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**The Official History of
the first 100 years of the
Arizona Chapter of Delta Chi**

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Photo 1: Old Main Fountain Source: UofA Library Digital Collections

Brief History of the University of Arizona

In 1885 a saloon keeper in the town of Tucson obtained the deed to a few acres of land from six gamblers in exchange for a debt owed to him. The man then donated the land to the state of Arizona since they needed a place to establish the University of Arizona that the state legislature had voted to create. Tucson was a bit disappointed, they wanted the capital to be located there and got the university instead.

Old main was the [first building](#) to be built on the land and was finished in 1890. The first classes were held in 1891 and 31 students attended the university although only 6 students were full time and classified as freshman. 22 students were taking high school equivalent classes and not university level. But the enrollment steadily grew at the university each year and the need for more buildings and a greater curriculum became apparent.

The Agriculture College, Mining and Engineering College, And Liberal Arts School were the first to spring up. Soon thereafter a Science building, administration building, a Law School and a new Library were built. Since the university was in the outskirts of the city there was a problem with cows



Photo 2: Old Main Building, 1890 Source: UofA Library, Special Collections

roaming the grounds. To solve the problem the U of A built the stone wall around the campus which still exists today.

Tunnels were built and still exist that connect all of the above mentioned buildings underground as world war I fallout shelters and for maintenance purposes. The Old Main fountain was built as a memorial to those students who died and served in the war.

The name "Wildcats" was given to the school by a Los Angeles newspaper writer, who while covering a football game between the U of A and Pomona, wrote "the kids from Arizona play like a bunch of fighting Wildcats" around 1917. John "Button" Salmon gave the school his slogan "[BEAR DOWN](#)" while dying in bed in the hospital. As Student Body President and Captain of the football team he had a car accident before a big game and when asked if he had a message for the team he replied "just tell them to bear down". The words were painted atop the gym and when band director Jack Lee saw them while flying in for an interview for the directorship, he wrote "Bear Down Arizona" as the school's new fight song.



Photo 3: John "Button" Salmon Source: Arizona Athletics

The colors of the school were picked to be red and blue in order to gather community support for the school by using patriotic colors.

The University main gate was obtained from Prescott, Az where it had been the gate to the capital grounds. It is solid brass but was painted black to prevent public awareness of its value and possible theft.

Old school traditions include the burning and painting of the "A" on Sentinel peak each September to signify to Tucson the beginning of the school year. Freshman used to have to wear beanies around campus and not ever step on top of the map of Arizona on the floor of the Student Union.

Part of the Student Union is dedicated to men of the USS Arizona which sunk at Pearl Harbor in World War II. [The bell in the Union](#) is one of two from the ship. The other is in a warehouse in California.



Photo 4: Bell from U.S.S. Arizona Source: Special Collections at the U of A Library



Photo 5: James Fred "Pop" McKale Source: The Badger Foundation

Mckale Activity Center was named after [Pop McKale](#) a long time university coach of just about every sport and collector of many championships. The roof is pure copper plated in significance of the state. The new mall fountain was built entirely through donations and is dedicated to the gamblers and saloon keeper of 1885.

All of the university buildings are made out of red brick and are built with flat roofs so that expansion of more floors in each building may occur when needed. The classrooms are designed to always have windows to the outside and 90% of them are.

DELTA NU 1923-24

THE OLDEST KNOWN GROUP PICTURE OF THE LOCAL FRATERNITY



Photo 6: THE OLDEST KNOWN GROUP PICTURE OF THE LOCAL FRATERNITY Delta Nu 1923-24 Source: Original Deltan Newsletter
Front row- (L to R) Rhes Cornelius, Ferason Burton, James Gentry, Jess Golkerson, Doug Holsclaw, Lawrence Howe, Leo Hart, K.T. Palmer. Middle row- Tom Hart, Paul Harris, Monty Mountcastle, James Brown, Chet Marsh, Willbur Niestrath, George Gen Back row- James Caretto, Moses Williams, Al Guthries, Keith Dekalb, James Hearon, Ralph Carlson, Otto Asperger.

THE SECOND HOME OF THE DELTA NU'S

AND FIRST HOME OF DELTA CHI AT TIME OF CHARTERING ON MAY 2, 1925.



Photo 7: First home of Delta Chi in May 2, 1925 House held about 20-25 and was located at 1277 E. Lester. Source: Original Deltan Newsletter

THE HISTORY OF THE ARIZONA CHAPTER OF DELTA CHI FRATERNITY

Note: All of the following is presumed to be factual truth from official historical documents and the memories of Senator Douglas Holsclaw '25 provided to Glen Vondrick in 1978. Anything or anyone not mentioned or falsities herein are unintentional and regretted.

1920

Tracing its primary organization back to the spring of 1922, our local chapter owes its existence to the phenomenal growth of the University of Arizona that year with veterans from the first world war now attending college in Tucson. The fact was becoming more and more evident that many very desirable students were losing an important phase of their college careers through the inability of the then organized campus groups to absorb even a fair proportion of students until a group of upper classmen (engineering students) conceived the idea of establishing a new group from the abundance of material unrecruited by the other fraternities.

