



FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - November, 2017



The second coat of arms of Pi Kappa Alpha; adopted by the 1876 Convention

Thank you! Thank you to those alumni who have made your annual commitment to The **Old Guard of Delta Lambda**. In the last 30 days, the following Brothers have either joined or renewed their generous support of the Chapter: **Bill Gregory '77** joined the Old Guard for the first time. Scott Howell '06 renewed his annual contribution. Former All-American **Dan Akre '83** also renewed his contribution.

Jim Crews increased his gift to \$1,000 to join the Sembler Society! Writes Jim, "I would like to thank you, Brent and the other dedicated Brothers that put your continued efforts into keeping the fraternity #1. Hope all is well with you and your family. Have a great day."

Tim Sheridan '79 also joined the Sembler Society and writes, "Regarding my gift, I'd like to draft a narrative for an upcoming newsletter that my contribution at the Sembler level of the Old Guard was done to honor my Grandfather **Ed Cubbon**

'29, and emphasize the importance of remembering history and the respect to our legacies that brought us to where we today." Look for Tim's narrative soon!

If you are already a member of the old Guard of Delta Lambda, thank you Brother. If you have not already joined, or if you have not yet renewed your contribution, please take a moment to do so right now. The annual contribution is \$100.

[Click here to join the Old Guard now!](#)

Old Guard funds support Delta Lambda's rush, leadership, and other programs deemed necessary to maintain Pike's top position at Florida State. Membership is only \$100 per year.

Several alumni have generously paid ten years in advance with a one-time gift of \$1,000 (**The Sembler Society**). We are extremely grateful for all of your loyalty and support. The list of current donors appears at the end of this newsletter.



Most of the fall pledges. Alumni include Jimmy Keen '73, Michael Keen '14, Barry Smith '72, Harvey Mackler '72 (U-Penn), and Colonel 'Wild Bill' Wallis. Also, Pledge Master Trawick Ville '14 (kneeling, left). Col. Wallis suffers from ALS. Pledges pushed him the length of their run.

The Alpha Mu pledge class turned out for the **Walk for ALS**, and were heartily rewarded for their efforts. In fact, this pledge class has made several great

impressions for Pike this fall.

First, Ms. Sabrina Highsmith wrote to us: "I had 30 Pike members come to my restaurant (Hobbit on West Tennessee) to eat last night and just wanted to recognize those men as being very sweet and respectful as they ate...One member even paid for a ticket that someone forgot to pay so I did not have to pay for it out of pocket. When I was told a 30-top was coming from the "notorious Pike fraternity" I was dreading serving them but they proved everyone wrong and they even stated "Don't believe what you hear, we aren't that bad". I just wanted to applaud them and give them the recognition they deserve."

We don't really care for the 'notorious' adjective, but we do appreciate her sincerity and kind words.

The second big impression our pledge class made came during the annual ALS Walk for Lou Gehrig's Disease. Pledge Master Tre Ville '14 brought 49 pledges at 6:30 in the morning at Cascades Park for the event.

Jimmy Keen writes, "With the assistance of Brother Harvey Mackler '72 ALS Event Chair, Pikes were in front and led the parade. My long time close friend Bill Wallis in the wheel chair was pushed by our pledges the one-mile course. Bill is a West Point graduate, retired decorated colonel and attorney. He is in advanced stages of ALS. We the alumni should be most proud of the chapter's selfless service. "

Pledge Master Tre Ville '14 writes, "Big thank you to Jimmy Keen for giving us the opportunity to represent the chapter, the pledges and myself enjoyed raising awareness for ALS and participating in the walk with fellow ALS patients. Look forward to continuing this tradition for years to come. Once again the Pikes caught everyone's eye and we were thanked over the loud speaker as the race began. Go Noles! Go Pike!"

A huge treat for the pledges came later the next evening. Barbara Wallis is close friends with the owner of ZBhardi's fine Italian restaurant. The owner agreed to personally prepare a special dinner for all the pledges who volunteered to walk in the ALS event. Dinner was served to them at Pike house.

