

## Report from Alumni Board Chairman

Fraters –

Like you, I have great memories of my time as a Teke at Northwest and the lessons I learned. Back before everything in life revolved around the internet, one of our favorite things to do was play 10-point pitch. Of course, it was an easy game when you had the Ace and King and your partner had the 3-point kicker. Sometimes though you would get dealt a bad hand and the best you could do was keep your opponent from getting all 10 points and play for the next hand.

In some ways, that's the situation we face today. We do not have a strong hand, but we are making decisions for the future. It probably goes without saying that this past year has been one of the most difficult for Delta Nu in its over 60 years at Northwest.

To that end, your alumni board has had two main goals since February. First, position our active chapter to come back as quickly and successfully as possible, and second, retain our house.

We continue to work with a group of young Tekes who we hope will apply for University recognition in November of 2017. If successful, we will be able to recruit and begin the next generation of Delta Nu. We continue to maintain our recognition by TKE International and are grateful for their help.

With respect to the House, we have made every effort to chase down or create leads for renting our house for a short period of time. We continue to have a dialogue with a couple of interested parties. However, we will come to a tipping point in August where we need to look at other options. Our last option would be to sell the house.

This is not the first time we have faced adversity in our active chapter. I was an undergrad when the house at 222 W. Cooper burnt to the ground that cold, November night. We soldiered on, headquartering out of an annex (thank you Frater Apple!) while we wondered about a new house. Luckily a piece of ground next to the University was found and our alumni responded in a big way. The Chapter had made it through and would go on to win Top TKE Chapter awards, produce Top TKE individuals, and pile up a list of accomplishments that were the envy of campus.

I would be remiss if I did not praise the group of alumni that have spent nights, weekends and days working in pursuit of making this all happen. Fraters Brad Shelton, Kevin Smith, John Moore, Chris Holder and the entire Board all deserve our thanks for spearheading our efforts to find viable solutions.

We can be successful again. We know the path. With some patience, a little ingenuity and a bit of luck we can get Delta Nu back on top. Or to put it another way, we can play the Ace and King and watch our partner throw that 3-point kicker.

Finally, Thank you to the over 1600 Delta Nu Alumni who are the backbone of our efforts. Without you and your support of both our chapter and the University- we may not have any options at all. We will continue to keep you updated and may again call on you for assistance. If you have opinions or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact any member of the Board.

Yours in the bond,  
Jason Klindt '1278 - Chairman, Board of Advisors

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## From The Historian's Desk

By now you all know the situation of Delta Nu at Northwest Missouri State. This has been a pretty rough year for all of us, both actives and alumni. Fortunately, there is light at the end of the tunnel, but we have to stick together and continue to work for the full recovery of the chapter. We have a small band of fraters who will continue to keep a presence on campus and with their continued enthusiasm and leadership we will be able to re-activate in 2017.

The most important thing is that we, the Delta Nu Alumni Association continue to work and support those young men and to continue to work for a strong and successful re-instatement of the chapter on campus. We also continue to receive full support from the TKE National and that is a very good sign. All of the most cherished Teke memorabilia like composites, chapter charter, Teke for Life Memorial bricks and donated historical have been secured.

Earlier this spring, more than 12 Delta Nu alumni fraters, gathered at the house and removed all pictures and memorabilia, boxed them up and moved them to a secure climate controlled storage area in the basement of the BD Owens Library at NWMSU. All other items that did not require a climate controlled environment such as the trophy cases, tables, chairs, etc., were moved to storage units on the South side of Maryville. The Housing Committee and members of the Delta Nu Alumni Association are exploring several options for renting it out to other groups until we can come back on campus. Once something has been decided, an announcement will be made to all alumni.

We are confident that we can find a suitable tenant for the property to help us thru this process and will not be forced to sell the beloved chapter house at 555 West 9th Street so many of us have come to know and love. The Hall of Honor display has been left in the house so that it can be used for the induction of this year's Triangle Award honorees which will take place on June 3, 2016 after the Annual TKE Golf outing. We will continue to add new photos and items of interest to the website as those become available.