The fraternities on campus at that time were **Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu**, and two local fraternities who were later to petition and receive charters from **Pi Kappa Alpha** and **Phi Gamma Delta**. The **Sigma Nu's** and the **SAE's** at that time were two of the better houses with the **Kappa Sigs** and **Sigma Chi's** the largest. National Sororities on campus were **Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Chi Omega, and the Delta Gammas**.

[Cochise Hall on campus](#) housed most of the university men at that time. It was in room 113 that 3 men conceived the idea of a new local fraternity. Their names were **Ralph McDonald, Homer Holt, and Jess Gilkerson**. The name of their new fraternity became **Theta Sigma Psi**. In order to achieve great membership, they contacted **Dugald "Doug" Holsclaw**, a disabled World War I veteran living in the Music Hall (now South Hall) who was very active on campus and was the varsity yell leader. The membership quickly grew to 20 members, five of them World War I veterans.



Photo 8: Cochise Hall 1922 Source: Parents Eyes U of A

The **Theta Sigma Psi's** obtained a house of 874 E. Third St. (now University Blvd.) across from **SAE** and in between the **Delta Gammas** and the **Zeta Delta Epsilon** local. The ages of the group ranged from 17 years old to 29 years old. In the group was **Jimmy Hearon**, three-time national polo team champion captain, and member of other varsity teams and extracurricular activities. While attending a conference at Stanford University, **Doug Holsclaw** came back with many ideas for the fraternity and upon his suggestion the group adopted the name **Delta Nu** as its Greek letter name instead of **Theta Sigma Psi** with an eye toward eventually becoming part of a national social fraternity system.

Having established the fact that there existed at the U of A a genuine need for a new fraternity, and that such an organization with the pick of the unorganized men on campus could reasonably expect to assume soon after its local recognition a position of parity with other fraternities, the founders of **Delta Nu** directed their attention to the formulation of the policies

and principles which would form the basis of their selection of men to lead the organization. Having accomplished this, the formal petition of **Delta Nu** presented September 15, 1923 after numerous provisional changes made by the faculty, was officially accepted on November 9, 1923 and **Delta Nu** was locally recognized.

In its first year of existence, **Douglas Holsclaw** was elected the first president. The officers drew up the constitution and by-laws, a **Delta Nu** pin, a ritual and pledge program. The colors of **Delta Nu** were gold and blue and the pin was hexagonal with a gold beveled edge. The Greek letters Delta and NU were embossed in gold upon a dark blue enamel background. The ritual exemplified the high Christian morals of the group.

Delta Nu was established with *four aims*; the maintenance of a standard of excellence in *scholarship*, active participation in *athletics* and other activities of college life, the *social development* of the members brought forth through fraternity life, and the maintenance of a *high moral standing*. **Delta Nu** succeeded in its first year by maintaining the *highest standard* group grade point average in the history of the school.



Photo 9: Ralph McDonald, Graduation robe 1924
Source: The original Deltan

Under **Leo Hart** as the second president of the fraternity, **Delta Nu** decided to strive for national affiliation with a strong national social fraternity. The local fraternity had moved to its second house at 1277 E. Lester and had been in contact with **Beta Theta Pi** National, **Phi Kappa Psi** National, and **Delta Chi** national. The President of the University of Arizona at that time was **Dr. Cloyd Heck Marvin**, a **Delta Chi** from the University of California chapter. **Dr. Marvin** was impressed with the group and pointed out to **Delta Nu** the great abundance of **Delta Chi** alumni on the faculty, in the city, and throughout the state. **Delta Chi** nationally had established strong chapters in the west at major universities such as USC,

Cal, and Washington. This was the deciding factor for the group and they decided to petition **Delta Chi** Fraternity for a charter.

With the help of many people, a 30 page petition was drawn up and submitted to the Iowa City Headquarters on October of 1924. On March 17, 1925 the petition was granted by the **Delta Chi** Executive Board. This was the shortest amount of deliberation time for any petition to the National fraternity of **Delta Chi**. The petition contained facts of the university, the state, the local fraternity, and had pictures, alumni recommendations and history.

With the help of the nearest host chapter, the University of Southern California Chapter, the installation banquet was held on May 2, 1925 and was attended by hundreds of guests from throughout the state. The Arizona Chapter became the 19th chapter of the **Delta Chi** Fraternity and to date is the 15th oldest active chapter in the fraternity.

Al Guthrie was elected the first "A" as the **Delta Nu** crest was replaced with the **Delta Chi** coat of arms. Over the summer, the **Delta Chis** moved into their third home at 598 N. Park until the year 1927 when the **Delta Chi's** had the first new home for Greek living built at 1501 E. First St. and established a new Greek row of houses around it.



