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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLESTON, IL--Alpha Kappa Delta, the sociology honorary organization at Eastern Illinois University, is sponsoring distribution of books to Khon Kaen University in Thailand.

John Wade, adviser to Alpha Kappa Delta, said the books are texts which are donated to the club by the Textbook Rental Service and Sociology Department faculty.

Wade said the books "would otherwise be destroyed," but are now being converted into useful purposes. He added that Khon Kaen University is glad to receive the books because of a lack of English language books in its library.

Approximately a dozen boxes of books have been sent so far, with many more shipments planned, Wade said. He added that he would like to see at least one new shipment go out each semester.

"Alpha Kappa Delta's goals are service," Wade said. He added that "this activity is perfectly suited to the club's goals."

Wade said he hopes the book shipment idea will spread to other universities and to other departments at Eastern.

Wade said Khon Kaen University was the first to receive such shipments because of his association with an instructor there.

CAPTION

Students involved in the book shipments to Thailand, from left: Gamine Meckel, Charleston; Sharon Franklin, Elk Grove Village; Maylene Heller, Arlington Heights; Susan Laitas, Metamora; Melinda Reynolds, Waukegan; Bonnie Gooch, Elmhurst; Kathy Worby, Charleston.