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## Upcoming Events:

- Walk-out: Columbia  
March 16th
- Delta Pacific  
March 31st
- Initiation  
April 14th
- Alumni Reunion  
April 20th—22nd
- Summer Reunion  
June 30th
- Homecoming  
October 26th—28th

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## Alumni Ceremony

Over winter break I met a Delta Chi Alumnus from the University of Illinois. He introduced himself saying that he **was** a Delta Chi in college. That statement annoyed me, and it should annoy you too. Our Ritual doesn't say that once you graduate you're no longer a Delta Chi; you're in it for life. In my observations there are two different types of Alumni; the **were** and the **are**. Which are you? In 1991 Delta Chi created a ceremony for Alumni who **are** Delta Chis. It is an optional ceremony that gives Alumni of any age the opportunity to rededicate themselves to their fraternity and to promise their continued involvement to their chapter.

I had the privilege of going through the Alumni Ceremony at the last Regional Leadership Conference. It served as an excellent transition from Active to Alumni membership. I once thought of my graduation from Truman State as an end of my frater-

nity life. However, I now realize that I am actually about to begin my most important phase of membership; that of an Alumnus.

A strong Alumni base can mean the difference between a good chapter and a great one, and right now we're a good chapter. The Alumni currently involved have done an excellent job in making improvements to our ABT and Franklin Street, but they need help. Our chapter has entered a new era in its history and we need our Alumni members to do the same. We need a reaffirmation of continued involvement from those of you who wish to be involved. The Alumni Ceremony gives us that reaffirmation of your support. I challenge all of you who plan to attend Reunion this spring to pledge to go through the Alumni Ceremony, join the new era of our chapter, and rededicate yourself to this fraternity.



Initiated Alumnus Lapel Pin

*“The Fraternity man never graduates. He receives his diploma and leaves his Alma Mater for the larger affairs of the world, but as long as his chapter stands, he is as much a part and parcel of it as in his undergraduate days. His success is theirs, and their success is his. He belongs to the family for life...”*

- Peter Schmerhorn Johnson

ITB,  
Grant Dail

## State of the Chapter

Greetings from Truman State Delta Chi! We all hope your 2007 is off to a wonderful start! We're here working hard on our classes and our Fraternity to constantly improve Delta Chi! This spring the chapter really did hit the ground running, as we literally drove into Kirksville and immediately started our first meeting of the semester!

The new exec board is in, and the six of us are constantly meeting to discuss new ways to serve the chapter – even representing us in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 'A's Academy and sending individual delegates to the Regional Leadership Conference in Lawrence, Kansas. Already we have motivated committees working to dramatically revise our academics program, increase fundraising efforts, explore new philanthropic opportunities, and strengthen the overall value Delta Chi has to its members and its community, all while still putting on

some of the best social events on Truman's campus!

We truly have come a long way in the last few years. Through the hard work of each Brother, we've built and maintained a new house, increased our size, and substantially improved our relations with Campus. At convention we received awards for Outstanding Recruitment, Outstanding Leadership, Outstanding Ritual Performance, and Outstanding Website, as well as the Award of Excellence! We were also awarded for our recruitment efforts at the Region Four Leadership Conference, and got some honorable mention for the house we live in! Also, two of our brothers were elected as nominees to national committees, Law and Ritual. A third brother was the Region's runner-up for the Housing Committee, and I think it's good to note that a fourth was also the runner-up for the nomination to the Law Committee. We find out their

selection results in the next few months!

While we have come a very long way, we still have a long way to go. Our basement is still unfinished, despite the amazing dedication six brothers have shown in continuing to live there, as well as the brothers who have already signed up to live there next year. We also recognize the need to improve our chapter GPA, and finances are always a concern. However, we have made significant improvements, and with the dedicated Brothers of this Chapter I have full confidence that we can continue to improve ourselves. We know never to settle for good, because “good” is the worst enemy of “great”, and Truman State Delta Chi deserves to be considered a **great** chapter!

In the Bond,  
Justin R. Seiwel, 'A'

## State of the Alumni Board of Trustees

The Alumni Board of Trustees is going through a bit of restructuring right now that we are hoping will create a far more efficient advisory board for the chapter and much more organized board to plan alumni activities.

Our first plan of attack was to formalize and record the membership within the ABT. For years the ABT has existed without effectively recording or acknowledging who was on the ABT. Therefore, the decision was made to start from scratch and appoint an entirely new ABT. Thereafter, regular elections will be held during the ABT meeting each Homecoming weekend.

In addition, entirely new by-laws have been proposed and should soon be adopted. Within these new by-laws lies the new structure of the ABT. New officer positions are being created to centralize the ABT's efforts in such things as fundraising, management of ABT finances, chapter advising in areas of recruiting and associate member education programs, cooperation with the chapter in planning alumni

activities, and communicating with alumni. This transition, while awkward right now, is essential if the ABT is to provide the chapter with the support that any undergraduate organization needs when it is managing such a large budget, maintaining a brand new fraternity house and Kimball's Place, providing its members with unparalleled opportunities for leadership experience and education, and simply trying to stay out of trouble. Also, as you can see from the new officer positions, a new focus of the ABT will be on building an organization that actively reaches out to the alumni. We are essentially combining the duties of an ABT and an alumni association until we feel the time is right to break into two separate organizations.

