same time I think you need to be able to recognize that, you know, every fraternity, every individual chapter house is gonna be a little different. But in terms of recognizing that kind of thing, you know, we do our best, you know, we're always working to do community service and philanthropy events and partnering with other organizations within the school to do good work. And then we just work really hard on being, you know, just gentlemen and I think the sexual assault thing can be really scary, especially when, you know, I'd say any place on a college campus that has a party there's potential for that. And whenever we have a party we have to have what's called a risk team and they oversee, you know, what all goes on in there, people watching doors, people watching the main party, people walking around the house making sure everything's okay. And I think one thing that drew me to this house and that, you know, we really pride ourselves on is the respect to women, you know? We have zero tolerance if there's anything like that going on. If we see that with anyone in our house they're getting kicked, if they're a member of our house they're getting kicked out and, you know, we may have to report it. So it's difficult but, you know, we're doing our best with what we got.

JS: Yeah. And, yeah, so I wanted to bring this conversation a little more towards COVID-19. When do you first recall hearing about COVID-19?

CM: Oof. I heard about it when it was kind of going on through China and I remember watching a video of some woman just speaking on how serious the problem really was and how kinda the Chinese government was hiding it I guess. And that was kind of my first wakeup to it. But I think towards the end of... right around the time of spring break, and remember I've got friends all over the country and all their universities were getting moved online for the remainder of the semester and Montana State was... they weren't... they were a little behind but they were, I'd say they were like four or five days behind these other universities and that was kinda right when I left here to go home for spring break and that was kinda... was like "wow, this is a little more serious than I thought it was."

JS: Yeah. And like do you know like, date wise... do you remember like first hearing about like the time of year it was?

CM: So, spring break would have been late April? Let me see. It would have been in like exactly March 13. I think that's when the email went out. That was a Friday before spring break and I remember the email went out that classes were gonna be moved online for the remainder of the semester.

JS: Gotcha. And do you think this was kind of the turning point where like you think COVID really started to affect your daily life more?

CM: Yeah, I mean so then I got home. I think I left that Friday. I remember reading the email and then driving to the airport and hopping on a plane. I was heading home to spend, I think it was four days with family and friends back home, and then come back here and do some spring skiing and stuff. And at that point there... I noticed people wearing masks in the airport a little

bit more but nothing crazy. And then by the time I was ready to head home, like four days after, it was kinda... it had gotten... just there was a lot more news about it and it was a lot more serious and, you know, me and my family decided it was probably best for me to finish up the semester from home and not take the chance of going to an airport and all of that. That's when it really affected me I guess.

JS: Yeah, and so if I can ask and what... so you're doing online courses, what made you kind of decide that you wanted to go back to Bozeman to finish up instead of staying back in Boulder?

CM: Well I mean I was hoping to go back to Bozeman, I ended up staying in Boulder 'cause I was only planning to stay there for three days but I wasn't able to make it home, but the decision, you know, me and my family came to for me just staying with them I guess was again the risk of just going through an airport where you got people coming from everywhere and I'm from Colorado so I would have flown out of D.I.A. [**Denver International Airport**] which is kind of a central hub in the U.S. So it just was a risk we didn't wanna to take and I live in the fraternity house with around twenty-five other guys and I don't wanna be the one who comes back and gets... you know we're living together I don't wanna put them all at risk.

JS: Yeah. Do you know anyone at the university or someone in Bozeman that's come in contact with COVID or anyone else?

CM: You know I think it's harder because here in Bozeman I really only know a lot of younger people, you know, my age, college students. And I think they were kind of moving about a little more than... I think Montana had it a lot less severe than Colorado from my experience, but those guys were kind of moving out and about and I think there's a pretty good chance that I have at least a couple friends here that came into contact with it if not contracted it. But I do not know anyone here who tested positive.

JS: Okay. And what's it like living in the fraternity house with twenty other guys like you said during the pandemic?

