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# Bond

of the Delta Chi Fraternity

"It's our Chapters'  
40th Anniversary  
You comin'?"

Summer 2011

Central Missouri Chapter - Established at The University of Central Missouri on November 13, 1968



## From the Desk of the Prez

"An amazing time was had by all! What a fantastic float trip we had this year! I'd like to thank everyone who participated in making the 2011 Delta Chi Alumni Float trip one of the best ever!" (Enough of that BOOK ANSWER... Let's talk about something else, shall we?)

ask yourself, what 'Brotherhood' means... and what it means to you.

For me, today, it's a sailboat -- given to us by one of the first members of our chapter, Skipper. The suitably named "Kimble" was nurtured and restored by many, and ready for the enjoyment of all.

We plan many opportunities for brothers to gather together throughout the year, but one of the most important events we have ever had, The **40th Anniversary**, is coming up all too quickly. Will you be there? Will you gather with your brothers, and experience anew, that feeling that is so hard to describe? ... or, will you let the opportunity... "sail away".

I challenge each of you (not individually -- that would take too many pages) to make a commitment, right now. Come back. Don't be left on the shore. There's plenty of room for all. And, trust me, the years and distance apart, they just melt away. Once you're a brother, you can NEVER be a stranger. It's a beautiful thing to experience.

For those that have taken the time this past year, to send me a joke, talk to me on the phone, attend a function, or just visit with me... I thank you. It means more than you know (well, maybe you do)...

For the rest..... I look forward to seeing many new, old faces in the year to come.

*In the "Sailboat" of a Lifetime.*  
Steve Schneider '83 (plus or minus)  
ABT/Alumni Association "A"

As I sit here on my deck, looking down at the water, I see the SS Kimble, floating gently next to the dock. Yesterday (June 25<sup>th</sup>), Tom Kettelman, Scott Baum, Gene Bauer, Troy Kok and I, put the sailboat in the water, and then took it out for a ride. We spent the day on the dock, along with Scott's family, and had a great time.

How does something like this happen? Tom and I never went to school together (he's a WHOLE lot older than me), Troy either (he's a WHOLE lot younger than me), yet we spent the day together, as if we were family. How does something like this happen? I never see any of the people I went to High School with. I never see any of the other people that I went to college with... Interesting.

We just finished one of the best float trips that I have ever been a part of. A record in attendance and generosity was set. Many of my brothers, whom I hadn't seen in years, were able to attend. And, with minor physical differences (you know who you are), they were the same guys that I bonded with, all those years ago.

So, what is it? This term we throw around... this 'Brotherhood'... this 'Bond'... What is it, really? Each must answer that for themselves. You can't look it up on Wikipedia (I tried). But ask yourself again, really



Actives and Alumni at the annual Leadership Conference on the UCM Campus hosted by the Alumni Association and Alumni Board of Trustees

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## Upcoming Events:

**Our Chapters'  
40th Anniversary  
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**2nd Annual  
Delta Chi Continental  
Pheasant Hunt  
To Be Announced...**

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**Delta Chi 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Banquet & Celebration**

Your personal invitation for the  
**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** will have a 700# or BAN#  
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# Delta Chi Fraternity

## Central Missouri Chapter's 40th Anniversary

October 7<sup>th</sup> through  
October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011

A big **Thank You** to **Tom Kette**man  
for his coordination of the  
Anniversary Celebration!

### Come One, Come All!

This might be the first time you have had the pleasure of reading one of my famous (or infamous, depending on whom you talk to) letters. I know some of you thought you would have at least one or two months off before I started brow-beating you in relation to a fraternity function. Rest assured that is not the case -- not this year and not for this event. Read on and learn why you have the pleasure of another TR missive!

Long ago, in 1890, a group of gentlemen on a New York college campus decided to form a fraternal group that would change their lives forever. Fast forward to 1968 in a sleepy (and unsuspecting) town of Warrensburg, MO, where a diverse group of college gentlemen would make an equally life changing decision, their choice to join together and form the initial group that would become the Delta Chi Central Missouri colony (and later chapter) would have far reaching ramifications. The early members of the Central Missouri colony/ chapter have made choices that, little did they know, would spread through the lives of people for years to come.