If anyone has any item(s) that they would like to donate, please contact me at [propst.ed@gmail.com](mailto:propst.ed@gmail.com). We are also going to make a concerted effort to locate "lost" fraters. A list of those fraters that we have lost contact with can be found at <http://www.nwtke.com/content/lost-fraters>. Check it out and if you know the whereabouts of any on the list, please let us know. Now, more than ever, Delta Nu needs our support. A strong alumni chapter like ours will be very important to the future success of TKE at Northwest Missouri State University. The young men who are sticking with us on campus and all of us who have grown to love this chapter are depending on each other working together to get through this challenging time. We are TEKES for life!

YITB, Ed Propst '276 - Alumni Chapter Historian



## Social Calendar

Looking back over the winter, the bowling event had over 30 guys this year and raised over \$300 for TKE Delta Nu. The MIAA tournament had several TKE alumni in attendance and all enjoyed the weekend events. As we settle back into summer activities, four events are on the upcoming schedule:

- At this time we have selected Friday, June 3rd in Maryville 21st annual golf tournament. We have more than 80 golfer and plus friends and guests planning to attend this wonderful event.
- As we go to press with this newsletter, we are still finalizing details for the KC Royals Game – July 7th for a Summer Party in Kansas City. Please contact me at (816) 309-9317 if interested in the Royals game so I can buy a group of tickets together.
- Next on the social calendar is the NWMSU Golf Tournament scheduled for Friday, August 5th in Liberty, MO
- The first home football game in Maryville on Thursday, September 8th against Washburn.

Be on the lookout for further details by email, on the Delta-Nu Facebook page, and on the Delta-Nu website at [www.nwtke.com](http://www.nwtke.com).

YITB, Tony Dorrel '920 - Alumni Social Chairman.





**Pete Greve Scholarship Winner**

*“Toes pointed, leaping high, twirling for eternity, look closer and you will see Taylor Dorrel performing and sharing her talents with our school”... so writes Lori Dameron, College Advisor at Oak Park High School in Kansas City, about the 2016 Peter J Greve TKE Alumni Scholarship recipient. Lori continues “Taylor is an elite dancer but also embraces her role as a leader in our school.”*

After reviewing several outstanding applicants, judges this year selected Taylor Dorrel, daughter of Alan and Shelly Dorrel of Kansas City. Taylor was nominated by her uncle, Tony Dorrel, '920. Taylor graduates with a long list of achievements, including:

- Captain and 4 year letter winner on dance team
- Journalism letter winner – 3 years
- Academic All-State – 3 years

Her passions include Broadcast Journalism and Psychology; which she'll major in at Northwest Missouri State University beginning fall 2016. Taylor has won state accolades for videos/films and news stories, but her true love is helping others such as mentoring elementary students and working with special needs students.

Alumni of the Delta Nu Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon can be very proud of this year's recipient of the Peter J Greve TKE Alumni Scholarship and expect great things from Taylor during her years at Northwest and beyond. Watch the [www.nwtke.com](http://www.nwtke.com) website for the complete story on Taylor Dorrel and why she was selected! Congratulations Taylor!!!



Taylor receiving her award during ceremonies May 4th at Oak Park High School from Scholarship Administrator, Bruce Barlow, '533



Taylor with award Bruce Barlow, '533 and her uncle, Tony Dorrel, '920 at May 4 scholarship ceremony.

For additional information on the Peter J. Greve Memorial TKE Alumni of Northwest Missouri State University Scholarship, contact Bruce Barlow ([tkedn533@comcast.net](mailto:tkedn533@comcast.net)).

YITB, Dick Westbrook '675 - Pete Greve Fund Asst Chairman

**Alumni Profile**

**Richard E Dinkel, '13**



with a B.S. of Secondary Education.