Gone are the days when events were focused solely on alumni. Most of us have families now, and the ABT wants you to bring your families to alumni events. They are part of who you are, and I want to meet them all. Look through this year's Spring Alumni Reunion itinerary, and you will see that we are planning family events, such as dinner at the country club and a wine tasting.

In the next five years, we will have over a hundred people, both alumni and their family members, attend Spring Alumni Reunions, Summer Alumni Reunions, and our alumni events during Truman State's Homecoming weekend. This is not an empty boast but matter of fact planning.

We are just getting started, and this "new start" will be lot of work and certainly involve some disappointment, but it is going to be fun to watch it happen. Keep an eye out for updates in these newsletters, emails from me and other officers of the ABT, and on the chapter's website in the alumni section.

If you would like to be involved or just have something to say, you are more than welcome to give me a call or write me an email. You can contact me at 816-373-7379 or email me at eamlaw@hotmail.com.

Erik Moore,  
ABT President

## Alumni Reunion Schedule



**House Dedication... we can beat that turnout if we try!**

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all interested alumni to attend our annual spring alumni reunion being held the weekend of April 20th-22nd. This year we are asking that each person in attendance pay a \$15 fee that will be used to offset the cost to the chapter. We are also asking that you fill

out the RSVP card enclosed in this newsletter so we can have an accurate estimate of the number of people attending. Following is the schedule for the weekend. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at E@tsudeltachi.com.

### Friday:

#### Pub Crawl @ 10pm

This will happen at whatever time everyone gets into town (so probably before 10).

### Saturday:

#### Golf @ 8:30am

Golf will be at LaPlata as in past years, there will be sober drivers available.

#### Wine Tasting @ 12pm

Wine tasting will be held at the Country Club, snacks will also be provided. Carries a \$10 charge.

#### ABT Meeting @ 3pm

Location will be either Kimball's or the Country Club.

#### Dinner @ 6pm

Semi-formal dinner held at the Country Club, therefore business casual is preferred.

#### Alumni Ceremony @ 8:30pm

A great opportunity to complete your journey through Delta Chi. Suit and tie required along with a \$25 fee. Check the website for more details (<http://alumni.tsudeltachi.com/?page=alumniCeremony>).

#### Party @ 10pm

Time to talk to you fellow alumni and hang out in Kimball's

### Sunday:

#### Breakfast @ 8-9am

Served at the house.

ITB,  
Matt Wright, 'E'

## Introducing... Joe Nedelec

"Listen, I know you're new and everything, but would you be interested in being our fraternity's Faculty Advisor?" I heard these words almost six months ago, uttered by a young man in my first class as a full-time instructor at a post-secondary institution; his name was Tom Clark and he is a member of the Delta Chi fraternity. Upon Tom's request I immediately had visions of drunken reverence, splashed upon me by the masses, *a la* Luke Wilson's character in *Old School*. "Yes..." I thought to myself, "these people will love me, fear me, and respect me...and I will have them do my bidding...and there will be joy." Growing up in Canada and completing my undergraduate and graduate education at an institution where fraternities were not permitted, my only knowledge about American fraternities and the people who are involved with them came from movies like *Old School* and *Animal House*. Alas, my hope to have a semi-sober army of students at the call to my every whim has fallen short; but by

no means has this limited my enjoyment of my experience with Delta Chi here at Truman State University.

Ever since Mr. Clark's request and my acceptance of his offer I have shared in innumerable instances of positive experiences with the members of Delta Chi and have been exceedingly grateful to be a part of the organization. I have come to value the importance and traditions of Delta Chi specifically and Greek-life in general. Being an instructor at the university has afforded me the opportunity to interact with the Delta Chi brothers in various settings and I have been very proud of the way in which each member carries himself as a student, a person, and a Delta Chi. Time and time again I have been impressed with the exceptional maturity members of Delta Chi have shown and very much look forward to hearing about the different successes our members are sure to have.

I have had a wonderful experience since arriving in Kirksville from Vancouver on

that fateful day in August of '06 and being involved as both a Faculty Advisor and Alumni Member of the Delta Chi fraternity has had a profound impact on this enjoyed time. Notwithstanding my failure to be dubbed "The Godfather", I am sincerely pleased with the results of my response: "Yea, uh Tom is it? I would love to be involved with your fraternity".