I would have to speculate that the founders of our chapter at Central Missouri had no idea their initial meetings and conversations would grow to the brotherhood that we enjoy today. Our chapter has evolved from men hanging out in various college dorm rooms to occupying the second floor of Diemer to taking over Unit D of the Fraternity Complex. We have had years when the chapter's membership has been lean and others when we have overflowed our space. We have had pledge classes with two men and we have had associate classes where 2 and 3 men have gone through activation at the same time. We have consumed warm beverages on a back road with no idea where we were. We have looked over our shoulder for Denny Reynolds, Larry Cleaver

and others all the while knowing exactly how many bricks compose the fireplace at Diemer. We have looked for the fourth fire. We have won sporting events, campus activities and even grade point challenges all the while learning who we were and more importantly, who we could become.

We learned, we graduated, we moved on. We have all changed in one way or the other but one thing has remained constant -- we grew together as brothers in those few short years. Those years, brief as they were, have formed lifelong friendships that even time cannot destroy. One needs to only look at our annual float trip to see this play out in life. This year we had several men who were first year attendees -- some of the men had been "missing" for 30 years or more. Even though a great expanse of time had lapsed our new attendees were able to sit down and converse with their brothers, old and new, like it was only yesterday. I for one drove with, floated with, laughed with, drank with and sang with men I had not seen in 30 years but it seemed like it was just last year. This is truly the meaning of brotherhood.

The men who took that bold step those many years ago in Warrensburg would be, and are proud to see, where we have taken the chapter. It is to this that I issue the following challenge - this is a call to everyone that is able to come together for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Chartering of the Central Missouri Chapter of the Delta Chi Fraternity in Warrensburg on October 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Please strive to attend and once again show that sleepy town of Warrensburg what the men of Delta Chi are all about!!!

TR Pierce  
CEMO class of 1976  
ΔX for Life

Marty Zacha  
and Edwards '82



Activation '83



< Homecoming '82

Above: Pics of Yester-Year from Brother Joe Flanagin

### Anniversary Agenda:

#### Friday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>

**Informal Gathering**  
Fitters downtown  
on the upper level

#### Saturday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>

**Breakfast - 8am**  
Smiser Alumni Center  
(Corner of Clark and  
Holden Streets)

**Homecoming Parade  
Line Up at 8:30am**  
At the Multi parking lot  
Wear your  
UCM/Delta Chi T-Shirt

**Parade Viewing - 9am**  
(Selmo Park Lawn)

**Campus Tour - 11am**  
Meet in the  
Elliot Union Atrium

**Tailgate - 11:30-1:30**  
Donations only  
Police Academy Lot  
(Washington and South  
Streets)  
Bring chairs and beverage  
of your choice

**Football Game - 1:30pm**  
\$11 per person, bleacher  
reserved section

**Social Hour - 6pm-7pm**  
Elliot Union

**Dinner and Program - 7pm**  
Elliot Union  
(\$40 per person, attire is semi-formal, childcare provided w/ advanced reservation, cash bar available, bring your Delta Chi memorabilia to display

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Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the Days Inn under Delta Chi (\$60 plus tax), Comfort Inn (\$77 plus tax), Holiday Inn Express (\$77 plus tax), University Inn (\$50 plus tax) and Super 8 (\$85 plus tax). The reservation will be held until September 6.

*\*All Delta Chi Chapter/ABT/Alumni Association sponsored events strictly adhere to FIPG policies and regulations. Failure to comply will result in ejection from any said event -- No exceptions. A fine may also be possible.*

# The Gary Howland Memorial Patio

Andrew and Whitney,

The men of Delta Chi have built a Memorial Patio in honor of your parents, Gary and Maxine, at the corner of Main and Gay streets in Warrensburg, Mo. The site of the patio is on the property of the 1839 Historical Courthouse and Museum. Which is a registered Historical Site.

As you know, your father was a Founding Father of the Delta Chi Fraternity at what was then CMSC (Central Missouri State College) as well as a dedicated husband and father. We wanted to recognize their commitment to the Fraternity and to each other, while at the same time having a location where we could place dedication bricks for other brothers. The plan came together this Summer when the Master Gardner's of Johnson County approached the museum curator, Lisa Irlle, about landscaping for the grounds. Delta Chi has been using the old court house for more than 20 years as the site of our initiations, which is befitting since Delta Chi was founded as a law fraternity. Since we had approached Lisa about doing a sidewalk with memorial bricks. She got the two groups together and what you see attached is the result.

