



FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - July, 2016

Alumni please note that the next monthly alumni/undergraduate luncheon will be Wednesday, August 3rd at the University Center Club.

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Undergraduate Chapter News



SMC Mike McCoy front-and-center with his executive team.



Rush Chairman Steven McFall

Dear Delta Lambda Alumni,

It's been a quiet summer so far, much to the satisfaction of all concerned. We're especially grateful to **Brent Sembler** and **The Legends** for their timely help with one short-term problem, and we're also very thankful to see The Legends putting up new railings on the balconies overlooking the courtyard.

Our well wishes go out to **Jimmy and Joey Keen** after his horrific tumble in the stadium parking lot on his way to the Monthly Alumni Luncheon. His injuries were terrible but the prognosis is better and we expect to see Jimmy and **Don Pumphrey** lecturing the pledges again this fall.

The Pike National Convention will take place in New Orleans the first week in August. I anticipate we'll be able to bring home another Smythe Trophy, and I've been informed that our Delta Lambda Alumni Association will be presented with the William Nestor Award for best Pike alumni association nationally in 2015-16!

Our Rush Chairman **Steven McFall** and his team are identifying top freshman prospects for the fall class. He has already signed five or six blue chip pledges and has targeted another half-dozen or more. Steven says the group already goes out together socially and is helping him find new rushees.

Eric Natelson is completing his first year as Editor of Pikes Illustrated and it looks like it might be one of the best ever. This 2016 edition is the 33rd production of Pikeboy/Pikes Illustrated going back to 1971-72. The magazine was not published in the 1990s when we were off campus. Look for some reproductions soon on the chapter/alumni website www.FSUPikes.com

Once a Pike, Always a Pike!

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Mike McCoy '13

President

Monthly Luncheon - University Center Club



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Next Alumni Luncheon: Wednesday, August 3rd, 2016 @ 12:00 noon.

Pike alumni gather for lunch and fellowship on the first Wednesday of every month at the University Center Club at noon. Special guests include the Undergraduate Delta Lambda Chapter officers, who will report the latest on Chapter operations and achievements. All alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend. **Luncheon begins at noon and will conclude by 1 pm.**

Chapter & Alumni Calendar

June 27th –Aug 5th “Summer C” classes. This is when **summer rush** takes place.

August 3rd Monthly Alumni Luncheon

August 29th Classes start

September 5th FSU vs. Ole Miss in Orlando

September 6th -7th House Preview (part of IFC rush)

September 10th FSU vs. Charleston Southern (Home)

September 12th -15th Fall Rush Week

September 14th Monthly Alumni Luncheon *this is NOT the first Wednesday.

The UCC is closed on September 7th. However, the 14th comes during formal fall rush so we'll get an entertaining report.

September 17th FSU vs. Louisville in Kentucky

September 24th FSU vs. USF in Tampa

News of Delta Lambda Alumni



The original **Old Guard of Delta Lambda** was created in 1982 to fund operations of the Delta Lambda Alumni Association. The annual first-class mailing costs of four issues of the multi-page newsletter *The Columns* to more than 600 alumni was considerable. We also funded alumni receptions and game-day activities. The Old Guard continued until we lost the chapter in 1988. There still exist at least three plaques of name plates in the foyer trophy case, and there are other sheets of engraved plates not yet affixed to plaques.

Now we are starting over.

What is the Old Guard of Delta Lambda?

The Old Guard is to be the alumni annual fund ('loyalty fund') for the benefit of Delta Lambda. At \$100/year there is not going to be a lot of money on the table. If we have 100 members that's only \$10,000. However, the money will be used to benefit the fraternity through alumni events, education, whatever seems to meet the needs of Delta Lambda at the time.

Who will provide Oversight of Funds?

A group of six Brothers, each with unassailable credentials, have agreed to serve as a Board. They represent a wide range of initiation years, and each is known for his integrity. Their involvement lends credibility to this initiative. They are:

Bob Hall '49

Jack McMullen '64

Joel Padgett '71

Doug Russell '79

Eric Carr '01

Dustin Daniels '10.

