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The alumni newsletter for Delta Nu Chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity



Time flies at Delta Nu!

It's hard to believe that 2019 is drawing to a close and with it the first year in the life of the New Delta Nu Active Chapter. So much has happened with Delta Nu in the past few months, and the progress is gratifying. Although rebuilding the Active Chapter is a long and arduous task, the support of involved, dedicated alumni and a highly motivated active chapter will continue to bear fruit as we move forward. If you wish to play a role in this renaissance, there are multiple opportunities.

First support your alumni association by joining or renewing your DNAA membership today. Many of the good things that have happened with the Active Chapter have been supported by seed funds provided by the Alumni Association. Without that support, the Active Chapter would not have made the impressive progress of the last few months.

Your personal involvement with the Active Chapter by serving on various alumni committees allows you to get up close to the action and have an impact on the positive growth of the chapter. In addition, if you have skills in the building trades and can travel to Maryville, the Chapter wants you! House maintenance and repairs are among the greatest draw on financial resources and hiring contractors can be expensive. Fraters who have expertise (and labor) they can offer can have a dramatic impact on keeping the house budget balanced and the house in good condition.

Contributing to the Northwest TKE Scholarship fund will play a significant role in attracting and retaining men of good academic standing and characters. The restructuring of our scholarship program has already had impact by putting the New Delta Nu in an academic leadership position on the Northwest campus and it a cornerstone of our new membership. Your financial support is critical to making this program work.

There is much left to be done and the journey to a vital, self-sustaining Active Chapter is not complete. But with your support, in whatever way you choose, is needed and valued. Come join us, Frater, in making the Fraternity for Life a continuing reality.



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Active Chapter Update 2019

Delta Nu Sweeps Northwest Fraternity Performance Metrics

In its first semester back on campus as a recognized chapter, Delta Nu outperformed all other fraternities for the Fall semester in academics, philanthropy and service. The chapter's semester GPA was 3.21 and overall cumulative GPA was 3.30, ranking it first among the six fraternities. Chapter members raised an average of \$32 per person for charity and logged 10 hours of service apiece, both of which were also the highest for any fraternity. Most of the service hours and philanthropy dollars benefited St. Jude Hospital and Lettuce Dream, our primary Maryville-based non-profit partner. To top it off, the chapter donated the most blood of any fraternity during the Student Senate Fall blood drive. It's safe to say the chapter has quickly establish a very positive reputation on campus.





Chapter sends 13 members to TKE Regional Leadership Conference in Chicago

Despite being one of the smallest chapters in membership, Delta Nu was one of the best represented chapters at the TKE Upper Midwest Regional Leadership Conference in early February. Thirteen of our 18 members made the trek to Chicago for the 3-day learning experience with fraters from the 12-state region. While there, our representatives met members of the Grand Council and the national staff, learned more about how to run an effective chapter, and were also exposed to leadership development exercises. Many thanks to alumni who donated to the TKE Education Fund, which covered a portion of the cost, as well as the Northwest Student Senate, which provided a grant of over \$900 to help defray expenses incurred by our attendees. The men who attended spoke highly of the experience and look forward to attending next year as well.

Delta Nu stays up for St. Jude Children's Hospital

Each year in February, the local organization that raises funds for St. Jude Hospital hosts its premier event on campus – Up 'til Dawn. Members of Greek and non-Greek organizations get donations to participate in a midnight to dawn event held at Bearcat Arena. The event includes a variety of games and other activities to keep the attendees awake and having a good time. This year, the Delta Nu Chapter decided to make Up 'til Dawn its primary fundraiser for St. Jude. Nearly the entire chapter participated and in the process we raised more money than all other fraternities combined. Thanks to the generosity of alumni, family and friends who sponsored our men, we generated over \$2500 in donations for St. Jude.

Thank you donors and thank you St. Jude Hospital for what you do to save the lives of children.