The Patio consists of a 12' x 20' raised patio with a Pink Dogwood on the left for Maxine, with a stone below, and a White Dogwood on the right for Gary, also with a stone below. Behind it is a flower garden of Missouri wildflowers. Within the patio are 1,222 pavers and two 700 lb. engraved sandstone benches. One is engraved with "Delta Chi" and the other "Master Gardners of Johnson County".

We hope that you like what we have done in honor of your parents. The memorial expresses our deep feelings for them and the feelings your father had for the Men of Delta Chi. The museum is a great place to visit and spend some family time and picnic on the lawn.

As your Father always quoted to me:  
"Ever Thine O'foven Mater!!!"  
(Forever be true to your school)

Tom Kettelman  
Delta Chi Alumnus '72

"The Gary Howland Memorial will be officially dedicated at a date to be disclosed, but it will occur in the beginning of the Fall Semester. A second dedication will occur over the 40th Anniversary Celebration."



Tom and Delta Chi -

This is wonderful! Thank you so much for this touching gesture. I can't wait to see it in person and have forwarded the information on to Dad's siblings and nieces and nephews. We will wait to hear from you about a dedication this coming Fall.

Thanks again,  
Whitney Zeiler-Howland

## From the Active "A"



The members of the Active Chapter have been hard at work this summer planning for our fall semester. Former "A", Ryan Stieffermann, has been elected our Homecoming King candidate and has been working with our partner, the

Alpha Phi's, to ensure that our homecoming is a successful one.

Connor Williamson has been planning our float trip and has chosen Huzzah Valley as our location for this year's trip. On July 16th, I will have left for Indiana to attend the Undergraduate Inter-fraternal Institute (UIFI), which the Delta Chi Educational Foundation granted me a scholarship to attend. At this conference I am hoping to gain more skills and knowledge that I can bring back to the fraternity.

On July 23rd the Active Chapter will be having our summer meeting, which we will be using to get our calendar completely set before we enter the school year. I welcome any and all brothers to attend this meeting or even make an appearance.

On the topic of rush for the fall it is looking awesome, we already have a couple of prospects lined up and interested. We also have 15 members signed up for Mule Haul, which helps the new freshman move their stuff into their dorms. This is a recruiting tool that I really want to utilize because, at this point, the freshman may not know a lot of people and if the parents have any questions about Greek Life we will be there to answer them.

The one thing that I believe the Actives are looking forward to the most is the 40th Anniversary -- this is a huge milestone for our Chapter and all the Actives are looking forward to seeing a massive turnout of Alumni and hearing some old stories and songs from back in the day. I wish all Brothers the best of luck and hope to see you at the 40th.

*In the Bond,*  
Ethan Curtis, Active "A"

## 1st Birddog Open



This year, James Stella and I hosted our first annual golf tournament at Shoal Creek Golf Course in Kansas City, naming the maiden tournament "The Birddog Open". It was so named because all monies raised over and above the cost of the tournament were donated to Kirk Knippenberg's (AKA Birddog) childrens' trust fund (their names are

Katie and Alexis). For those of you who may not know, Kirk passed away of a sudden heart attack last Halloween.

For a first, annual tournament we had a very good turnout...22 participants. The entry into the tournament covered the cost of the golf, then we had opportunities for the participants to donate to the cause. One such opportunity was through participation in the putting contest.....this raised over a hundred dollars and our first champion was Bill Crust.....yes, that Bill Crust. He holed a putt estimated at 80 feet for the victory, then donated his prize back. As they say, even a blind squirrel sometimes finds an acorn.

Our tournament champions were the Cunningham team: Michael Cunningham, Matt Cunningham, Bob Younger, and Dan Montoya (all neighbors of Mike Edwards) Even though they never knew Kirk, they graciously donated their winnings to Kirk's kids. Other people either mailed a donation or gave one at the event and we would like to recognize them:

Russ Smith	Brian Reynolds	Craig Rupp
Jim Thomas	Steve Schneider	Jeff Price
James Stella	Greg Vahrenberg	Mike Edwards

Hopefully, I mentioned all who donated. Some were cash gifts the day of the tournament, and may not have been recorded. If I have left anyone out, I sincerely apologize. The total raised and donated was \$1,422.84, an unbelievable amount. This is just another example of the terrific Alumni Association we have, and a further testament that Delta Chi is truly, "The Brotherhood of a Lifetime."