This month's feature is Frater Richard E. Dinkel, '13 was born in Mt. Ayr, Iowa and graduated High School at Greenfield High School (Iowa) in 1953. Richard entered Northwest Missouri State College in the Fall of 1953. While at Northwest Missouri State he pledged Alpha Omicron Colony of Tau Kappa Epsilon. Frater Dinkel was a charter member of Delta Nu TKE and served as Prytanis 1957-1958. He graduated NWMSC in the Spring of 1958

Richard was drafted into the US Army in the Fall of 1958 where he served his country for 2 years. Richard was married to Mildred Marie "Mickey" Messerli in December of 1958. His career included working for The Bankers Life (Des Moines, IA) as Claim Examiner (1960 – 1966) and later Southeast Regional Claim Manager (Atlanta, GA) (1966 -1971). Later employed at A. S. Hansen, Inc. (Employee Benefit Consulting Firm) as Benefit Consultant (1971 – 1984). Richard took early retirement to care for his wife with Early Onset Alzheimer's Disease and became self-employed – Home Maintenance and Repair (1984 - 1998). He was employed in 1998 at Michell Marketing, Inc. (Quilting Supply) as Customer Service & Supply Manager. He retired 2002 after Wife's death in 2001. Frater Dinkel is a Member Delta Nu Alumni Association – Life Loyal Teke. In retirement Richard enjoys playing golf and square dancing.

Written by Frater Richard E. Dinkel on his TKE experience:

*In the fall of 1953, I entered Northwest Missouri College as an 18 year old recent high school graduate from a small town in Iowa. Campus life at Northwest Missouri State in the early 1950's was much different than it is today. Many male students were Korean War veterans with a life experience much different than an 18 year old kid from a small town in Iowa. The mature principles of Tau Kappa Epsilon, "not for wealth rank or honor but for personal worth and character", were attractive to many of these war veterans and, as luck would have it, I joined what was then a new feature of the Northwest campus, Alpha Omicron Colony of Tau Kappa Epsilon, now chartered as Delta Nu Chapter.*



*The principles of Tau Kappa Epsilon and the fraternal association with those with a different life experience changed my life. As a Charter Member I am proud of all that we accomplished when I was an Active member and all that has been accomplished in the history of Delta Nu.*

Congratulations, Frater Dinkel on a successful career. We're proud to call you Frater!

YITB, Bill Adams '905 - Alumni Recording Secretary

## Capital Improvements

Delta Nu is at a critical point in its life cycle. It is in times like this that we have the opportunity to demonstrate our life-long commitment, our loyalty, our willingness to see that the chapter that gave us so much as actives years ago survives to continue to give those life lessons to the next generation of young men.

While the chapter has suffered a meaningful setback, it continues to exist in a reduced form and we as alumni have the opportunity, and responsibility, to be its life-line. Key to Delta Nu's long-term survival is having a physical focal point, a fraternity house. We have such a house, a beautiful one, and a prime location in relation to the Northwest campus. Were we to give up our house and property, it is quite probable we would never regain such an advantage again. I served for 15 years as a chapter advisor to a university, one larger than Northwest, where the "TKE house" was a rental property owned by the university. That property is now a parking lot, and the chapter is no more. Fraters, let's not see that repeated with Delta Nu.

We owe approximately \$250,000 on a million dollar plus property. Plans are in place to continue our ownership through a rental agreement with a third party for the next several years, giving us time to rebuild the chapter membership and regain University recognition. We have a dozen committed souls, generous alumni, who have volunteered their financial help to eliminate the remaining mortgage. This effort is still a viable plan. We simply need to add a few additional commitments under the same "payback" plan to complete the project, to own the house outright and bring back an active chapter serving the next generation of young men.

Details for the next phase of this capital campaign to eliminate the mortgage will be forth coming once the anticipated rental agreement is completed. Be patient, things are happening. The "picture" will clear in the near future and details will be provided. Delta Nu will once again be a force on the Northwest campus.