How does this relate to the Legends Campaign of fourteen years ago?

Contributions to the Legends Campaign were capital gifts to build the new house. Brent Sembler '78 was and still remains Legends Chairman and without his dedicated leadership the house would not exist.

Major gifts to the Legends Campaign were large, one-time contributions. The Old Guard is an annual fund. We're asking for gifts of only \$100 per year. Brent has approved the re-creation of the Old Guard.

Do you anticipate asking for more than \$100?

Not at this time. The \$100 mark is clean, simple and within everyone's reach. We'll even accept contributions from former Little Sisters (we actually had a few of those in the 1980s) and/or undergraduates if they feel inspired to give. There will be no automatic renewals; it seems presumptive. I have spoken with Joel Padgett about using his expertise to create a vehicle within the Old Guard to accept will and estate gifts. Given today's estate exemptions this should be accomplished without worrying about tax issues.

How does a Pike give to the Old Guard?

Those details are being worked out. Chris Dietz '87 has suggested using a program called 'Stripe' to accept credit card payments. It's less expensive and more user-friendly than Pay-Pal. A bank account and appropriate credentials will have to be established. Chris will create a tech pathway to donate. Renewals can be promoted annually through the newsletter and website.

Are there other questions and Issues are still in play?

Yes, and they are being addressed. We will announce when the Old Guard is ready to receive annual contributions.

Where did the Old Guard logo come from?

The logo was commissioned exclusively for Pike alumni at Florida State. It is a creation of graphic designer Monica Perez, based on the symbolism of the Fraternity.



Jimmy with **Bob Hall '49** in the emergency room



Jimmy's leg and knee post-surgery

JIMMY KEEN '73 TAKES A 'BULLET' FOR THE FRATERNITY

Our regular monthly Pike Luncheon was postponed until July 13th because of the holiday, but even so we had a delightful luncheon with good alumni attendance plus SMC Mike McCoy, VP Kevin Stokes and rush chairman Steven McFall.

Not long after noon, **Don Pumphrey '09** received a message that Jimmy Keen had been severely injured on his way to the luncheon. Jimmy shouldn't have tried to walk all that way from the back of the parking lot, but he had made calls to encourage other alumni to attend this summer meeting and he wasn't about to be absent.

Jimmy didn't see a speed bump on the road. His foot caught and he fell hard to the ground. Jimmy had a broken fibula, a broken tibia, and the bone knob at the top of his fibula is shattered behind the knee.

Jimmy underwent surgery the following morning and his wife Joey says the prognosis is good. Because of his many previous back and nerve surgeries, pain is especially a problem and will have to be monitored closely. Jimmy is a soldier, but this will be rough.

True to his loyal Pike nature, the last thing he said to **Bob Hall** as the nurse was sending him under was, "Please tell Mike McCoy to get the guys to stay clear of the courtyard this weekend. We're having new railings installed on the balconies."

The Pike National office in Memphis sent flowers as did the Chapter and **Dave Kresge '73**.

Joey says, "We have received phone calls from so many dear friends even including expressions from the FSU Greek Life Administration. Jimmy is groggy but he knows how many of his Brothers love him and appreciate his contributions to the Fraternity." Here is the contact information if you want to send your well-wishes.

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Dr. Jesse O'Shea '07
Resident Physician at Yale



Marvin Bracy '13
2016 Rio Olympics qualifier



Mark Gambill '81
Chief Marketing Officer

Dr. Jesse O'Shea '07

Jesse was a brilliant undergraduate, one of only 20 college students in America named to the USATODAY All-USA Academic First Team in 2010. He received his medical degree at FSU with advanced studies at the London School of Economics and Social Science, and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He lives in New Haven, Connecticut now where he is a Resident Physician at Yale New Haven Hospital. His older brother **Joe O'Shea '04** is also a Delta Lambda alum.