If anyone would like to donate to Kirk's children the address and account information is:

TD Ameritrade  
PO Box 2209  
Omaha, NB 68103-2209  
Katie Acct# 882799038  
Alexis Acct# 882806114

*In the Bond,*  
Mike Edwards, ABT "F"



## Coordinators & Chapter Advisors

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Nevin Whitt

**Homecoming Coordinator**  
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James Stella

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Greg A. Biesemeyer  
Tom Carey



Putters at the  
1st Annual  
Birddog Open





## All 'Bout The 2011 Alumni Float Trip

Brothers,

I was a first timer to the float trip and I am kicking myself as to why I waited so long. Not only was it just downright fun, I reconnected with brothers and Dear Old Delta Chi. When Bird Dog passed away recently, I realized I had never seen nor spoken to him since we both left the parking lot at the complex 26 years ago and the chance now is forever lost. I am determined to avoid this in the future and would encourage everyone reading the letter to consider attending next year. In this environment, you are in a secluded setting for a few days with time to actually sit and catch up with some of the closest relationships of your life. Also, the camaraderie between all the generations of brothers was never so evident as when we all gathered in the circle to sing the bond. We actually conducted an ABT Meeting and the Auction was a huge success, not to mention a hilarious event as the brothers bantered back and forth bidding on items. Of course, the songs came out later and we exhausted all that we could remember. (We even did "Myron McGee Crandalls' Ten Memory Verses"! Do you know these?)

Here are a few things from a first timer that might help you get there next year:

1. If you can't make the whole event, get up at 6:00 and drive in to float which usually starts at 10:00.
2. Its only 3.5-4 hours from KC and much closer to St. Louis.
3. Not everyone drinks alcohol or to the excess even. (though, I am in the latter group). Everyone is wanted and accommodated.
4. If you don't have the cash, start paying for it via Paypal to Nevin a bit at a time a few months prior to June.
5. Everyone has aged, gotten fatter, grayer, and balder. (I am in all these groups).
6. No one cares about how much money you make or if you are successful. They are genuinely happy to see you.
7. We raft not canoe anymore. They never tip over and you only get wet if you want to — or if you're near TR and his preschool water guns. Paddling is considered rude.
8. Carpool down. Once you are here, you never have to drive anywhere.
9. Bring an auction item to donate — doesn't even have to be new!
10. Consider taking off Friday and come to the Golf Outing.

See you at the 40th Celebration over Homecoming!

*In the Bond,*  
Joe Flanagin '84



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Actives,



It is neat and interesting, when at all of the Regional and Leadership Conferences I've been to, to hear the history behind the making of Delta Chi. But what a lot of Actives don't hear are the classic, shall we say 'legendary', stories told by the Alumni that make being in a Fraternity worthwhile. Hearing what has already been accomplished puts me in awe of how all of the alumni molded our Chapter into what we are today. Knowing all of this now sets a fire under my a\$\$ to make sure

our Chapter is the best it can be -- because hopefully, in the long run, it will pay off for me as it has for all of you.

Now, for all of the Actives reading this, really take it to heart that we are blessed to have our Alumni. At both of the Regional Conferences I have been to, there are very few chapters with the alumni support that we have. So maybe we should all think about that before backing out on an awesome weekend because it is too far away, or I don't have the money, or I have to work that weekend. This is a time for us to be welcomed with open arms by our alumni, to share stories and create an Alumni/Active Brotherhood.

Remember this, Actives, the only things in life you live to regret are the opportunities not taken. Why not take the opportunity to meet some of our Alumni? You never know when you might need help from an alumnus and they look at you and say, "Who are you?"

I would like to say more about what actually happened but I bet all of you can guess that what happens on the float trip, stays on the float trip. You are thinking, "Yeah, there will be water, some rafts, some old guys and a few coolers", which there was -- but there is much, much more. Imagine bringing together forty years of fraternity brothers and putting them under one roof for one weekend. It is a BLAST!

Once again, THANK YOU ALUMNI, for the great time and the enormous amount of hospitality you showed to Ethan Curtis and I all weekend. I will definitely be back next year and I hope to see more new faces as well as familiar ones because I did not get to talk to all of you nearly as much as I wanted to.