YITB, Keith Jorgensen '438 - Capital Improvements Chairman

## From the Corresponding Secretary

On a daily basis, I receive emails from members of the BOA as significant events arise in the lives of Delta Nu Alumni. Please feel free to notify me of any life event that you feel is significant as it happens. We will send messages of sympathy to Fraters and their families any time we are notified of the loss of a loved one. You can reach me at [wdmhawk@hotmail.com](mailto:wdmhawk@hotmail.com)

YITB, Jim Hawkins '294 - Alumni Corresponding Secretary

## Delta Nu TKE Scholarship

We have continued to grow the Delta Nu Active Scholarship through various fund raising events and donations. As we look toward the future of Delta Nu, we are looking at how we can strategically leverage this scholarship to help build back the chapter. It's important to continue to grow this scholarship so we can attract key leaders and contributors to Delta Nu.

Your contribution and support is appreciated and as always is tax deductible. You can make a contribution to this scholarship through the Northwest Foundation, or be [nwtke.com](http://nwtke.com), or by contracting me directly. Thank you for your continued support.

YITB, Owen Straub '961 Delta Nu TKE Scholarship Chairman

## Special Projects

The Special Projects fund thru the Teke Education Foundation (TEF) can be used for special purposes, such as educational-related or leadership-based programs, such as TKE Leadership Academy, Regional Leadership Conferences, and Conclave. This account is primarily funded by Delta Nu alumni through direct donations or through Life Loyal Teke enrollments.

As most of you are aware through events and issues over the past several months TKE is currently a non-recognized organization by NWMSU and most likely not well perceived by the Maryville public at large through media coverage of these events. Therefore, it may be more difficult for our current members to raise funds within the community towards their cost contribution of RLC and Conclave attendance.

Because of these factors, your monetary support is most crucial to support these current members who are committed to continue their TKE life at NWMSU. These loyal Delta Nu members are the individuals who will re-establish the foundation for our beloved chapter at NWMSU. Thank you for your past support for our Delta Nu members TKE education and I urge you to continue your ongoing or ask for your initial support. This fund is sponsored and managed by the TKE Educational Foundation. For a list of what the TKE Educational Foundation supports, visit:

[http://www.tke.org/foundation/foundation\\_give/special\\_projects](http://www.tke.org/foundation/foundation_give/special_projects)

Donations can be made by sending checks or credit cards to the TKE Educational Foundation with a note that says "Delta-Nu Special Projects". Donations can also be made by visiting [www.tke.org](http://www.tke.org) and clicking on the "Donate" link at the top. Is your donation tax deductible? Yes, donations made through the TEF are tax deductible, and TKE follows up with the donor by sending a tax statement at the beginning of the year outlining what donations can be counted.

YITB, Bob Nielsen '640 - Special Projects Fund Chairman



**2016 TKE Delta Nu Memorial Scramble**

To kick off the 21st Anniversary Celebration, the 21st Annual TKE Delta-Nu Memorial Scramble is to be held at Mozingo Lake Golf Course in Maryville on Friday, June 3rd . More than 80 Delta-Nu Tekes from all across the country, spanning all 62 years of TKE history, will tee it up in one of the longest running fraternity events in Delta-Nu history.

Designed to raise donations for fraters who have passed into the Chapter Eternal, the tournament is expected to raised close to \$5,000 to honor and memorialize our deceased fraters on the Teke for Life Memorial Wall. Through the purchasing of mulligans and generous contributions of alumni and sponsors, every dollar raised will go toward building up donation totals in these men's names. Teke For Life Memorial Wall. All donations that were not made in a specific name will be divided up equally amongst all deceased fraters, adding to their existing totals.

Again this year we will have a hospitality tent- The 19th Hole aka Watering Hole. Golfers were able to grab a pint at the turn and non-golfers were able to socialize throughout the day. Visitors from TKE National and dignitaries from Northwest might even stop by to enjoy the afternoon.

A big thank you is owed to so many volunteers, DNAA chairs and alumni sponsors. Next year marks the 22nd Anniversary of the TKE Delta-Nu Memorial Scramble and planning is underway. Mark your calendars for this event – this will be the biggest and best alumni event of 2017, whether you're a golfer or not!