"In addition to my previous letter, I would like to add a special note that Zeke Bhardi himself (owner of ZBhardi's) had now agreed to personally cook for the Pike Pledges who gave their time and efforts on Saturday morning to do the ALS Walkathon! I am in contact with the Pledge Master, Trey, who will coordinate a

"dinner party"! Many thanks to Pike sponsor Jimmy Keen for helping coordinate these events."

Barb Wallis



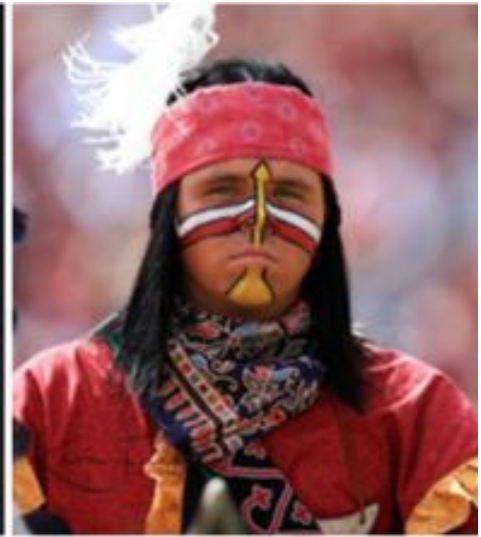
Peter Singhal '15

President, Student Senate



Omar Pimentel '16

President, United Nations FSU



Brendan Carter '17

2017-18 Chief Osceola

Many of the most familiar names and faces among FSU campus leaders continue to be drawn to Pi Kappa Alpha. Student Body President Kyle Hill '16 is the sixth Pike Brother serving as FSU student body president since 2003. Pike at Florida State is the largest chapter of any fraternity on any campus in the state of Florida.



SMC Kevin Stokes '12 portrays Coach Jimbo Fisher on the 2016 Homecoming float. There was no Pike or Greek Life involvement in Homecoming this year because of President Thrasher's suspension of Greek Life after the tragic death of a Pi Kappa Phi pledge. Anticipating a possible suspension, Stokes wisely initiated our entire fall pledge class a few days ahead of schedule. Delta Lambda membership now stands at 269 undergraduate Brothers.

A working group of Delta Lambda alumni including Joe Feheley '81, Doug Russell '79, David Rancourt '84, Jimmy Keen '73, Jimmy Graganella '14, Andy Miller '70, Brent Sembler '79 and Eric Carr '01 – along with several of the undergraduate officers – are crafting an operating plan for our chapter to help initiate what President Thrasher calls a 'new normal'.

Be assured that your Fraternity will continue to lead and to prosper, not matter what others may do.

Monthly Luncheon - University Center Club



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Next Alumni Luncheon: Wednesday, December 6th, 2017 @ 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

- November 18th Seminoles vs. Delaware State in Tallahassee
- December 2nd Seminoles vs. Louisiana-Monroe in Tallahassee
- December 6th Monthly Alumni Luncheon
- December 8th Last day of classes

Delta Lambda Alumni News



Pika the Wonder Dog, circa mid-1980s on the Firetruck

Ray Marchant '81 writes, "She belonged to the whole house; a gift from Eddie D'Avanzo '79. Dave Day '84 and I took care of her and I think Cort McCord '81 did too...What a great life for a good dog. She lived in a fraternity house filled with energy, playing with and being adored by lots of affectionate Brothers." Thanks to Little Sister Dee Dee Hicks for the photo.

Delta Lambda Alumni Letters

November 1, 2017

William E. Gregory, P.A.

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I trust this finds you well.

Whenever I read the FSU Pike Newsletter and see the photos of our guys getting together for a football game, a game of golf, a wedding, or simply to share stories of the good old days, it causes me to pause and reflect on my days as President of my Pledge Class (1977), Vice-President of Delta Lambda, Chairman of the Pike Pig

Roast, and all the fun we had with intramurals, with fraternity house parties, and even Chapter meetings – not to mention all the funny shenanigans that took place among those of us who lived in the Pike house! I had such a great time being a Pike at FSU and I am so very proud that the Pikes are still the #1 fraternity on campus.

I had been planning on joining The Old Guard of Delta Lambda for some time now, but I just hadn't gotten around to doing in; however, I am delaying no more. I am happy to enclose my check for \$100, and I am hopeful that others from my era that haven't joined will reflect on all of the life-long friendships they still enjoy that stem from being a Pike because then they will soon realize how much being a Pike from FSU means to them, which in turn will cause them to remain involved through becoming a continuing member of The Old Guard.