Photo 10: Al Guthrie the first Delta Chi "A" and Leo Hart second "A" Source: The original Deltan

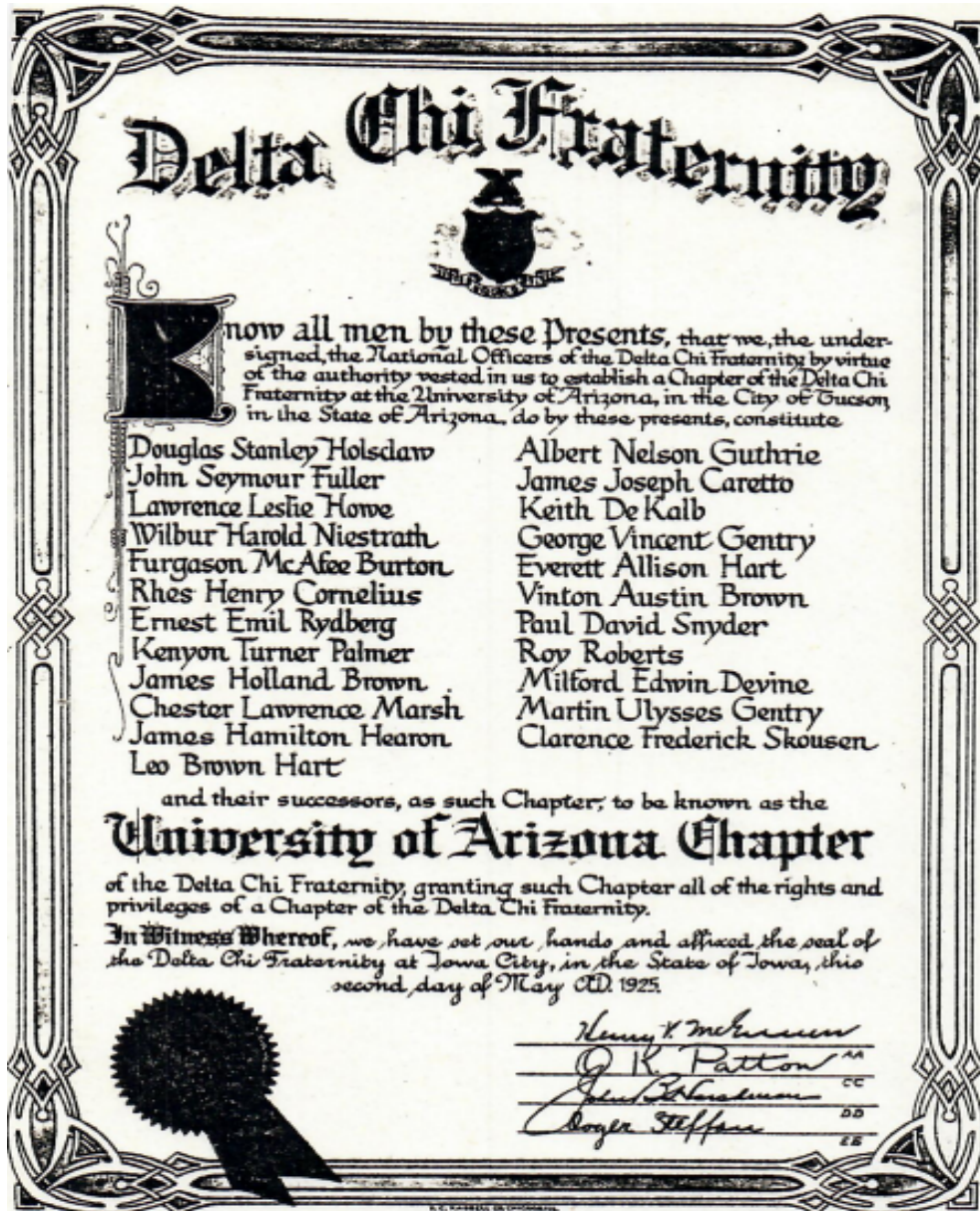


Figure 1: The Charter dated May 2, 1925. The Arizona Chapter became the 19th chapter of the Delta Chi Fraternity.

THE CHARTER!

Delta Chi	
ARIZONA CHAPTER ESTABLISHED 1925	
GRADUATE STUDENTS	
Leo B. Hart	Rhes Cornelius
James H. Hearon	K. T. Palmer
SENIORS	
J. H. Brown	Ferguson M. Burton
James Caretto	John Fuller
Dugal I. Holsclaw	George Gentry
W. H. Niestrath	Lawrence Howe
JUNIORS	
Albert Guthrie	Chester Marsh
Roy Roberts	Everett Hart
Russell Mecker	Russell Williamson
Ernest Rydberg	
SOPHOMORES	
Keith De Kalb	Paul N. Snyder
*Phillip Weisbecker	
FRESHMEN	
Vinton Brown	Melford Devine
Martin Gentry	Wylie Peterson
Joseph Skousen	Clarence Skousen
Leon Sapp	Audley Shapp

*Pledge

Figure 2: Charter members from the 1925 yearbook

1930-
1940

Milford Devine was the first non-founder to be initiated into **Delta Nu** and **Wiley Peterson** became the first non-charter member to be initiated into **Delta Chi** at Arizona. **Ross Kingsbury** became the first man to handle the chores of financial upkeep of the **Delta Nu** house as the house Manager.