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Active chapter honored by Northwest Missouri State University

It's been an impressive first year for the New Delta Nu chapter at Northwest. From receiving top honors in academics and philanthropy from TKE International to winning Top Teke for 2019. But these active's achievements also captured the attention of our University. For their impressive accomplishments locally, and campus leadership and presence, they were awarded the Northwest Award of Excellence for Outstanding New Organization. Congratulations to all!



TKE International Conclave 2019



Delta Nu Active Chapter received several awards for its performance in the 2018/2019 schoolyear at the recent Bi-annual Conclave of the International Fraternity. Newly reconstituted in 2018 following a three-year absence from the campus, the active chapter received an **Excellence in Academics Award** for having the highest cumulative Grade Point Average of all fraternities at Northwest (3.25), as well as an **Excellence in Achievement Award in Philanthropy** for raising over \$3,000 for St. Jude Hospital and \$500 for local nonprofit Lettuce Dream.

In addition, the Chapter's first president since being reestablished, Nathan Meeker from Council Bluffs, Iowa, was awarded the **Top Teke Award** by the International Fraternity. This award is granted annually to a select few individuals who excel in academics, leadership, both within the fraternity and in other organizations on campus, and community service. Nathan is the sixth Teke to win this award in the history of Delta Nu Chapter. A hearty congratulations to the Chapter and Frater Meeker!







Red Carnation Ball returns to Delta Nu



Tradition is important for any organization, and that's certainly the case for the Delta Nu Chapter of TKE as well. For decades, one of the Chapter's most important social traditions was the Red Carnation Ball, where actives and alumni alike put on a coat and tie, lined up a date, and gathered for a good time. Part dinner, part awards ceremony and part dance, the RCB was a chance to have a great time across TKE generations in a special setting.

After not being held for several years, several alumni felt the event was too important for members of the chapter not to experience, so they set about to restore the tradition. Spearheaded by alumnus Tony Dorrel, the event was held March 2nd at the Ballroom in the Student Union building on campus. Tony was aided by alumnus and President of the Housing Board, Dave Teeter, who served as the emcee for the evening. Alumnus Steve Eckard, alumnus Richard Krambeck and last year's Prytanis Nate Meeker spoke about the history of the chapter and our recent accomplishments.

Senior Nate Meeker was presented with Delta Nu's Top Teke Award for his leadership of the active chapter as the first Prytanis of the chapter after reinstatement. Nate was joined by fellow senior Garrett Niemeier, juniors Ben West, Andrew Goff, Kaleb Odle, and sophomore Peyton Lewis as winners of the B.D. Owens Tekes of Distinction Award for 2018. Each of these men performed at a distinguished level in areas including character, service, leadership, academics and overall contributions to the chapter. Advisor David Cox was honored as the Outstanding Alumnus of the year for the role he has played in supporting the chapter since its reinstatement. And last, but not least, Phi Mu member and recent Pan Hellenic Council President Liz Conard was selected as the Chapter Sweetheart. Liz has supported the chapter in many ways, including connecting us with the first person who decided to join the fraternity when we came back in 2017. All of the more than 60 plus people who attended the event had a great time and expressed a desire to permanently include the RCB in the chapter's social calendar.



TKE House Improvements

The Active Chapter is doing an exceptional job keeping the house clean and well maintained. One way to keep operating costs low is our continuing focus on looking for opportunities to make the mechanical and electrical systems more efficient. With that in mind, our focus recently was to convert house lighting from incandescent to led technology,

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The first floor lights in the foyer, the hall leading back to the chapter room, the pool room and the conference room have all been replaced and outfitted with energy efficient LED bulbs. In addition, the lighting in the individual rooms have all been replaced and outfitted with LED lighting.

It's anticipated that this change will yield significant saving both in electricity bills as well as lighting replacement costs for years to come. In addition to this project, we restriped the parking lot and acquired new ladders to facilitate ongoing maintenance activities.

Maintenance issues we will be addressing in 2020 include:

We are currently getting bids to have the flag-pole sand blasted and painted to extend it's life. We are also looking to replace the ball at the top with a eagle. The underside of the deck is starting to show a little age. We anticipate a good power washing and application of sealer will do the trick.