CM: Yeah, I mean I wasn't... I just got back, you know, maybe a little over a month ago and we definitely had a lot of guys go home to spend the summer or the remainder of the semester with their family. But it was kinda... I would say it was hard to notice much difference. Again, I wasn't here kinda during the peak of it, but since I've been back, you know, we've all... everyone's been around each other enough that there's no sense in wearing masks or any of that around one another 'cause we live together. But it does scare me. I mean yesterday we had a co-worker who his roommate tested positive so he had to go get a test and I had been working with him so if he had it I would've had to get a test and then if I had gotten it, or if I had tested positive, you know, there's twenty other individuals here who all work throughout the Bozeman community and they've all just been exposed to it and that's the last thing I wanna do.

JS: Certainly. Yeah, and you mentioned work, so you're working during COVID right now?

CM: Yeah, I was hoping... I applied for a good amount of internships and I'm in an engineering internship for this summer and I'd say the majority of them kinda fell through just because of this whole situation. So I came back, just kinda looking around for work and I have two friends who do construction and I just picked up a job with them and, you know, construction was essential work during that whole thing and I know there... I had some friends who got laid off who also joined this job because they kept working throughout the pandemic so it really hasn't had much effect on that part of it.

JS: Okay, and what would you say like... when you initially came back to Bozeman, what was your daily routine like? How did it change due to the pandemic and also thinking like right about right now as we're going through the phased reopening just like... basically how has your daily routine changed from since coming back to Bozeman and kind of the current day? How has that changed, if it has?

CM: Yeah, I mean I would say for the most part it, I haven't spent a summer here so I don't... this is new to me, but for the most part I haven't really had much change, you know? I... coming back from Colorado where when I left basically everything was shutdown, you weren't allowed out in public without a mask, this is in Boulder, and I come back here and you can go anywhere basically without a mask, you know, there's some businesses that still aren't open but there's a lot of restaurants that are still working and... so I'd say in that sense of things, being back in Bozeman it really, at times it's almost hard to see this whole pandemic, you know? It feels like it almost didn't happen here, especially where coming from just spending two months in Colorado where it was a lot more extreme.

JS: Yeah. And so, you know, we're going right now a phased reopening, the state is. Governor Bullock started that in late April with allowing businesses to slowly reopen at limited capacity. It's ongoing but, you know, we have a spike of increases in cases right now, I think around seven-hundred or so since the reopening. What are your opinions on the phased reopening right now?

CM: That's tough. I think that if businesses want to reopen, and I think most places I've been to they have pretty strict rules, you know? When I go to restaurants, or I need to go get groceries, or pick up something from a shop, I'd say most places have little hand sanitizer stations setup, they got tape marked up for when you're waiting in line, you can socially distance. So I think if a business wants to reopen and they're going to do it in the safest way they can, of course you can't fully prevent anything but you can do your best, I think they should have that ability. The one thing I just think I noticed with just kind of the attitude in general of people, especially younger people, is I don't think they recognize this for how serious it is. I think the number one thing to just I'd like to see more out of people, especially as we slowly reopen, is just having a level of consideration for people, you know? There's a lot of people that this has been incredibly stressful for and they're on edge and, you know, someone yells at you for not

wearing a mask it... you don't really know where they're coming from, you know, they might have an immune system compromised or they may be living with someone who, if they get COVID-19, it could be potentially fatal and I think just having that caution and just general compassion for the people around you is something that would make this reopening a lot easier.

JS: Is this something you've kind of... you noticed in Bozeman? People not being compassionate towards others?

CM: No, I wouldn't necessarily say that. I mean, again in Colorado too I... just in general I think, especially being twenty-years-old living with a bunch of people that are eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, all... you know it's hard to see this having any effect on your life when you're this young especially because if you do get it, it sounds like you've got a pretty good chance of having almost no problems, and I think people are taking that for granted. And I think it's just in general I think people shouldn't complain about if you have to wear a mask or if you have to socially distance because again I think it's not... if it could potentially save someone's life or make someone feel a little more comfortable in public I think it's the slightest inconvenience. But I'd say in general... I'd say the Bozeman community has been pretty respectful of that.

JS: Okay. And so has Bozeman, I know, again the state of Montana is going through the phased reopening, but so has Bozeman been opening up businesses at limited capacity kind of slowly?