P.S. Please send me a copy of the latest Pikes Illustrated.

Thanks to you, and best wishes,

Bill Gregory
Phi Phi K A



Tom Wheeler '78 writes: "Enjoying the Dolphins vs Raiders playing Sunday Night Football at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami. L/R Tom Wheeler '78, Harry Sargeant '78,

Delta Lambda Stories

The J. Peterman Caper (or, Bobby Jones and the Urban Sombrero)

The J. Peterman Company was founded in 1987 by John Peterman, and The J. Peterman Company's first product was an original 'horseman's duster' promoted with a small ad in The New Yorker. The company grew by offering distinctive lifestyle merchandise within catalogs that used lengthy copy to explain the products, often digressing into exotic stories of how the catalog writer came across the product, or how it will make the wearer irresistibly attractive.

If you'll remember, from 1995 to 1998, the popular television series Seinfeld parodied the owner of the company, eccentric businessman and world traveler J. Peterman, played by actor John O'Hurley.

When Bobby Jones '72 lived in Houston, he and John O'Hurley often played golf together at their club. A former Delta Lambda SMC, Bobby went on to found the BISYS Group Inc. (present day Ascensus, the nation's largest independent retirement and college savings services provider.)



J. Peterman (John O'Hurley)



Bobby Jones '72

The J. Peterman Company was purchased by Paul Harris Stores in 1999, without the future participation of Peterman himself. Within a year, Paul Harris Stores went bankrupt.

Word of the bankruptcy reached Bobby Jones and actor John O'Hurley while they were golfing. They decided - what the hell - let's buy the company and let O'Hurley be the real J. Peterman!

Bobby and O'Hurley repurchased the name and restarted the company. Bobby is still part owner, and serves on the J. Peterman Board of Directors.

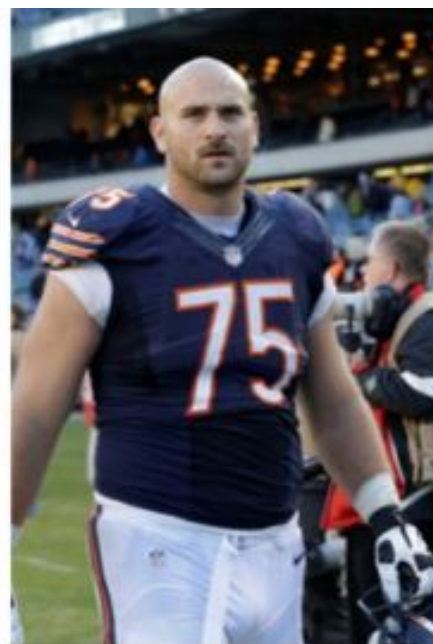
In 2016 Bobby was inducted into the Florida State College of Business Hall of Fame. He has Chaired the FSU Foundation Board, and has served as a member of the FSU Board of Trustees.



James Wilder, Jr '13



Christian Jones '10



Kyle Long '08

[LEFT] Former Florida State standout James Wilder, Jr. '13 is nominated to be the Canadian Football League's rookie of the year. Wilder leads the CFL in yards per carry (7.08), and has posted three 100-yard rushing performances for the Toronto Argonauts in his past five games. With 736 rushing yards and 4 touchdowns this season, Wilder Jr. is Toronto's candidate for the Most Outstanding Rookie.

[CENTER] Linebacker Christian Jones '10 and [RIGHT] guard Kyle Long '08 are teammates on the Chicago Bears. Kyle played baseball one semester at FSU where he was initiated into Delta Lambda. He played college football at Oregon. An astonishing nine Delta Lambda alumni are on professional football rosters this

season. Others include Ricky Aguayo '12 (Panthers), Terrence Brooks '11 (Jets), Ron Darby '13 (Eagles), Ukeme Eligwe '13 (Chiefs), and E.J. Manuel '11 (Raiders). Greg Reid '10 plays for the Tampa Bay Storm of the Arena League. Olympian Marvin Bracy '13 signed with the Colts in August but was cut. His speed will give him opportunities to play elsewhere in the NFL.