There are some more substantive maintenance issues that will need to be addressed in the near term. These include the driveway in front of the main entrance which will require replacement in the next year or so. In addition, some of the brick around the front entrance will need to be tuck pointed. We are currently getting bids for both of these repairs

Keep in mind that any repair we cannot perform for ourselves will require the expense of a contractor. In the past few months we have had alumni who contributed their skills in painting, drywall, carpentry, electrical, and variety of other skilled trades. This represents a significant financial savings for the house operation. If you can contribute in this manner, it's a great way to have fun, hook up with some of your alumni Fraters, and make an important contribution to Delta Nu. So get your hammer (or whatever your favorite tool is), contact Mike Clark at mclark@gmail.com, and come on down!





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Fall 2019 Alumni Events



As fall approaches and football season is upon us, the alumni of TKE Delta Nu hope you can all attend the excellent events we have planned for this upcoming season as we continue to celebrate the classes of "9". As most of you know, each year we will be celebrating the pledge class anniversaries from each decade at the events scheduled throughout the year. We encourage all fraters to reach out to their long lost pledge brothers to invite them and their families to come and join in the celebration.

Saturday October 12 at 12pm, your Northwest Missouri State bearcats take on Pittsburg State University at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City. The fraters of the TKE Delta Nu Alumni Association invite you and your family to join us for a tailgate in the parking lot from 9:15 am to noon prior to the game. The alumni association will provide hot dogs and chips for registered attendees at the tailgate, but all are encouraged to attend the event. Football tickets can be purchased for the event at admin building on campus or at any third party ticket vendor (stub hub, vivid seats, etc.). Once you have arrived at the stadium, we will be on the east end of the parking lot (I70 side of the stadium) near lot C – Pole C8. Look for the TKE flag flying high in the sky and come enjoy the day! Register at: http://www.nwtke.com/content/bearcat-vs-pitt-state-football-game-arrowheadstadium

Homecoming this year is schedule for the weekend of October 24-26. We invite all fraters and their families to join us for this traditional event on the campus of Northwest Missouri State and at the TKE house. The schedule for the weeks events being held by the university can be found at

https://www.nwmissouri.edu/getinvolved/homecoming/schedule.htm if anyone is in the local area or wishes to join other alumni early in the week for the full homecoming experience. The fraters of Delta Nu will be hosting a meet and greet at the TKE house on Saturday morning following the parade which starts at 9am. Once the open house is complete, we invite all fraters and their families to join us on the north grass lot, just east of the Phi Sigma house, for a tailgate prior to the game. The Bearcats kick off against Lincoln University at 2pm.

As we celebrate the class of 2009, 1999, 1989, 1979, 1969, 1959 we again encourage everyone to invite their pledge brothers to join us for these events. Please feel free to send digital pictures from your time at northwest to <u>Nathan 64506@yahoo.com</u> or bring hard copy photos with you so we can compile a list of memorabilia from everyone's time at Northwest. The Alumni Association will be offering special deals and discounts to anniversary members looking to join the Alumni Association as we continue to build on the bonds formed in Maryville.



2019 TKE Memorial Golf Tournament



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In the midst of another 100-year flood, the 2019 TKE Delta Nu Memorial Scramble and Triangle Awards was within an inch of getting rained out. But as has almost become tradition, the Maryville skies gave way to picturesque conditions, which made for another memorable trip to the 'Ville! A record-setting number of Tekes (25) gathered early on Thursday, May 30th for the two-man blind-draw scramble, known as the Johnny U Invitational. Named after an old pair of community golf shoes amongst the Tekes of the 90's, the winning twosome is awarded the pair of bronzed Johnny U golf shoes. Shooting a historical tournament-low score of 64, the 2019 winners were Jay Davidson '1214' and Chad Gamblin '1341'. Alumni filtered in to Maryville throughout the night and joined the larger group for dinner at Carson's Sports Grille and cocktails at The Pub. A big thank you to Frater Carson Reidel for his donation of gift cards to the Johnny U winners...and to Frater Jeff Zeller for complimentary drink tickets and comfort coolers on Friday.