CM: It's hard for me to say. I don't spend a ton of time in town. I know that, I guess the one scene where I know... it sounds like from what I've heard from friends the like bars and restaurants have kinda been following that just slowly getting a little, like letting a little more and more people in and letting more and more staff start working again. But again, I haven't had a ton of experience with kinda how this is all playing out.

JS: Yeah. How often would you say you go outside, somewhere else? Like and has that changed? Like have you gone out more since the phased reopening or no?

CM: I mean back in Colorado there was no restaurants open when I was there, it was pickup only for food so I was not going out at all there. And then I got back here and I mean I'm not typically not someone that goes out a lot but I've gone out I mean more than I was during the peak of things 'cause you just couldn't then.

JS: Gotcha. Yeah, and something that I wanted to ask, one last question about this but... so again, you know, we... the phased reopening is going on and some states across the country have seen, you know, spike in increases since opening up a bit and some announced, I think like Texas are going to phase back a bit and close up some more businesses. I know Montana right now has seen a little spike in increases. Do you think, perhaps, you know, Montana might need

to take stuff back and like, you know, try to again close more businesses before opening up again? Do you think that might be a possible thing that can happen?

CM: No, I wouldn't... I don't consider myself a, in anyway, professional on this kind of thing. I really don't know what the right decision is, but I would say I think... I would think it's pretty inevitable if you're gonna open things back up that you are gonna experience these small spikes. But again, I don't know if it's worth waiting to see if it's just a spike or if it continues to grow, I don't know if that's the right decision to make, but I... you know I don't... I think a lot of the... I mean I believe that a good reason where some of these states are seeing spikes is the protests that are kinda happening across the country. I think that's just the atmosphere that, you know, it's really for COVID to kinda be transferred in.

JS: And now that you mention it, have there been any protests in Bozeman?

CM: Yeah, there have. I've had a couple friends go, you know, just peaceful kind of walkthrough the city with... I think there have been some strong turnouts. I was hoping to go to one but they've both been kind of middle of the day while I worked, but yeah, I mean I think they've been going well here. I don't really know much more than that.

JS: Okay. Yeah, and I wanted to get back to Greek life of course but I wanted to ask, what is it like leading your chapter during a pandemic?

Moffitt: Yeah, it's been... we, so as I mentioned we kinda got in quite a bit of trouble beginning of last semester and that really... they kinda shut us down basically, you know, we were on a social probation so we weren't allowed to have parties or anything and the house that's just been a little more quiet that semester. So it wasn't... I think it would've been a lot more significant if we had been, you know, fully going and had a lot going on but we were kind of just staying out of trouble and just kinda keeping a low profile for the semester. So that wasn't... that made things a little bit easier on my part and the other executive members' parts. I think at the beginning we were worked pretty hard to develop some kind of plan for the people that were living in the house, kinda at the peak of this, how they were gonna stay safe from this and how we could do our best in the house to keep things sanitized and keep one another from spreading this and a lot that was just not letting people inside the house who don't live here and just going through a little bit more of thorough of a cleaning process each week.

JS: Yeah, and you mentioned the university... you mentioned the social probation, right? And what exactly, for people listening to this interview, what exactly would a social probation entail for you guys?

CM: Yeah, so the social probation was sanctioned by the IFC, the organization that oversees fraternities, as well as the dean of students. And what it meant was were no longer allowed to hold social events at our house. So that includes like parties, sometimes we do events with some of the sororities here, with the other fraternities, so that... we weren't allowed to do any

of that, and then in addition, our national headquarters came in and made us dry for the year, which means that no alcohol, no beer was allowed in the house for that time period.

JS: Okay. And yeah, you mentioned your national organization. What has... I'm curious, has Kappa Sigma done anything at the national level to try to educate or inform members across the country about the pandemic or to attempt to halt the spread?

