

## **“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 on land once owned by a man named Kimball) 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 of the University of Iowa’s house. 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.

## 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

Full-time: 7,482 men; 7,930 women

Part-time: 1,315 men; 1,563 women

Graduate: 4,644 men; 4,117 women

ACT average composite score: 24

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 69,366

Coralville 15,347

University Heights 1,042

### Education Level

**44% of adults in Iowa City have at least a four year college degree** (highest % in US with Boulder, CO 2nd at 42% and Lawrence, KS 3rd at 38%)

### Employment

Total Employment 54,591

Unemployment Rate 2.6%

#### Largest Employers:

Univ. of Iowa 21,773

VA Hospital 1,300

I.C. Schools 1,175

Mercy Hospital 1,082

A.C.T. (Headquarters) 957

### Weather

	Avg. Highs	Avg. Lows	Avg. Precip.	Avg. Snow Accum.
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"

### Airport

Cedar Rapids airport is 25 miles from downtown Iowa City (and 25 minutes from the Headquarters)

Direct flights to Chicago, Cincinnati, Denver, Kansas City, Minneapolis and St. Louis. Served by American Eagle, Chicago Express, Delta (Com Air), Northwest, TWA, United and USAir Exp