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“Why is Delta Chi Headquartered in Iowa City?”

In 1839, it was decided to lay out a city, to be called “Iowa City,” to be the capital of the Territory of Iowa. On August 4, 1846, the land that the Headquarters now sits on was sold by the Territory of Iowa to Mr. Ichabod R. Kimball. The property changed hands several times and, in 1890, the building that is now the Headquarters of The Delta Chi Fraternity was built. The street in front of the building is called Church Street because the city’s planners thought there should be a street connecting the downtown area with the city cemetery and that all the churches would be built on it. Ironically, there has only been one church built on Church Street.

In 1890, when Delta Chi was founded, there obviously wasn’t a headquarters. The general fraternity’s records were kept by its officers and passed on to their successors. The financial records followed the “DD”s and the membership records followed the “CC”s. Up until the 1920s this system worked mainly because Delta Chi was so small. In 1920 we had 21 chapters. If a chapter ordered supplies from the “CC” he would send the supplies and then send a letter to the “DD” to have the “DD” charge the chapter’s account and send the chapter a bill. An inefficient process to say the least. In 1923, O. K. Patton, a professor of law at the University of Iowa, was elected as “CC” and the membership records moved to Iowa City. When we finally went “general” in 1923, we started to expand. By 1929 we had grown to 36 chapters and the records expanded with this growth and the central office and position of executive secretary that were authorized in 1923 officially came into being. The workday functions of the “CC” and “DD” were brought together in Iowa City. Patton stepped down as “CC” in 1935 but stayed on as Executive Secretary (a part-time position) until his “retirement” in 1951. His two immediate successors (1951-1956) were both in graduate school at Iowa and from 1956 until 1961 the central unit was managed by a volunteer committee that included Patton. In 1961, Delta Chi hired its first full-time executive - Harold “Buc” Buchanan, Wisconsin ’35. The Fraternity’s headquarters was housed in the top two floors of a building owned by O. K. Patton and it was hoped that he would leave the building to Delta Chi. When he died in 1967, Patton left the building to his wife and, once again, Delta Chi looked for another location for its headquarters. The building at 314 E. Church St. (built in 1890) was bought for \$27,000 on December 24, 1968 and we moved in during July 1969. The office is located a half block off of Fraternity row and one block from the President’s house at the University of Iowa. In the early 1990s, Delta Chi once again studied the issue of the headquarters’ location. After a long and in-depth process, it was decided to put an addition on the building to extend the useful life of the structure to Delta Chi.

Scholarship
Success
Service

Opportunity
Obligation
Outreach

Camaraderie
Character
Chivalry

Inspiration
Initiative
Integrity

Achievement
Athleticism
Ambition

Leadership
Learning
Legacy

Delta Chi - redefining the college social fraternity

Iowa City - A College Town

Laid out before it was built in 1839 as the capital of the Iowa Territory. The capital moved to Des Moines in 1857 to be in a more central location for the state.

Home of the University of Iowa:

Founded in 1847 but first offered classes in 1855

Enrollment: Undergraduate: 18,913; Graduate: 9,496; Total: 28,409

ACT average composite score: 24 (98% ≥18)

Greek System:

Men: 20 NIC, 3 NPHC & 1 Hispanic, 1,056 total members

Women: 14 NPC, 4 NPHC & 1 Hispanic, 2,495 total members

Population:

Iowa City, Coralville and University Heights 85,760

Employment:

Total Employment 54,591

Unemployment Rate <2%

Largest Employers:

Univ. of Iowa 17,311

Univ Hospitals 5,857

I.C. Schools 1,600

VA Hospital 1,300

NCS 1,194

Mercy Hospital 1,082

A.C.T. (Headquarters) 957

Rankings:

USA Today ranked the University of Iowa 19th out of 162 public Universities

Outside magazine 10th best college town

Milken Institute #1 small metro economy

USA Today 3rd best educated city in the US (44% of adults have at least a four year college degree)

Men's Journal 6th most sexy, healthy and safe place to live

AARP 6th best college town in which to retire

Expansion Mgmt. magazine 11th best metro area for companies to relocate or expand

Airport:

Eastern Iowa airport is 25 miles from the Headquarters

Direct flights include Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas, Denver, Kansas City, Minneapolis and St. Louis.

Served by ATA, American Connex, American Eagle, Chicago Express, Delta (Com Air), Northwest, United and USAir Express

Weather:

	Highs	Lows	Precip.	Snow
January	29.7°	11.5°	1.0"	6.3"
February	35.3°	16.5°	.96"	5.8"
March	48.2°	28.2°	2.36"	4.0"
April	63.4°	40.1°	3.69"	1.7"
May	74.7°	50.9°	4.04"	
June	83.8°	60.4°	4.54"	
July	87.5°	65.1°	4.91"	
August	85.1°	62.4°	4.41"	
September	77.6°	54.4°	3.9"	
October	68.3°	42.9°	2.82"	.3"
November	49.5°	31.2°	2.12"	1.5"
December	34.1°	17.7°	1.56"	6.6"