CM: I mean [**chuckles**], I won't lie I'm not the biggest fan of the way our national headquarters handles things. You know, we might say I'm biased because they punished us but I just think they aren't the most considerate. I think they are just kind of doing things so they can say they're doing something. They did halt all dues for the semester, national dues that we have to pay them, but the catch there is that day one next semester they're just gonna take the total that they, from when they stopped, and charge us then which in my opinion wasn't super helpful. They did some things to... they created a webpage for executive members of chapters like myself to access throughout this time and it had ideas for things to do and they also held a kinda hour long group phone call with all the chapter presidents where they just kind of talked about the situation, but I mean I didn't find it to be super helpful but other chapters may have.

JS: Okay. And I just wanted to talk about briefly, I won't bring up too much, but you mentioned you weren't always the fan of how the national organization runs things. Has there always been kind of like of a little... not opposition, but just not seeing eye-to-eye with them? Has that been a trend over the past few years or a historical thing?

CM: I wouldn't necessarily say it's been a trend. I think in the past we've worked with, you know, there's usually a couple people on different levels that oversee. You have someone on the local level and that guy's always been great. He's an alumni of the chapter, he's been super helpful. And then when you get higher up to the more national level of things it can... I think it starts to detach from the chapter, whereas this local guy, he's gotta little bit more connection, a little bit more investment, whereas when you get to the national level and they're overseeing... I couldn't tell you how many houses... or how many chapters of Kappa Sigma are in the country but I know there's a very good amount, it's one of the bigger fraternities, and I think they don't necessarily have that investment into each individual chapter. Which, you know, that would be impossible but at the same time they sent... when this whole thing panned out it was kinda at the end of the last president's term and I was just stepping into the role so we were kind of working together and that's kinda when we got in, you know, we had got in trouble and that's when we had gotten our sanctions from the dean of students who then reached out to them, and they were saying, "you know this doesn't sound like that big of a deal. We're gonna do our best to just handle it with a phone call with the dean of students." And, you know, every day it got a little bit more severe until this guy tells me that they're coming and they spent fourteen, no not fourteen. They spent twelve hours and they had four guys from the national headquarters interview each individual member separately in the house. And then they basically left after they did... went through this whole process and gave us a good amount of severe punishments, you know? They fined us pretty heavily, again they made us a dry

fraternity, they expelled almost ten our members, they expelled eight members and suspended another eight and it just felt like they came in. Originally they're saying they're here to help, they're here to help, they're here to help, they come in, they do this interview process, they then leave. And, you know, I think no effort was made to fix some of the issues, you know? A lot of it was just kinda deeply rooted in this house just for how long we've been around campus for almost a hundred years now. And it felt that there was no effort to improve the problem, there was just effort to punish. And, you know, we tried to defend these guys to the headquarters and they said that people need to be held accountable. So yeah, I mean I could talk about it all day but I'm just kind of frustrated with the way they handled the whole process.

JS: Certainly. Yeah, no, I appreciate you talking about that. I just wanted to get back to some questions about the pandemic and Greek life. So, you know, I'm wondering what have you and your chapter been doing over the summer with the pandemic going on? Have you been in communication with your executive council, or?

CM: Yeah, I... so we got people kinda all over the place right now but we hold, me and my four other executive members hold a weekly Zoom call similar to this where... you know, and kind of schedule out the summer and each Sunday is a different topic we wanna address and that's been super helpful, we've been getting a lot done. And then one thing we did during the pandemic is we had just Friday night Zoom calls where brothers from living in Washington now or California, Idaho, Wyoming, wherever they might be could hop on the Zoom call and everyone could just kinda hang out and connect, you know, I think a lot of people were a little lonely during the pandemic, especially if they were somewhere where it was a lot more severe. And that had a pretty positive effect, I think.

JS: Gotcha. And I'm just wondering, what are you thinking in terms of like next... the upcoming academic year as far as how are you gonna run things? I imagine it's gonna be quite a different atmosphere with COVID.