A complete Delta-Nu Teke invasion of Mozingo Lake Golf Course and Conference Center ensued on Friday, May 31st. With a hundred alumni attending the events, stories, shout-outs and smiles were abundant in the sunshine throughout the day! Donations were collected as a tribute to those fraters who have passed before us, building memorial funds for the TKE For Life Wall in their name.

A total of eight \$500 Level Memorial Bricks were awarded in 2019, in the names of: O.Stanley Stewart '43'; Bruce E. Pierce '44'; William S. Cordonier III '55'; Daryl E. Kluever '69'; James R. Marley '70'; Robert E. Dickey '257'; Deane L. Layland '544'; and Carl C. Jensen '817'. A total of 92 bricks have been awarded to deceased fraters throughout the lifetime of the tournament.

Frater Mike Reiff organized the sponsorship of a Memorial Tee Box Marker for The Old TKE House at 222 W. Cooper – raising \$200 in its name. And since all of the original Memorial Tee Box Markers secured sponsorships after 2018, Frater Mike Clark spearheaded the redesigning and expansion of the markers – producing 36 newly designed and handcrafted equilateral triangle tee markers. His time, equipment and expertise were all donated as part of his recommitment to the DNAA. A secondary beneficiary of tournament is the TKE Education Scholarship. The 50/50 Raffle generated two \$250 sponsorships for 2019, thanks to the giveback of raffle winner Frater Keith Jorgensen. In the honor of Triangle Award recipient Lee C. King, we will be awarding a \$250 'Lee C. King Memorial Scholarship' and a \$250 '2019 Memorial Tournament'. With an additional \$1,350 of scholarship funds generated from over a dozen alumni, hanks to everyone who supported this accomplishment!

Congratulations to all the winners throughout the day. From raffle prizes to pin prizes to flight winners, Northwest football gameday experiences, gift cards, golf gear, drink tickets were passed out to all the lucky recipients. See the full list of sponsors listed below – a gigantic thank you to all of them! Cherry Flight Champions – 59 – Mark Hendrix, Jason Washam, Nathan Welch, Chris Holder; Grey Flight Champions – 61 – Bruce Barlow, John Newberry, Jim Waters

Make special note of the 2020 date, as we'll be celebrating the 25th Annual TKE Golf Tournament, 65th Anniversary of Delta Nu and Triangle Awards. **SAVE THE DATE FOR 2020 — Thursday, May 28th – Friday, May 29th – Saturday, May 30th**

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS: Fraters Barlow, Brightwell, Buxton, Gamblin, Jablonski, Kemmerer, Newberry, Reidel, Rold, Ross, Waters, Westbrook, Woolsey and Zeller – along with the Northwest Alumni Association and Monument Golf. THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS:

Fraters Carroll, Clark, Cox, Dorrel, Edwards, Gamblin, Holder, Jorgensen, Malick, Propst, Reidel, Reiff, Sanely, Stevens, Trotter and Washam.



2019 TKE Memorial Golf Tournament





Congratulations to the four Fraters selected to the TKE Delta Nu Hall of Honor making up the Class of 2019. All have shown outstanding leadership and commitment in their selected field of work, service to their community and continued support of Tau Kappa Epsilon and Delta Nu in particular. Triangle Inductees must be nominated by their Delta Nu Alumni brothers and then go through a selection process. These Fraters were inducted at a dinner ceremony in June.

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Dwight Grantham: Dwight grew up in N Kansas City, earned an Eagle Scout ranking and later served in the U.S. Army earning an SPC 5 ranking. He then enrolled at NWMSC and pledged TKE in the Fall of 1958 where he was involved in many chapter and school activities and served as Pylortes for 2 years. Dwight graduated with a Business degree and taught business at Lenox and Atlantic, IA for many years and later at IWCC. He was also involved in organizing many of the 5 year DN reunions. He served as the treasurer for the New TKE House Project and was very instrumental in that whole process. Dwight served as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout Leader including being a District Commissioner. He's one of the original TKE for Life Donor Wall contributors and a long time member of DNAA.