Marvin Bracy '13

As a freshman football player in 2013 Pike Brother Marvin Bracy '13 was named Scout Team Player of the Year. After only a year, he gave up a potential brilliant future as a Seminole wide receiver to run track professionally. In July, Marvin qualified for the Olympics with a third-place finish in the 100-meter dash at the U.S. Trials in Eugene, Oregon. Bracy trains with the Pure Athletics Track Club in Lake County where he clocked a time of 9.98 seconds, just off his personal best.

Mark Gambill '81

Former Vice President of Dell and later Vice President of Home Depot, Mark Gambill '81 is now Chief Marketing officer at MicroStrategy, a leading worldwide provider of enterprise software platforms. MicroStrategy is headquartered in the Washington, D.C. metro area and has worldwide operations in 27 countries. Mark's son is **Erik Gambill '12**.



Above left: **Tom Trotta '81** and **Trent Mallory '81** at the Country Club of Virginia in Richmond. Says Trent, "Two lucky Brothers with three little sisters - Sandra, Debbie (James) Ritchie & Gini. This brought back memories of Fireman's Ball."

Above right: **Steve Walker '81**: "It was great to connect with brothers **Tim Sheridan '79** and **David Hiteshow '82** on Rush Street for dinner in Chicago."



Above left: **Tanner Bombich '12** writes, "This past Monday I had the privilege of playing a round of golf with Barry Smith '72 at the Seminole Boosters QB Classic golf tournament in Tampa. Billy and I were wondering if this may be included in the next edition of the Pike monthly newsletter. **Coach Fisher '10** was present but I unfortunately did not meet him. Eric Carr '01 did a sensational job coordinating the kickoff dinner Sunday night and the golf tournament and events Monday afternoon. Along with Eric, I had a chance to say hello to **Gene Deckerhoff '14, Andy Miller '70, Roberto Aguayo '12** and **Phil Doumar '09**. I begin my Masters of Finance at FSU the last week of June! I'm looking forward to it.

Above right: Film actor and writer, and former FSU Baseball letterman **Robby Stahl '07** with actress Julia Louis Dreyfus.

GRIFF SIEGEL '78 RECOUNTS BROFEST @ BOKAMPER'S / PLANTATION, FL

Griff writes, "Ground Zero for this BroFest was Bokamper's Bar & Grill / Plantation, FL, with TVs featuring Soccer, Tennis, Hoops, MLB and the Noles' Baseball Team preparing to get hammered by the Gators in the rubber game of their Super Regional tourney. All of that was well and good, but the real action in the place was over at Table #1, where several Delta Lambda Brothers had congregated to enjoy a little fellowship and celebrate Doug Russell's 55th birthday."



Griff says, "Age isn't a factor where Delta Lambda Pikes are concerned! Generations of Delta Lambda Brothers: Old Bucks representing 218 S. Wildwood, and Young Bucks representing 1952 Heritage Grove."

Front - L to R: **Tom Wheeler '78** (father of **Kevin Wheeler '09**), **Bryce Sartory '10**, **Blaine Fillichio '10**, **Ben Durgan '10**, **Dean Fillichio '10**, **Mike Fuentes '78**, **Mickey Fernandez '77** (father of **Michael Fernandez '10**).

Standing in back - L to R: **Michael Fernandez '10**, **Dominic "Dom" Gallardi '10**, **Jim Parsons '81**, **Doug Russell '79** (father of **Tyler Russell '10**), **Griffin Siegel '78**.



Griff continues, "**Doug Russell '79** was the Chapter Advisor when the Chi pledge class was initiated (Fall 2010), and still shares a special bond with 'his guys,' as evidenced by him unexpectedly springing a special phrase (which cannot be printed here) on them just before the photo was taken."



Fall 1970 Pledge Class

Delta Lambda's fall, 1970 pledge class assembled by rush chairman Andy Miller '70 and his team was the largest and best fraternity pledge class at Florida State that year. Many future chapter leaders, academic and athletic stars came from this class. All were initiated in 1971 with the exception of John Dodson and Ken Lewis who dropped out. Bob Gatchell is missing from the picture.

Kneeling: Roger Cole; Don Clark; Brad Hollingsworth (son: Bert Hollingsworth '10), Randy Jones (deceased); Alan Pavsner; Ed Barnes.