YITB, Brent Steffens '1384 - TKE Delta-Nu Memorial Scramble Director



## 2016 Delta Nu Triangle Award Recipients



The TKE Delta-Nu Hall of Honor was designed to recognize those Fraters who have excelled above and beyond expectations in their profession, in their community, within a civic organization or endeavor, with service to Tau Kappa Epsilon on the local level or within the international fraternity or to Northwest Missouri State University. Significant accomplishments will be honored for areas in a Frater's life that truly exhibit the life skills that being a member of the Delta-Nu Chapter of TKE sought to enhance or instill in them during their college years at Northwest Missouri State.

The award is based upon, but not limited to a Frater's accomplishments and awards within their specified profession, accomplishments within their community, civic group or service to others, history of service to his country, continued service to the Delta-Nu Chapter, the Delta-Nu Alumni, other chapters within TKE or to the TKE International Fraternity, and/or service or support to Northwest Missouri State while proudly representing TKE. We proudly welcome this year's 2016 class of the ΔN Triangle Award Hall of Honorees.:

- Paul White, Scroll 76, – Pledge Class 1956 Fall
- David R. Hansen, Scroll 81 – Pledge Class 1956 Fall
- Orlo G. Shroyer, Scroll 281 – Pledge Class 1962 Spring
- Jerry R. Knauss, Scroll 345 – Pledge Class 1964 Spring
- Kevin J. Smith, Scroll 932 – Pledge Class 1983 Spring

These esteemed Fraters will be inducted in a formal ceremony following the TKE Golf Scramble on the evening of Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the TKE house. A sit down Prime Rib dinner will precede the program, followed by the Induction Ceremony, with a cocktail reception to follow. We encourage everyone to join us that evening to honor the accomplishments of these Fraters.

YITB, Todd Goforth '963 - Triangle Award Chairman

## Delta Nu Alumni Association Membership

**WE WANT YOU**



The mission of the Delta-Nu Tau Kappa Epsilon Alumni Association is to offer several ways Delta-Nu Alumni can stay connected and engaged with each other, solely based on the individual members' preference. We support the TKE spirit among alumni across all generations and we are a chartered chapter-based Alumni Association which coordinates social and philanthropic events for alumni and awards scholarships to collegiate members of the chapter and school.

The Delta-Nu Alumni Association held its annual meeting on line this year in an effort to get all DNAA members to attend the 60th Celebration. We added 3 new members to the DNAA and now have 173 dues paying members. Thanks to all of the current members of the Delta-Nu Alumni Association for your support during this last year! These dues support this newsletter, the funding of the web site and on-line museum, the postage and general operating costs associated with the Board of Advisors and Alumni Assn.

If you have not joined the DNAA, would you please consider it? To learn more about the DNAA, go to [www.nwtke.com/content/alumni-association](http://www.nwtke.com/content/alumni-association).

YITB, Steve Moss '927 - DNAA Membership Chairman





The following Fraters entered the Chapter Eternal in the past months. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers. They will be recognized at this year's Memorial Golf Event.

**Kent H Bryan, 249**

Kent H. Bryan, age 73, a resident of Mooresville, Missouri, passed away on Thursday, May 19, 2016, at Hillcrest Manor, Hamilton, Missouri, following a two year battle with cancer.

Kent was born the son of Courtney and Fay (Jackson) Bryan on July 27, 1942, in Chillicothe, Missouri. Kent was a graduate of Southwest High School, Ludlow, Missouri. He was initiated into Delta Nu chapter of TKE in 1962, and graduated from Northwest Missouri State College, Maryville, Missouri in 1965. Following graduation, Kent entered the agri-business field where he spent nearly 40 years. He retired in 2004 after spending 34 years with MFA, Inc. 25 of those years, he spent working as a district or regional manager. He enjoyed deer hunting and attending the grandchildren's ballgames as his health permitted.

Kent is survived by his wife. He was united in marriage to Barbara F. Richards on August 22, 1964, in Kansas City, Missouri. They were married 51 years.

**Dennis J. Loring, 308**

Dennis J. Loring, age 73, passed away May 3, 2016 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Dennis was initiated into Delta Nu chapter in May 1963, and graduated from NWMSC in 1965.