ITB,  
Joe L. Nedelec

*Joe Nedelec was born in Creston, British Columbia, Canada and is intensely proud of his Canadian heritage, despite the daily mockery he receives from his Delta Chi advisees. Joe completed his undergraduate (B.A. with Honors - Criminology; B.A. - Psychology) and his graduate (M.A. - Criminology) studies at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, BC. He is currently a member of the faculty in Justice Systems at Truman State University. Joe is also head coach of Truman's roller hockey team and drives a sweet car.*



Nedelec strikin' a pose

### Chapter Stats at a Glance

- 44 active men
- 3.02 Chapter GPA
- 3.09 All-men campus GPA
- 85% retention rate for last 6 semesters
- 6 awards earned at last convention

## Alumni Reunion Details

### Alumni Ceremony

The Alumni Ceremony will take place after dinner on the Saturday of Alumni Reunion. Attire is a suit and tie. The cost will be \$25, which covers initiation fees, Alumni lapel pin, Alumni ID card, and Alumni Decal. If you wish to go through the Alumni Ceremony, use the included RSVP form or contact the chapter at least one week in advance.

Alumni Signed Up To Go Through The Ceremony:

- Jimmy Eufinger
- Jamey Morton
- Andy Quirin (ABT Vice Pres.)

- John Bennet
- Luke Van Cleve
- Timothy Yonker
- Nathan Bowyer
- Bryan Beckmann (Franklin St. President)
- Joe Nedelec (Faculty Advisor)
- Mark Lowry ("BB")
- Erik Moore (ABT Pres.)
- Erik Anderson

Alumni Who Have Gone Through The Ceremony:

- Alexander Horowitz
- Joey Schmitz
- Ron Higgins
- Brad Edwards

- Grant Dail
- Adam Bezinovich
- Scott Welch

### Dinner Speakers

Josh Hood, the ABT President for the Northwest Missouri Chapter has agreed to speak during the Alumni Reunion dinner. The topic will likely be organization and success of an alumni organization. Also, the chapter is attempting to get Ham Henderson, the "BB" of the Northwest Missouri chapter and former Region IV Regent, to speak as well. Watch your inboxes for updates on these and other Reunion events.





## Joe Crabtree... A Personal Account

The following is a personal account of his time in Delta Chi and how it was influenced by Joe Crabtree. This has been in no way edited and is presented in its original form.

“Well, I always wondered about Joe’s motivation for becoming a virtual father for a number of us over the years. I guess a lot of it had to do with the fact that he didn’t have any children that I knew of. His door was always open, and he was always available to talk or give out a small personal loan if times were lean. The Little Sisters absolutely adored him. As for me, I can recall a few specific recollections. We had sponsored a screening of a motion picture called, ‘The Warriors’ as a fund-raiser over in Baldwin Auditorium. At the time, the only options for seeing a movie was either at the old Kennedy Theater (a single-screen house on Elson Street between the KCOM teaching building and Sieren’s Palace clothing store which has now been closed and demolished) or the Petite Twin theaters up north of town near the Pamida.

So, anyway, the movie is a stylistic and idealized portrait of the gangs of New York in the 1980’s. The Grammercy Park Riffs were hoping to take over New York, but their leader was assassinated by a rival group. But, the blame was placed on the Coney Island Warriors. So, the movie charts their progress in making it

back from upper Manhattan down to Coney Island. The violence was artistic and graphic, and Joe was quite disturbed by all of this. He had fought in World War II and had seen real carnage. This dressing up with 1980’s hair and pouty-lipped boys was too romanticized for his taste and he told us so without much hesitation. We were rather shocked by his reaction, but he did bring up a point about what real sacrifice was when fighting and dying for one’s country. After that, he never spoke of his wartime experience.

Another personal story was how he bailed me out of a tight spot after I had left NEMO to start medical school. As I told most of you, Delta Pacific was my dream-child and first held in the spring of 1980 right before I graduated. It started out as a kegger and then moved to the old Kimble’s Place and featured a rather wicked mixture of garbage can punch that I concocted. Well, the punch ran out and I had to head back to Food Barn for more supplies. Our chapter treasurer was too intoxicated to be much help, so I wrote a check that ended up bouncing. Well, I got this notice from Bank of Kirksville that Food Barn wanted restitution. So, I posted this with a note on the bulletin board at the old house, graduated and started medical school at Mizzou.

Six months later, I was involved in a fender bender in downtown Columbia. When they

ran my driver’s license, there was an outstanding arrest warrant for me in the system from Adair County for check fraud. So, the next thing I know is that I’m being hauled into the Boone County jail and having to call my sister at 2:00 am to bail my ass out. Well, the next day I’m hauling tail back to Kirksville and talked to the prosecuting attorney. I explained the situation and that it was an honest mistake. She wasn’t too sympathetic, but Joe knew the judge and with one phone call had it thrown out. He had the chapter pay restitution, and I covered court costs. I was extremely relieved to say the least.

My last contact with Joe was when I applied to get a medical license to practice in North Carolina. It’s an extremely cumbersome process and required two personal references from people who were not family. Joe’s letter didn’t make it back, and when I called him and heard the mumbled replies on the phone I immediately knew that he had suffered a stroke. I had a friend of my mother’s write another letter, but Joe was gone not too much longer after that.”

ITB,  
Dean D Blakeley, MD  
NEMO Fall '80

If you have a story, announcement or date of importance that you would like to share with your fellow alumni, send it to the chapter ‘E’ at [E@tsudeltachi.com](mailto:E@tsudeltachi.com) for inclusion in the next alumni newsletter.

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