Upon moving into their new home at 1501 E. First St The **Delta Chi's** started their domination of many things at the University. Athletics (varsity and intramural), publications, student government, and honoraries have all been controlled by **Delta Chi's** at various time at U of A.

The main competitors of the house were **SAE, Sigma Chi** and the **Phi Gamma Deltas** throughout the years.

The alumni club was started in 1948 by **Douglas Holsclaw** who later organized a mother and wives club and also supervised the publications of The Deltan, the annual newsletter.

Some local records for Arizona Delta Chi are believed to be as follows:

Most members in one year - 135 (1947-48)

Most pledges in one year - 75 (1946-47)

The **Delta Chi's** have had four student body presidents at Arizona: **John Boyd, Carl Berra, Tom McIntosh** and **Doug Holsclaw Jr.** **Doug Jr.'s** election in 1956 by a very narrow margin was in the height of fraternity life. Flagpole sitting and social conformity were at their peak.

The **Delta Chi's** were known for their fantastic intramural championships in the 40's and 50's. Hundreds of banners and trophies were won by the "Delts" as they were called.

DELTA CHI



Cornell University
1890
46 Chapters

Arizona Chapter
1925
113 Members



1501 East First Street

Photo 11: First Delta Chi House. Source Arizona Yearbook.

1950

In 1959 with the **Delta Chi's** being the king of all fraternities, they decided it was time for a new home. As a result of the 1960 federal Housing Act the government was to finance large loans in the building of houses for large living units. The University of Arizona was the first to apply since the 23 fraternities on campus needed more space. Ten Fraternities took part in the project but **Delta Chi** was the only one to provide its own lot and partial initial financing .

Achievements in 1950s for Arizona **Delta Chi**:

Most graduates in one year - 35 (1950)

Largest alumni club -110 (1959)

Membership for decade was over 226 brothers

The 1700 block on east First St. was originally farm land outside the campus walls owned by **Senator Holsclaw** and his wife, **Alice**, as part of their real estate and land development company long before the Senator ran for and was elected to the Arizona State legislature.

Senator Holsclaw donated the land to **Delta Chi**, and also started the fundraising drive to build a state of the art new chapter house with a huge contribution. The fundraising was successful and the new house was completed for the fall of 1961. Designed by **Delta Chi Gordon Luepke '38**, the house was the largest of all fraternities on campus and its facilities unmatched.



"Today we dug, tomorrow we pour!"

Photo 12: "Today we dig, tomorrow we pour!" Source: UofA 1961 Yearbook

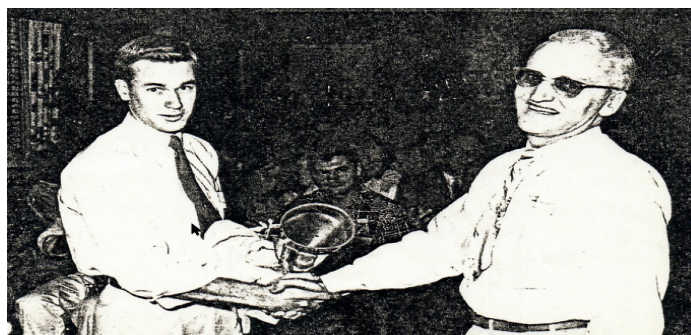


Photo 13: First Delta NU "A" Douglas Holsclaw Sr. presents son Doug Jr. with Alumni Honor Cup for the Outstanding Member 1955. Source: The Original Deltan

1960

With **Delta Chi** moving to the most modern fraternity house on campus and the prominent position on the new Greek row, the membership grew rapidly with a full-time house mother, a fully operational kitchen, and the successful recruitment of many athletes.

The house adopted a new nickname, the "Cacks". Intramurals were so successful that the **Delta Chi** brothers had a farm team. "The Chicago Heights Athletic Club" won the independent championship the same year the house won the Greek Championship. The 64-man house was always filled and the membership soared to over 20 brothers annually with additional members living out of the house as the decade of affordable vehicles came into existence and the parking lot was always full.

Delta Chi Places First In Annual Pledge Pajama Race

"They're off and running!" Weeks of practice comes to an end as the starting gun is fired and pajama-clad fraternity pledges race to win the coveted brass spittoon.



Photo 14: Delta Chi Pajama Race Source: Arizona Year book 1961

Delta Chi started having membership and financial problems in the 60's as did all Greeks throughout the nation as a result of student unrest about the Vietnam War. Independent liberal nonconformity and apathy on campus led to fraternity life going out of fashion. Membership started to decline. The **Delta Chi's** did not rush or even pledge many men in 1969. The Seniors voted not to pay rent if they lived there for four years.

