

# A Top Chapter Also Gives

## ... COMMUNITY SERVICE, SAYS DELTA-NU AT NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE (SMALL)

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ONE of the most rewarding activities of Delta-Nu Tekes is the annual Teke-Alpha Orphan Party, which takes place around Christmas time.

Last year the children at the party were from the Noyes Home in St. Joseph, Missouri. Thirty children ranging from 4 to 16 years were picked up early on a Sunday morning by school bus, and brought to the Northwest Missouri State campus by Tekes and members of Alpha Sigma Alpha, the sister sorority that has given the Tekes five Homecoming Queens and a TKE Sweetheart Calendar girl.

The orphan party is but one of the community service projects of Delta-Nu chapter. Each year the pledge class removes all decorations from the downtown area after Christmas—a ritual witnessed by the townspeople. Happily, we have found it to be an excellent method of promoting a strong, friendly and respected relationship between the chapter and the city of Maryville.



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The Tekes, working with other campus and community organizations, helped raise \$923 during the recent Cerebral Palsy fund drive in Maryville.

To provide a continual service to the college student loan fund, many Tekes, on a purely voluntary basis, have registered as blood donors at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville. We accept no monetary compensation for our blood donations. The money ordinarily given to the blood donor is placed directly into the student loan fund.

In addition, several Tekes were instrumental in formation of the "Dracula Club," an organization open to blood donors who are enrolled in college. Sixty-three per cent of the current members are Tekes.

In both intellectual and physical intramural contests, Tekes have done well on campus. We are extremely proud in the former case to have won, with no defeats, the college "Campus Bowl" trophy in the men's division. Women's division winner was sister sorority Alpha Sigma Alpha.

In the physical attainment area, we were first in intramural track and football, and our A and B teams took first and third in the traditional tug-of-war contest. In spring and fall last year, the Tekes took first and second overall trophies, and top single-team trophies both times. Tekes also may be found in every major varsity sport at Northwest Missouri State—with starters in baseball, basketball, football and swimming.

### STUDIES EMPHASIZED

Scholarship also is stressed in the chapter. There are five fraternities on this campus of 2,500, and the Tekes have missed the scholarship trophy twice by only .03 while the

chapter's grade point rose from 2.23 to 2.39 to 2.44 in three successive semesters.

Most publicized activity of Delta-Nu chapter in the last year was presentation of white leather-bound Bibles to President Johnson and to the widow of President Kennedy. The chapter representatives also placed a wreath on the slain president's grave in Arlington National Cemetery.

Delta-Nu pledges and members are encouraged to get acquainted with other Teke chapters, and to exchange information. During the last year two former Delta-Nu Tekes, who had transferred to the University of Missouri, were elected as officers of Beta-Theta chapter, which had contacted Delta-Nu and asked for assistance in rejuvenating the chapter. Our chapter also has supplied information concerning social events to Epsilon-Epsilon chapter at the University of Omaha.

Each semester, Delta-Nu pledges, as a group, take a trip to another chapter—a function designed to introduce pledges to the scope of Teke brotherhood.

Weekend visits by fraters to and from other chapters are encouraged, in an exchange of Teke fraternity life.

Delta-Nu chapter strength is 82 members, plus a pledge class of 34 this last semester. With a chapter this size, our house is too small, and we are trying to raise money for a new house. Teke sponsorship of an appearance by the New Hourney Men has already put money into the housing fund.

In writing this article I know that I have left many things out, but in closing I would like to say that the men of Delta-Nu take pride in our chapter, our housemother, our advisors and our strong and very active board of control.