<u>Jim Hawkins:</u> Jim Grew up in South Central Iowa and went on to NWMSC where he pledged TKE in the Fall of 1962. His campus activities included Freshman Student Senator and President of the Industrial Arts Club. Jim earned his Master's Degree from Drake U. and was involved in education most of his adult life, teaching industrial arts, serving as a Junior High Principal and serving on numerous state education committees. Jim was instrumental in starting the Professional Educators of Iowa and served as their first Executive Director and is now a Senior Director. Jim is also very active in his church serving as a teacher and on the Elder Board. Jim has served as the Recording Secretary for the DNAA and is a TKE For Life Donor Wall contributor.

Leroy King: Lee grew up in Bedford, Iowa and went on to NWMSC where he pledged TKE in the Fall of 1962. His enthusiasm and leadership qualities made him very popular in the chapter and on campus. He really was instrumental in sparking TKE's deeper involvement and success in the competitive intramural sports program at NWMSC. Lee had a lifelong career in the railroad industry starting with the Chicago Great Western RR and ending up as a Vice President for Sales with Union Pacific in Omaha. Lee served on many committees at Tiburon Golf Course in Omaha where he and his wife Dotty and family spent many happy hours together. Lee played a huge part in the New TKE House fund drive and encouraged many Fraters to get re-engaged in the fraternity. Lee was an early and strong supporter of the DN Alumni Golf outing and loved reuniting with old friends. Lee entered into Chapter Eternal on August 9, 2008.

Bobbie Nielsen: Bobbie grew up in the Coon Rapids and Bayard, Iowa area and went on to NWMSC where he pledged TKE in the Fall of 1974. Bobbie was very active in the chapter and served as Hypothetes. He graduated with a Business Management degree and is now the Inside Sales Manager for YRC Freight in Kansas City. Bobbie has been very involved with the DNAA for many years where he has served as the Recording Secretary, the Special Projects Fund Chairman, the DNAA Chapter Calendar Project and the 2011 Composite Resurrection Project. Bobbie currently serves as the Membership Chairman for the DNAA.



B.D. and Sue Owens Return to Campus

Dr. B.D. Owens and Sue Owens returned to campus on September 27 with a public event held at the B.D. Owens Library on the 40th anniversary of the historic Administration Building fire. Dr. Owens is President Emeritus of Northwest Missouri State University and a Delta Nu alumni.

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University President Jasinski served as the moderator for the wide ranging discussion where Dr. Owen's reminisced about his tenure at Northwest and the challenges he faced and achievements he accomplished.

When he arrived at the University it was dealing with accreditation issues, lack of funding, and of course, the near destruction of the historic Administration Building in a massive fire.

By the end of his time at Northwest he had developed strong relationships with the legislature and accreditation board, and secured funding for two major new buildings on campus. He also oversaw the restoration of the Administration Building, as well as development of the University's innovative wood-fired power plant.

Following the interview with Dr. Owens, participants were introduced to the Sue Wright Owens poetry collection, and well as a reading of a selection of her poems by Mrs. Owens.

Delta Nu is proud to call Frater Owens one of our own, and were pleased to have Dr. and Mrs. Owens back at Northwest.



Celebration of B.D. and Sue Owens



2 - 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27, 2019 3rd floor of B.D. Owens Library Open to the public



Join President Dr. John Jasinski for a conversation with President Emeritus Dr. B.D. Owens 2 - 3 p.m.

Dr. Jasinski will talk with Dr. Owens about his varied experiences at Northwest. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own questions for Dr. Owens.

Spotlight of Sue Owens Collection 3 - 4 p.m.

The collection consists of Sue Owens' poetry books, which also showcase her watercolor and acrylic paintings.