The house payments to the University accumulated overdue to \$34,739.55 and to the national fraternity over \$3,000. The kitchen was forced to close. **Senator**

Holsclaw and **K.T. Palmer** helped raise funds to lower the debt. The **Holsclaws** contributed \$14,000 alone (a rather large sum today). The chapter was forced to rent out the third floor rooms during the school year to students to help meet their payments.

The **Chi Delphia Sisters** of the white Carnation was adopted at the Arizona Chapter in 1967-68 but was reorganized and chartered in 1974-75 before the national fraternity eventually forbid the practice.

Our New 60 Man Home — 1701 East First Street
2 Blocks from Campus

= \$40.00 each per month
 o in each room.
 ra for single room.
 ing bedding & linen)

Dues = \$10.00 per month Social = \$4.50 per month Board = \$65.00 per month
 Food by U. of A.
 Two meals per day
 (Six days per week)

PATIO — REFRIGERATION COOLING — ATHLETIC COURT — PARKING

Greetings from Delta Chi
 University of Arizona -- 1923 to Date (48 Years)
 Our Arizona Chapter Record

1. Over 850 Alumni — 2 Regents — 2 Governors — 1 Rhodes Scholar — U. S. Ass't Sec'y Defense — Nat'l Comm. Amer.

Photo 15: Rush Flyer 1971 Source: Glen Vondrick

1970

Membership in the early 70's sank to only 13 members before the upturn began, and there was not enough rent being paid to keep the house from incurring debt and closure of an operational kitchen. During this time, **Tim Deegan '72** deserves a lot of credit as often a one man band goodwill ambassador for Arizona as Regent traveling around in Region 2 to keep Arizona in the hearts and minds of other **Delta Chi** chapters and the national fraternity, and almost a live-in "house father" in later years of the decade.

In 1972 property equity was sold to pay off a \$19,000 debt. The members in the past few years had stolen from the house and the upkeep was nil. Many valuable historic **Delta Chi** items were gone. Those that remained fought hard to rebuild the fraternity. The alumni club dissolved out of disgust of what happened at their house.

Thanks to hard dedicated efforts of new loyal **Delta Chi** members and alumni, the house survived and began the comeback at a tremendous rate through involvement of members in all the university clubs and organizations ranging from Interfraternity Council, Student government, Bobcats, Chain Gang, Sophos, Spring Fling, Greek Week, and Traditions. The fraternity grew and rebuilt its reputation on campus and within the national fraternity system. Financial responsibility was imposed on the membership, enthusiasm grew, membership increased faster than anywhere on campus. Each year a new problem was taken care of as **Delta Chi** strived for number one again.

In the fall of 1976, the Arizona Chapter hosted the Region 2 Leadership Conference hosting **Delta Chi's** from all over the southwest, culminating in what turned out to be a semi-formal "coming out party" for the return of **Delta Chi** prominence on campus - impressing all the undergraduate attendees from the southwest, national fraternity representatives, campus luminaries, and all the sorority women who dressed up to be part of the return of **Delta Chi** to glory. **Kent Rollins '77**, the U of A Dean of Greek Life, and later the university alumni director, was initiated in fall of 1977 as a faculty member.

The dramatic turn around did not go unrecognized. Following the 1976-77 school year the efforts of the Arizona Chapter were rewarded by **Larry Audlehem**, the Executive Director, at the International Convention of **Delta Chi** Fraternity in Kansas City, Missouri in August '77.

The Chapter received the national Award of Excellence for one of the top six chapters in the nation and the Most Improved Chapter trophy. **Senator Douglas Holsclaw** was also awarded the Order of the White Carnation honor for outstanding and distinguished alumni service to the fraternity. He became only the third person to receive the award. The chapter also had recipients of the Outstanding "C" award, and swept the regional conference honors, attaining 2 Greek Week championships in 3 years, and placed many members in positions on campus where they have received many honors.

The feeling of number one had returned to the chapter again and the recognition was coming from everyone. In the follow up **Delta Chi** international convention in 1977-78, the Arizona Chapter received THE MOST OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARD, at that time when only one was given, the only known time the Arizona Chapter received such honors.



Photo 16. Delta Chi and Thetas make the cover of Arizona Alumnus Magazine in 1978 for Greek Week. Source: Arizona Alumni Association Vol. IV, No. 2, December, 1977

1980

The 80s were a time of social development and all-campus parties where the bands played on Scum Beach. **Delta Chi** was able to leverage its beautiful property at 1701 to generate profits for many charitable donations and enabling very low dues to keep the house full of dedicated brothers.

Delta Chi was famous for its great theme events. Del Tachi Country Club was focused on the golf outing. Badlands Blowout was a western-themed event in the desert. Del Tiki is where the whole house came together to decorate the house like a Polynesian paradise, complete with a pool. At first, the pool was on the front steps. Then a serious one was built in the backyard. Through it all, **Delta Chi** remained a close house. You knew everyone had your back.