Standing: Jim Barth; David Mims; class vice president Steve Roden (brother: Scott Roden '76); class president Dave Costello; Rick Scott; Pat Haney; Bunky Fletcher (deceased); Craig Brumfield; Steve Plunkett, Jim Bradshaw; Jay Ginn; Dave Fernald (brother: Mike Fernald '73); John Dodson; Joel Padgett; Jim Provencher (son: Sam Provencher '03); Ken Lewis.

Ad Astra



Roger R. Obodich '67

Prior to his graduation from FSU in 1969 with a degree in accounting & management, Roger completed the summer Marine Platoon Leader training course.

Commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant in the Marine Corps, he spent a tour as a Marine combat officer in Vietnam. Roger had an eclectic career, coaching at LaBelle High School and serving as a Lee County Deputy Sheriff. After working with large residential builders around the U.S., he settled again back home Ft Myers where he founded Roger R. Obodich, Inc. and Market Street

Properties, developing land, marketing property and providing general construction. His obituary mentions his Fraternity, Pi Kappa Alpha, as well as his extended family and friends.

Chapter Eternal at 69.

James E. “Bunky” Fletcher ‘71

We can offer little information on Bunky. His photo can be seen (above) as a member of the fall, 1970 pledge class. He graduated in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science. His last address known to the Fraternity was in Orange, California where he was listed as President of Frontline Performance Solutions. The company is no longer active. Bunky’s demise was brought to our attention by his Pike big brother **Todd Trimmer ‘69**. Todd would like to have any additional information that anyone may be able to provide.

Chapter Eternal at 66.

2016 Chapter Executive Council

- SMC President: Mike McCoy
- Internal Vice President: Kevin Stokes
- External Vice President: Reid Nelson
- Secretary/Excellence Officer: Griffin Wilcox
- Pledge Education: Rob Hicks
- Rush Chairman: Steven McFall
- Treasurer: Jake Ross
- House Manager: Chase Cappai
- Risk Management: Daniel Coconceli
- Title IX Chairman: David Teytelbaum
- Member At Large: Max Huzuda
- Sergeant At Arms (Judicial Officer): Trip Lawson
- IFC Representative: to be determined
- Intramural Sports Chairman: Austin Labban
- Social Chairman: to be determined
- Alumni Liaison: Peter Singhal
- Political Officer: Hunter Anger
- Legal Liaison: Tre Ville
- Pikes Illustrated Editor 2016: Eric Natelson

Alumni Advisory Board

- Chapter Advisor (interim): Charlie Barnes '65
- Legends of Delta Lambda: Brent Sembler '78, Chairman
- Legends Oversight: Jimmy Keen '73
- Rush Advisor: Doug Russell '79
- Pikes Illustrated Editor 2016: (undergraduate Eric Natelson)
- Faculty Advisors: Andy Miller '70, Doug Tatum '77
- Finance Chairman + Advisor to the Secretary and Treasurer: Eli Nortelus '01
- Risk Management: Jimmy Keen '73, Don Pumphrey, Jr. '06, Clint Wallace '01, Matt Liebenhaut '01, Carlos Lindo '05.
- Pledge Education Advisor: Dustin Daniels '10
- Technology Advisor & Webmaster: Chris Dietz '87
- House Manager Advisor: Gene Strickland '81
- Alumni Association Co-Chairman: Gary Prescott '72 and Mark Smith '78.
- Alumni Association Committee: Eric Carr '01, President; Gary Prescott '72, Mark Smith '78, Bob Hall '49 (Charter Member), Phil Doumar '09, Jarrod Germano '07
- Newsletter Editor: Charlie Barnes '65
- Newsletter Publisher: Chris Dietz '87
- Education/Scholarship Advisor: Scottie Howell '06 ('88 Fireman)
- Ambassador: Bob Hall '49
- Chaplaincy Advisor: Rev. Rick Blythe '72
- Political Advisors: Bob McKnight '62 (Fla. Southern College); Scottie Howell '06 ('88)
- Mentoring Advisors: Jimmy Keen '73; Doug Tatum '77

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