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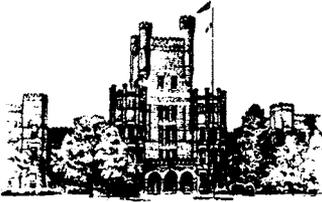
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DELTA TAU DELTA OUTSTANDING CHAPTER

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Student Hometown News Bureau

CHARLESTON, IL--The Delta Tau Delta fraternity chapter at Eastern Illinois University has earned the Hugh Shields Award for being one of the top ten chapters in their division, of 125 chapters in the United States and Canada.

The prestigious award is based on various factors including academics, campus and community relations, membership education and alumni and public relations.

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"It was a united effort with dedication to excellence in academics, philanthropic work and community service and relations," said Ralph Weller, chapter advisor for Delta Tau Delta for the past six years. Weller was a member of Delta Tau Delta at the University of Colorado.

He said the fraternity stresses scholarship among its members and was ranked second out of 11 chapters for having the highest grades this past school year. Forty percent of the active members have a cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or above, and 77 percent have averages of 2.5 and above.

Beyond its scholastic achievement, the chapter has donated 519 hours of campus service. Members have worked with the university's student activities office for security at various concerts held on campus.

The chapter has also taken an active role in Eastern's blood drives by setting up all equipment at the beginning of the drive and then packing everything away at the end. Delta Tau Delta also had 54 percent of its members donate blood. They also worked with the Rookie Runner program by helping freshmen move into their residence halls and with student orientation.

The fraternity also completed 1,012 hours of community service in 1987. This includes hours put in at the Charleston Community Senior Center by offering assistance with household chores to persons ages 60 or older in Charleston. They have also worked with the Kansas Learning Center and the Charleston Special Olympics.

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Through their philanthropic events, Delta Tau Delta raised \$4,600 in the past two years for the Leukemia Society of America by holding a dance-a-thon with the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority. They also raised about \$500 for the American Heart Association by sponsoring a 5K race with Alpha Phi sorority.