Delta Chi loved intramural sports had competitive A and recreational B teams. basketball and volleyball were fun, but coed inner tube water polo with **Gamma Phi** was probably the most entertaining.

Pete Niemanus took many photographs of the house. For rush, we developed them into slides at a one-hour development place to see the potential members at the end of the night and vote on their merits. It was a whole-house effort to ensure the new fall or spring class of pledges would fit in and carry forward the **Delta Chi** way.



Photo 17: Del Tiki Summer Fun

Delta Chi named our pledge classes—names like **Bodagget**, **Carbuncles**, **Nematodes**, and **Maleanas** and the names were painted next to all the others in the parking lot. It gave us all a sense of belonging—that the brotherhood of **Delta Chi** came long before us and it was future generation's responsibility to ensure it lasted long after we graduated. Membership during this decade was at an all time high of over 339 brothers.

Delta Chi had some great leaders in the 1980s and we learned a lot from them, the "A"s and the pledge trainers enforced how important tradition is. A few notable leaders were **Mark Gragg '80**, **Jim Tidwell '80**, **Bill Coombs '84** and **Simon Brooke '84**, **Scott Hicks '87** and **Randy Papetti '88**. The A's kept us focused and ensured the brothers stayed together at particularly challenging times on campus. Our pledge trainers reminded us not just to get alumni signatures on our pledge paddles but to ask them about the house.



Photo 18: Chapter Composite 1985-86

1990

In the early to mid-1990s, the **Delta Chi** house was an island of misfit toys. **Delta Chi** recruited gentlemen from every corner of the country and every walk of life. Brothers who found each other and found a home...in a house at 1701. Membership during this era was over 229 brothers.

Bid Night was an introduction to our famous alumni, and to those, we would eventually call “brothers.” Initiation Night was the culmination of a semester of fun and a week of fond memories.

Mornings were made for **Bev** – our chef, housemother, confidant, ball-buster, and BAC equalizer. And on Friday mornings, she loaded that kitchen with omelets and pancakes and hash browns and mimosas. Eat brunch and then run a few games of hoop on the parking lot court. Water? We headed over to the 7-Eleven to drink 64 ounces of Coke and Mountain Dew to quench our thirst. And if you needed to get somewhere, **J.D.’s** rotting Honda CVCC was waiting in the parking, keys on the floor (no mats). Brotherhood!



Photo 20: James Black '88 and Dave "Lurch" McCarthy '88 and other brothers playing basketball on the 1701 parking lot basketball court

stories above the cement backyard, protected only by flimsy/rotting wood) to the above-ground pool in the middle of the yard.

Pledges built the “Homecoming” float with any sorority that would have us, we hosted a booth at the “Spring Fling” carnival, selling cookies and lemonade or charging people to throw pies in other people’s faces. Those were long cold nights and long, warm days.



Photo 19: Ray Galbreth, Douglas Holsclaw '23, Don Atchinson '87, Grady Hicks '88, and Mike Bruse '88 at Western Regional Conference hosted by Arizona Delta Chi

Each year **Delta Chi** hosted Del Tiki, an all-day party where the house became a Hawaiian island, complete with palm fronds, a papier mâché tunnel, and sand from the foyer to the backyard. The porch was transformed into a pool, and the Rain Convention took the stage. There was a slide from “Scummy Beach” (that narrow slab of concrete covered in sand, two



Photo 21: Jerry Schoenherr '88 inspecting Homecoming Float construction with Delta Delta Delta Sorority

2000

The 1701 E First St chapter house celebrated 40 years on campus amidst many changes to the Greek system at the University of Arizona. The dormitory-style fraternities and sororities located north of Speedway began to relocate with modern houses located on or near First and Second Streets closer to the university police headquarters, with some churn from older chapters leaving and new ones colonizing on campus. A similar trend occurred at universities across the US as there was a nationwide effort by all to crack down on

negative press from Greek life.

In 2000s, the fraternity excelled in academics, philanthropy, as well as parent and alumni relations. Membership was over 310 brothers in total which represents a downward trend for the Arizona Chapter after the 1980s.

The chapter hosted an alumni weekend in April 2004 which included a golf tournament, as well as a social event for all family members. During Parent's Day weekend, the chapter raised over \$5000 with it's annual auction. (Source: Winter/Spring Dx Quarterly)

The chapter raised funds for the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation by participating in their annual aids walk and volunteering to remove art from the Marriott hotel gallery. Over 15 Brothers donated their time to this event. They tore down art exhibits that were being sold and helped clean up the ballroom. This helped their standing in the community as they were one of the only Fraternities to participate.