**David E White III, 524**

David Earle White III, 65, passed away in his home on April 9, 2016. He was born May 24, 1950 in Glendale, CA to the late David Earle Jr. and Martha (Boyd) White. David studied English and radio at Northwest Missouri State. He was initiated into Delta Nu in September, 1969 and graduated in 1972. He began his career as a disc jockey in Ohio, Texas, and Puerto Rico. He later worked in sales and contract management for Kraft Foodservice before turning to technical writing at the conclusion of his career.

He is survived by his loving best friend and wife JoAnne, his son Derek, his daughter Lauren, and two grandchildren Charlotte and Garrison, who filled his heart with joy. There was never a day he would forget to express the love he had for his family. A gifted storyteller, David never failed to light up the room with his wit and charm. He will be dearly missed.

## A Final Thought . . .



The following was shared with me recently by John Shertzer, an Iowa State Theta Chi. "Life's biggest lessons, opportunities, and gifts are found in connections with others. It's easy to think you have it all together when you're flying solo through the carnival of life. Relationships require work—you're called to practice the art of giving and receiving. Yet it's through your connections to other people that you find the biggest rewards. – it is thru these shared values that we develop..... Brotherhood.

What is brotherhood? I've often found that it's a difficult concept to put into words. A common answer I heard was: "it's just something you have to experience to understand." As I've moved along in my fraternity journey, I think it's becoming easier for me to define. Brotherhood is not as vague and intangible as it once was for me. At this point, if someone were to ask me to define brotherhood in the fraternity sense, this would be my reply: "Brotherhood is the bonding of men of various backgrounds, beliefs, places, and eras around a singular set of life-directing commitments."

This is what allows me to share brotherhood with the men I graduated with, and with the men who graduated a century ago. It allows me to be a brother with someone I disagree with politically, religiously, or in any other way. Because instead of being based on personalities and friendship, brotherhood is based on shared commitments.

A brotherhood is weak or strong based on the degree to which the commitments are made and maintained. A brother is a good brother if he follows the commitments and helps others follow them as well. Brotherhood has to be maintained. For the rest of your life. If you choose to stop adhering to the commitments you made, then you fall out of the brotherhood. You stop being a brother, even if you're wearing the letters or your name still appears in the directory.

If a fraternity values togetherness and hanging out, then it is really valuing friendship. This is completely fine. Friendship is an attractive asset for a fraternity. It's also an attractive asset for a residence hall floor. Lots of places can claim friendship. Brotherhood is not friendship, although it can create friendship. Brotherhood is a sacred privilege. It's not easy to maintain. I have a lot of friends in my life, but very few true fraternity brothers. Brotherhood is unique enough that it is found sparingly. Of course, you find it in families. You also hear it in places where men fight wars together, or enter burning buildings together. Brotherhood is a term you sometimes hear in religion. Brotherhood in fraternity is like religion, but the stakes are not quite so high. There are oaths, obligations, and peer accountability.

Why is brotherhood difficult to define? Because done right, it is extraordinary. There is a reason so many brothers stand up at each others' weddings. And eventually eulogize each other. Those moments are reserved for family, or those who might as well be. For those with whom we've forged a connection that's deeper than just beers on Saturday nights, or Spring Break trips together. A connection born on the day we spoke the oaths that made us fraternity men together. Those oaths made us brothers. And for as long as we pledge to stay true to those oaths, and help each other stay true as well, brothers is what we'll remain. I think at this point, that's how I view brotherhood".

Making connections with other people is easier than ever, and not just through social media. Most of those connections are superficial at best. The easier it is to join something, the less it means to you. A true sense of belonging comes from giving, self-sacrifice, and effort. To belong you must share a common experience — the tougher the experience, the better. If you have not become a member of the DNAA, would you please consider it? To learn more about the DNAA, go to [www.nwtke.com/content/alumni-association](http://www.nwtke.com/content/alumni-association).

Yours In The Bond, Brad Shelton '651, Vice Chairman - Board of Advisors