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SIGMA TAU DELTA HONORED

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CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, an international honors English society, has been named an outstanding chapter for its outstanding service, activities and performance.

One of its major achievements is involvement in the production of a student literary publication, "The Vehicle." Most of the work on "The Vehicle"

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is done by members of Sigma Tau Delta, and all of the material is written from students at Eastern.

Published once a semester, "The Vehicle," "allows students' creative selves to be shown, and allows them to express themselves in a way they want," said Eileen Kennedy, co-editor of the Vehicle.

Kennedy said work on the Vehicle begins the first week of the semester and doesn't stop until its publication at the end of the semester.

Sigma Tau Delta distributes about 2,000 free copies.

"We're really proud of the Vehicle and are glad to give it to the school. We hope Eastern is proud of it, too," said Kennedy.

All Eastern students are encouraged to submit poetry, prose, art and photographs to the publication. Kennedy said the Vehicle has trouble getting artwork and is always looking for more.

The editorial advisors, consulting editors, editors and all members of Sigma Tau Delta read and rate the submitted work. The work with the highest average is then put in "The Vehicle."

Kennedy said the publication started as a supplement to the Daily Eastern News in the 1950's, and Sigma Tau Delta took over its publication about 10 years ago.

"The Vehicle is an outlet for students' creative work, because so many people, not necessarily English majors, are creative," said Kennedy.