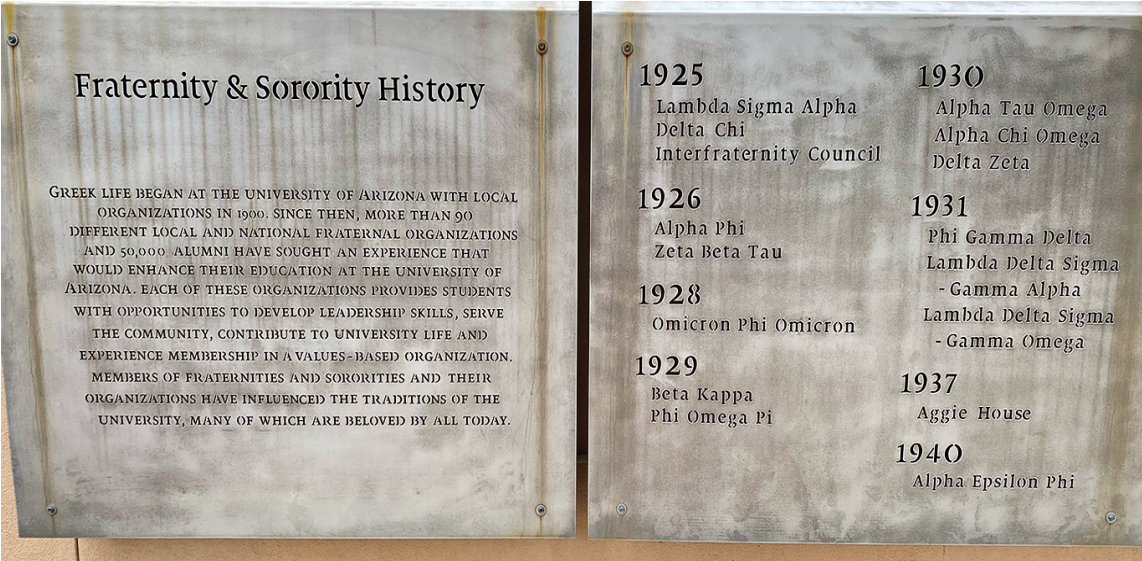


Photo 22: Delta Chi was honored with this plaque in Greek Park in 2017 Source: Glen Vondrick '75

2010

At the beginning of this decade the fraternity tried to restructure and adhere to its goals which are to promote friendship, develop character, advance justice, and assist in the acquisition of a sound education. The membership for the 2 years of existence in this decade was 129 brothers and was a dark era for Arizona **Delta Chi**. The undergraduate membership had little alumni support and guidance. It was frequently found in violation by the University and the International Fraternity for hazing and alcohol violations.

Ultimately, the **Delta Chi** fraternity was suspended in 2012 by the University and by the International Fraternity in this decade. **Delta Chi** was too often “in the news” for all the wrong reasons, and the local press reported that the fraternity was “stripped of recognition by the UA for repeated violations that presented a threat to the health and safety of members.” The Chapter lost its home of over 40 years at 1701 for the first time and was forced to vacate the premises.

Almost all the heritage of the previous 85+ years of Arizona Chapter legacy was destroyed – with the members destroying composites, trophies, banners, and awards as they were evicted from the premises in a “scorched earth” departure. Thanks to the previous foresight and commitment of the Holsclaws the property did not fall out of local **Delta Chi** hands. The property’s caretakers were primarily brothers from outside of Arizona alumni and leased to the **Zeta Beta Tau** fraternity who removed virtually all the treasured **Delta Chi** greek letter association/identity from the house.

The building is still leased profitably by the alumni housing board to the **Zeta Beta Tau** fraternity as of writing of this section in 2023.

In 2017, the University established a permanent park on Greek Row just across the street from the **Gamma Phi Beat** house called the Geraldo Rivera Greek Heritage Park, a tribute to all of the university fraternities and sororities over the years. Despite no longer having a presence on campus, a group of Arizona Chapter alumni contributed funds to reserve a column dedicated to Arizona **Delta Chi**, inscribed with the names of individual alumni donors. The column is located on the far front northeast corner of the park closest to the 1701 First St property.

This page is dedicated to the alumni who continue to advocate for **Delta Chi** and memorialize the lost leadership, academic, brotherhood and social development opportunities for those who attended the U of A during this period without a **Delta Chi** chapter. The column serves as an “eternal flame” ensuring **Delta Chi’s** prominent legacy on campus is recognized and visible.