CM: Yeah, it's gonna be tough. We already just got news that our school usually does a, it's called Catapalooza, it's the first couple days of schools and it's just this big thing all throughout campus where businesses, clubs, programs all set up tents and, you know they talk to all the new freshmen, and they walk around and they talk to businesses, they talk to clubs like fraternities such as ourself and that's a big part of our rush and it's just always a pretty fun time, the weather is nice. That all just got moved online so we now have to make a video to, like a recruitment video almost. So, you know, I see that and I honestly will not be surprised if we're... if IFC doesn't allow fraternities to have parties for the semester just because that's a pretty large gathering of people and... so it's gonna be super interesting. I think as time moves on this summer we're gonna get more and more information but I can't see, you know, MSU's, I think sixteen, sixteen? Or seventeen thousand students. I can't see there being no problems with all of those students returning in the fall. I think there's gonna be, there might be a spike again so, it'll be interesting and just playing it by ear, and it's all we can do now.

JS: Yeah, and I'm wondering, you mentioned a bit that there's gonna be some, of course, some virtual things like videos for advertising. And, you know, I'm wondering, you know, Greek life... a lot of chapters and organizations rely on kinda like face-to-face recruiting, making sure people go to events, you meet and talk to them there. Like do you have any plans there as far as like recruitment for finding new members if, say that, you know, not all of them are gonna be available through, you know to meet-up at events in person?

CM: Yeah, so we're gonna start working on this rush, this recruitment video and then I think it'd be super detrimental if we couldn't have our rush week to all fraternities. I mean fraternities rely on recruitment and new members and I think it's definitely something... we're having a meeting in the next couple weeks about what our rush week or recruitment time is gonna look like this semester and it's definitely a topic we're gonna hit on is: if this does get moved online, what the heck are we gonna do? Because again that face-to-face connection is really a lot of the times what sells so. I mean if our rush gets moved online I think it's gonna be a serious hit on almost all of the Greek houses here on-campus.

JS: Gotcha. And do you think, I wondering to get someone's opinion on this given that you're in Greek life right now, but do you think the pandemic has made some maybe, you know, drastic changes down the road on how recruitment or, you know, Greek organizations are gonna be operating in the next few years?

CM: You know I think that's hard to say again. It's gonna be interesting. I really haven't heard, I have a lot of friends in Greek life kinda throughout the country, and I haven't heard anything from them about like their rush getting shutdown for the semester or anything like that. But I think in the long run, I hope it doesn't. You know but I still think I'm not gonna be surprised, I'll say, if it has some pretty serious impact this coming semester.

JS: Gotcha. And I guess I'm curious also to get your opinion too, but what do you think is like the most important thing, you know, Greek life organizations can be doing to either help others during the pandemic or things they can be doing to like, you know, just decrease the spread of the virus? I'm curious to get your opinion on that.

CM: Yeah, I mean I mentioned it earlier and I think it's an attitude that a lot of young people have is the, "this doesn't affect me therefore I shouldn't... wearing a mask" is like I've had people... I've talked to people who have said, "I'm not gonna wear a mask, why would I do that? I don't..." and I've heard people trying to downplay the thing, and I mean it may not have any effect on their personal life but I think the best thing any of us can do as individuals, and I do... I've been doing my best to just... that compassion piece, you know? You don't know what the person in the super market next to you is going through, you don't know if there's someone who is at risk for this, so if wearing a mask is gonna make them feel more comfortable, if wearing a mask is gonna protect them, if socially distancing is going to protect them, by all means that is what we should be doing. I mean I think as, you know, a club organization and

somewhat leaders on-campus I think Greek life has a responsibility to show that compassion to the community.

JS: Great, and I guess one final question I have for you. What is the most rewarding thing about being part of your chapter and being president of this organization of brothers?

CM: I'd say the most rewarding thing of being part of this chapter is just the connections I've made and the amount of friends I have to go do the things I love to do with awesome people. It's been super fun and I've learned a lot from everyone else here. And I think as president the most rewarding thing's... it's just been really tough, you know, I'm not... I don't love to be in a position of that kind of authority where it's like what I say goes and, you know, having people that are gonna be defiant and are just not gonna listen to what you say no matter what is. I think is... it's difficult as it's been it's been a valuable experience for me and it's definitely taught me, you know, traits and what kind of people I like surround myself with, and so, yeah.

JS: Great.

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