

## SORORITY

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advancement and academics.

According to Williams, some 77 of the 114 Oregon KDs have cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or better.

"They (KD's national leaders) were real progressive on what they think a woman should learn," Sutherland said.

### Need to expand

Across the nation, collegiate

fraternity and sorority systems are expanding in numbers and popularity. For example, Kappa Delta is also in the process of adding more chapters in California, Kansas, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Wisconsin.

The University's greek system is likewise undergoing an upsurge. Every fall, about 1,000 men and women sign up for rush, the week-long process where new college students select and pledge membership to

a house.

Rush classes had increased in size four years in a row until they leveled off last fall when the University cut back on enrollment.

The demand created a problem for the University's 10 existing sororities (Alpha Omicron Pi, an 11th sorority, closed down last fall). Membership at each chapter ranged from 80-120 women; each new fall class added about 45 more.

"We went in with the idea

that the system definitely needed more sororities," said Nicole Kiesz, Panhellenic expansion chairwoman. "because there's such a great interest in rush."

Deanna Jurgens, this year's Panhellenic president and last year's expansion chairwoman, sent out letters to national sorority organizations inviting them to consider setting up at the University.

After receiving about 12 responses, Jurgens, Kiesz and a Panhellenic committee narrowed the list down to Kappa Delta, Sigma Kappa and Alpha Delta Pi. Sigma Kappa is expected to begin colonization next year.

Despite the fact KD will be competing with the established sororities for members next year, KD members have appreciated the work Kiesz and Panhellenic have done in bringing the sorority here.

"Nicole Kiesz has been outstanding," Williams said, explaining that Kiesz rounded up big sisters from other sororities for new KD members.

"One of the things Kappa Delta strives for nationally is the Panhellenic spirit," Labatte said. "There's no way we could feel competitive, because we want every sorority to succeed. When a sorority fails, the whole system feels it. We want the greek system to survive."

KD hopes to repay the welcome it got when Sigma Kappa colonizes next year.

## Monday In-Depth

"Once we are established, we'll offer our house to them just as any other sorority would want to," Leppek said. "Once our formal fall rush is over, we will do everything in our power to help them because we know, we just went through it."

KD has also received support from its alumnae. There used to be a KD chapter on campus long ago. The old house, chapter Alpha-Lambda of Kappa Delta, closed down in 1933.

The new sisters have already been in contact with the old. "One of the Alpha-Lambda alumnae is donating her pin — which is an original Alpha-Lambda pin — to be passed down as the president's pin," Leppek said.

The old Kappa Delta house is gone, but the new chapter will be taking up residence at 1680 Alder St., former home of Alpha Omicron Pi.

And what about when the new members become alumnae? Where do they want to see the new chapter in five years?

"We want the sorority to be spoken about highly, not only by greeks, but the campus and by administrators as well," Leppek said.

Labatte said she wants to see "the sisterhood and the friendships there that are very sincere.... That's what (KD is) here for, to make those life-lasting friendships. When they leave college, Kappa Delta doesn't stop there. It just starts."

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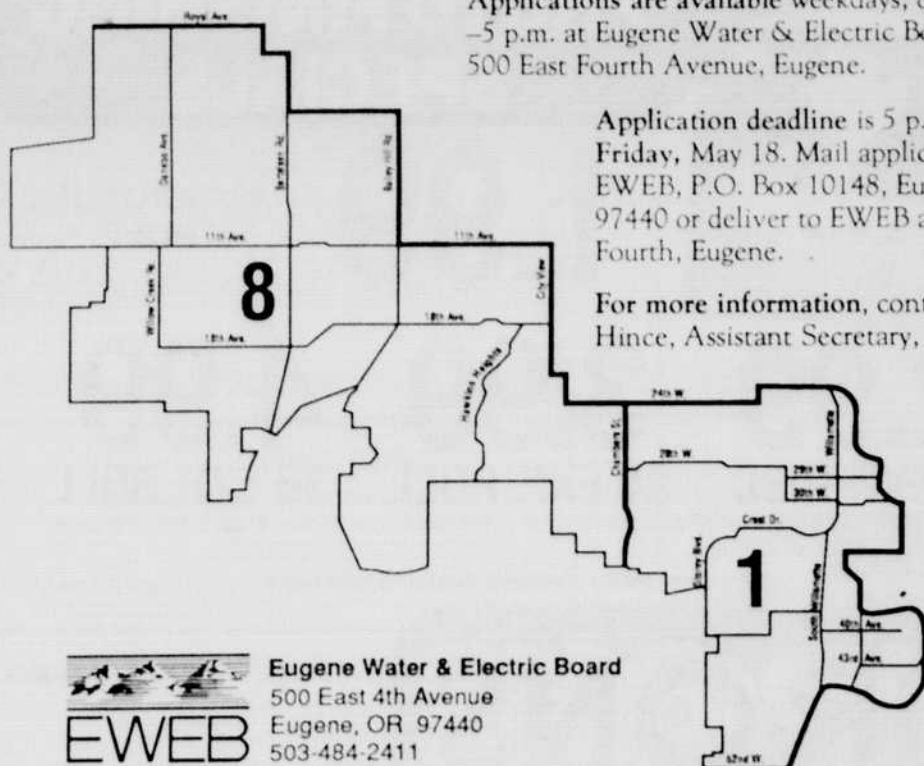
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