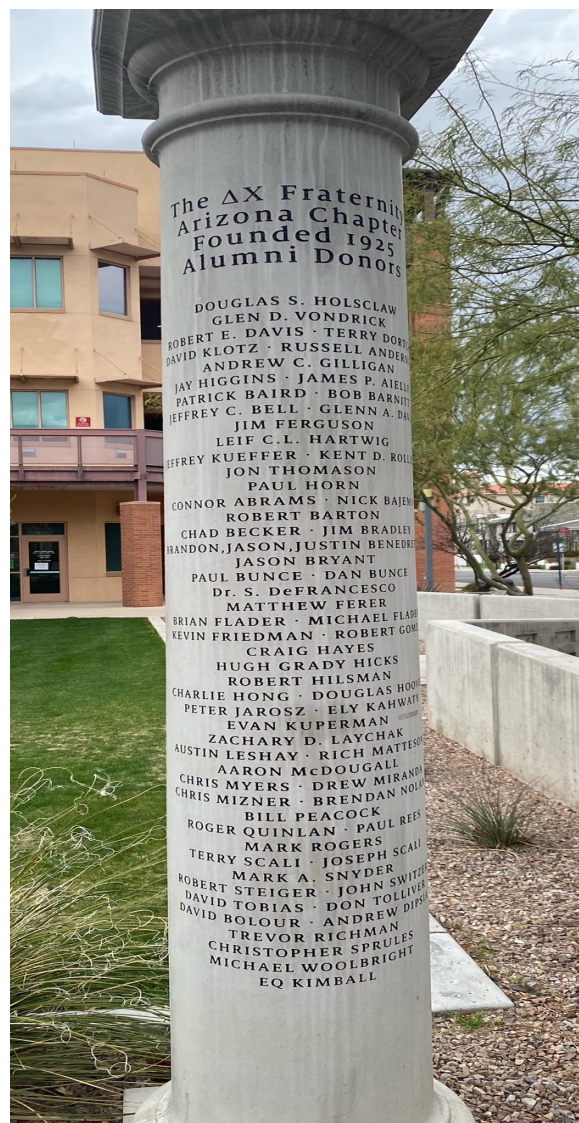


Photo 23: Delta Chi tower in Greek Park Source: G. Vondrick '75

2020

Due to the tireless efforts of Arizona alumni **Justin Brown '91, Terry Scali '78, Jason Wawro '89, Chad Becker '93, Rich Rudin '80, Lou Werner '88** and **Grady Hicks '88**, the Tucson **Delta Chi** Alumni Board (TDCAB) was reorganized and the property at 1701 E First St was back into the hands of Arizona alumni. Much work was done to make needed repairs to the house and payment of delinquent back taxes to return the asset to solvency.

The Arizona Chapter is on another comeback, after having enough time gone by to start anew with the blessing and support of the University, the International Fraternity became re-interested in returning to the University of Arizona and prioritized the expansion effort to re-colonize in Tucson. For the first time since the early 1960's the Arizona membership has two active and functioning Alumni support groups; the Alumni Board of trustees (ABT) and the Alumni Housing Board which helped lead the eventual re-chartering of the Arizona Chapter.,

In early 2022, group of 30 young men recolonized on campus as founders of a new official **Delta Chi** provisional chapter, this time, backed with strong alumni support with an active Alumni Board of Trustees (ABT) and a the Housing Corporation (TDCHC) have secured and saved the 1701 E First Street physical house for eventual **Delta Chi** letters.

Arizona **Delta Chi** colony has a cumulative 3.6 GPA, not only in the tops on campus, but is one of the top in all of **Delta Chi**. At the recent U of A Order of Omega awards ceremonies sponsored by the IFC/Panhellenic, our men came through with the Most Improved Chapter award on campus, tied with **Sigma Nu** on the men's fraternity side! In addition, **Delta Chi** was recognized as one of the few on campus recipients of the Award of Excellence. The colony was also named Most Improved Chapter at the 2023 **Delta Chi** Regional Leadership Conference

The chapter was honored at the Fraternal Leadership conference. **Will Brock**, chapter "A" was chosen to attend the Association of Fraternal Leadership conference in Anaheim, CA as one of the few U of A chapter presidents so selected. And **Ben Sweetman**, was chosen as the chapter's Dale Carnegie Leadership Scholar a new program sponsored and paid for by the national fraternity, where he received the award for outstanding public speaking and leadership skills training.

In the summer of 2023, many of the provisional colony members will also move into a new housing facility just off campus on 7th Street as their new "home" until such time the 1701 E. First St property can be re-inhabited by the membership. The group plans to petition the International Fraternity for their re-chartering as an official Arizona Chapter in the fall of 2023 and continue building the membership to coincide with the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the Arizona Chapter on May 2, 2025.



Photo 24: Chapter Business Meeting 2023. Miguel Barriga, Drake Barsky, William Brock, Maxwell Chase, Justin Cheung, Troy Cornell, Jorge Gomez, Chase Hult, Chance Lawrence, Nathan Lewison, Jason Love, Jonathan Lugo, Grayson Mahany, Ray Nehmens, Connor New, Will Rauser, Armand Stefan, Nick Strain, Ben Sweetman, Easton Villafuerte, and Zakary Williams

Epilogue

We have all left the U of A and **Delta Chi**. But **Delta Chi** never left us. For some of us, it has been more than 30 years, and the memories, friendships, and conversations are as fresh as an afternoon monsoon. If we are to uphold our collective legacy, if we are to help facilitate a future legacy, we need to make certain that current members wearing the **ΔΧ** letters take the care that we didn't, learn from our experiences (both good and bad), and give new life to the brotherhood and all that it represents to young college men.

Soon approaching its 100 year anniversary of its local chartering, the united groups look forward to celebrating a re-chartering of the Arizona Chapter once again in Tucson. *Delta Chi has been an important part of fraternity life and something special to all those who share the bond at the University of Arizona.*

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