Alumni Bowling Tournament 2019



Thanks for all the ballers for the great fun at the 2019 bowling event held at AMF Pro Bowl in North Kansas City. We held a brief DNAA business meeting and then we were off to the lanes!

Team Peregrine and crew won again - 8 years consecutively; perhaps we should retire the traveling trophy after 10 years. This crew is unstoppable! As for the low scoring team - a plunger and toilet paper goes to Team Canchola; (next year we're getting a new captain.) Door "prizes" were awarded to the lucky winners and losers.

For the second consecutive year, several actives from the chapter participated in the Alumni Bowling Tournament in Kansas City. Twelve actives went road-tripping for the Sunday event and spent the night at Camp David (Alumni Advisor David Cox's man cave) the night before the event. While the actives have a thing or two to learn before they'll be able to compete with an alumni team that has won the event eight consecutive years, they had a good time and reports are that Camp David remains intact and able to host future getaways.

2020 Event Will Combine Annual DNAA Meeting, New Venue, Service Project

Next year's event will be held on February 8, 2020 in Kansas City. To support our efforts with Community Service and to show our support for Better Men for a Better World, the Delta Nu Alumni Association will be hosting our Annual Meeting to vote on new officers and the Alumni Association budget in the conference room at **Harvester's Food Community Network** at 3801 Topping Ave from noon to 1 pm. Snacks and beverages will be served.

Once the 45 minute meeting concludes, we will provide volunteer labor to the Harvester Community Food Bank from 1 pm to 3 pm on site. At the conclusion of the Community Service Project, attended by Active Chapter and Alumni members, we will move to **The Main Event** family entertainment center at 4600 South Cochise Court in Independence, MO for the annual TKE Delta Nu Scholarship Bowling tournament. The Tournament will take place from 4 to 6 PM.





Chapter Eternal



We have received news of the passing of the following Fraters. Please remember them and their loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

Frater	Scroll	Pledged	Passed
Daniel T. Relmond Jr.	4	1954 Spring	April 28, 2012
Allen Berkley Carr	11	1954 Spring	Not available
Lloyd D. Mather	51	1955 Spring	June 3, 2001
William S. Cordonier III	55	1956 Fall	October 28, 2018
Phillip E. Messner	178	1959 Fall	December 6, 2018
Michael F. Travis	204	1960 Fall	December 19, 2018
Lowell L. Wright	229	1961 Spring	January 18, 2017
Terry L. Hiltabidle	305	1963 Spring	December 24, 2018
Harold A. Gooding Jr.	487	1968 Spring	January 1, 2019
Steven A. Searcy	673	1974 Spring	July 15, 2019
Scott E. DeLong	999	1985 Fall	July 26, 2019





The Fraternity for Life, to Life's End

This summer I attended the funeral of Frater Steve Searcy, who fell victim to cancer and left us far too soon. For those of you that knew Steve, he was a upbeat and positive force during his active chapter years at Northwest, a characteristic he sustained for the rest of his adult life. There were many family and church members at the service, which was a testament to how many people Steve had touched and impacted in his lifetime. But what somewhat surprised me was the number of TKE fraternity brothers in attendance. Although due to crowd size, it difficult to get an exact count, I estimate there were nearly 40 Fraters plus many spouses, some of which had traveled hundred and even thousands of miles to attend.

It was an impressive and touching tribute to the bonds we all formed with Steve that lasted a lifetime. I can't help but think that it also touched the heart of and brought comfort to his wife, Renee, who we all knew from our TKE college days. After the service concluded, many of us gathered at a nearby restaurant to reminisce and lift a glass to Steve's memory.

It was on the way home that I reflected on the number of Fraters, some of which hadn't seem Steve in decades, who traveled to Liberty, Mo on a hot July afternoon to validate the lasting impact and strength of the bonds formed by Fraternity so many years ago. It truly is the Fraternity for Life . . . and a lifetime. I'm proud to have known Steve, and in that moment, I was equally proud to be a Teke.