*In the Bond,*  
Gabe Bure, Active "E"



# From the Accountant



Thanks to everyone who made the float trip this year. If you were not able to make it, then all I can say is you missed out. I am proud to report that the Auction at the float trip this year is a record year with the brothers raising \$4,856.

As a reminder to everyone we have dues of \$25 a year, if you are not on the list below then please send in your dues to be a voting member of the Alumni Association and to assist in the funding of our activities and foundations. These activities include the

Alumni Rush BBQ, Actives Officers Retreat, Fall and Spring Alumni Weekend and this year's 40th Anniversary over Homecoming weekend.

Brothers who have paid dues are:

Paul Neiman	Dan Stroud	Pete Van Pelt	Evan Follmer
Tom Kettelman	John Stevens	Russ Smith	Stan Pinkam
T.R. Pierce	Tim Flanagan	Jeff Price	Mike Gnagi
Brian Capps	Jim Thomas	Tom Ochs	Paul "Chico" Doherty
Jerry HaneY	Gerard Oscko	SeBom Kim	Tim Freeman
Glenn Petaway	Marty Zacha	Nevin Whitt	Steve Schnieder
Mike Edwards			

You may send your dues in two ways - by mail to the address below or by paying with PayPal to [nevin.whitt@gmail.com](mailto:nevin.whitt@gmail.com). (send as a gift and it will not cost anything.) Let's get your name on the "Dues Paid" list. That being said, if you are an alumni, you're automatically a member of the Alumni Association, you simply do not have voting priveledges. You may still attend any of our volunteer events or any other paid event.

The balance for operational funds is \$2541.91. We have opened a CD for future scholarships in the amount of \$1000 and will mature June 6, 2012. At that time we can add or use money for scholarships needed. We still have \$1400 set aside for the 40th Anniversary this year at Homecoming.

Recent expense are Wilderness Ridge Resort \$2868.57, Rich's Last Resort \$520.68, food for Float Trip \$866.70, Memorial Patio \$2987.37, \$73.00 to the Delta Chi Endowment Fund and a Scholarship for Courtney Colley \$500.

The Brick Fund is now an Alumni endeavour which we have accepted responsibility for from the Active Chapter so they may pursue other initiatives. You may purchase a brick for \$50 and have it laid in the Memorial Patio. This is a great place to remember brothers or have your name or whatever you want on your brick to be remembered by. So send your money in for a brick and we will get your information and have it laid in the patio.

*In The Bond of a Lifetime...*

Nevin Whitt "D"

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If you have any questions, comments or suggestions pertaining to "The Bond", please contact **Evan Follmer**, ABT "E". Cell 660.441.1751

I would like to say that I had a great time on the Alumni Float Trip. It was great meeting new faces and seeing others that I had not seen in over 30 years.

It amazes me how old some of you have gotten. I guess if I would have been coming to these events over the years it would not have been as noticeable.

What a great time telling the old stories that bring back fond memories. Even though it had been such a long time it does seem like yesterday. What a great time sharing in the brotherhood. I am definitely looking forward to doing this again. I hope to see more new faces next year.

Thanks to all who were involved in organizing the float. You did a great job. Mike Gnagi, the food was as advertised. Fantastic!

Thank you,  
[Gerard S. Oscko](#)



October 14th, 2010. I shot this 6X6 bull elk in the Waha Mountains in Idaho. 35 minutes from my home. Rough country, First saw the elk at 6:30 am. He was bulging down in a canyon about 1 mile away, stocked him for over 3 miles, he kept staying one ridge ahead of me with some cows. Finally got set up on a ridge even with him. Another hunter did me a favor and started shooting at another elk, this sent the cows and this elk right at me. 65 yard shot with a 3006 rifle using Federal Fusion 180 grain bullet. Dropped in one shot. I rented pack mules to get him out. It was a 5 mile hike for me and another guy to get out, all up hill, took me almost 5 hours. But it was worth it. If you have never visited northern Idaho, it is a unknown gem.

I would also like to ask if anyone has any contact information for Lost Brother, Lance Thieman - Pledge class 79. I know he lives somewhere in Higginsville MO.

*In The Bond of a Lifetime...*  
[Marty Zacha](#)