Pikes Party at The Hickory House 1973

Standing (or hoisted up), from left: Andy Miller '70, Steve Roden '71, Allen Stephens '73 , Harry Mays '73, Jim Dahl '72, Ron Ureel '73, Terry Brown '73, Bob Anderson '72, Mark Shelly '73, Bobby Jones '72, Rick Miller '72, Keith Hogan '72, Dan Headley '73, Gary Prescott '72, Tom Carlson '72.

Kneeling: Fred Miller '73, Bobby Frier '73, Bill Campbell '73, Tim McCarthy '72, and George Keriazes '73.

Sitting: Randy Mallamo '73, Bob Gatchel '71, and Bill Neeley '72.

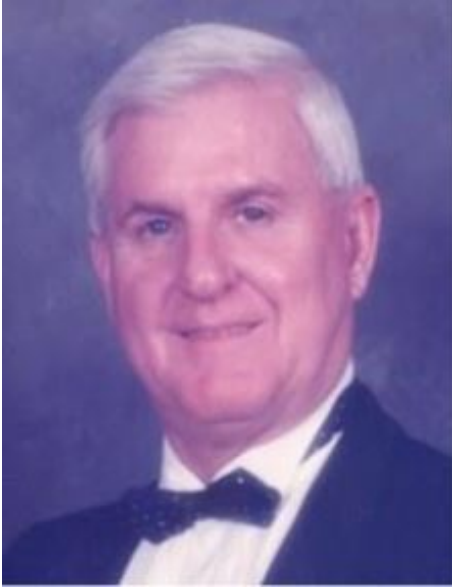


Chris Hansard '81 writes on the day before Veteran's Day (November 11), "To all my Sarasota friends. **Lt Colonel Joe " Hooter " Feheley '81, my FSU Pike Brother & Friend and current Chapter Advisor of Pike**, informed us today that he will be part of the Flyby over Main Street and US 41 on Saturday Morning for the Veterans Day Parade. As a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force who has flown numerous missions throughout his career, I thought you would appreciate seeing who is flying overhead."

Ad Astra

Dr Michael Joseph Pickering '50

Soon after his initiation into Delta Lambda in 1950, Mike left FSU and entered the military. He began as a Navy Corpsman in the Korean War, ultimately achieving the rank of Lt. Commander. It was in the military that his passion for medicine and healing began. After the war, Mike continued his studies at the University of Florida, graduating first in his Medical School class.



Upon completing his Navy service he returned to UF as a professor, later being inducted into the University of Florida Hall of Fame.

He was President of Florida Society of Internal Medicine, the Florida Society of Nephrology, and was most recently awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Florida Society of Nephrology.

His obituary said, "His heart longed for adventures, and the faster the better; be it driving racecars at Talladega and Daytona or flying down a Colorado Black Diamond slope. Michael lived and loved life's

journeys."

Finally, this comment from Mike's friend in Tampa Jack McMullen '64. "What his obit in the Tampa Bay Times does not say is that Michael was on the research team at the University of Florida that invented Gatorade. Mike received royalties from that all his life."

Chapter Eternal at 86.



If you would like to send a letter or comment to your Delta Lambda Brothers for inclusion in the Newsletter, please use this link:

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Join the Old Guard of Delta Lambda!

The annual contribution to be a member of the Old Guard is only \$100. Funds are allocated at the direction of a Board chaired by Jack McMullen '64 and Doug Russell '79. The Old Guard account is located at BB&T in Tallahassee.



Please use this link to contribute:

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Or, if you feel more comfortable sending a check, please make it to The Old Guard of Delta Lambda, and send to Charlie Barnes / 1490 Saint Charles Place / Tallahassee, FL 32308

Old Guard of Delta Lambda Contributors

Names of alumni with sons or grandsons in the chapter are in **bold**. Members of the **Sembler Society** (donors of \$1,000) are so noted.

Dan Akre '83 2016, 2017

Charlie Barnes '65 2016, 2017

Ed Barnes '71 2017

Robert "Bobby" Bowden '49 (Alpha Pi, Samford University) 2016

Eric Carr '01 2017

Jay Campbell '87 2017

Jim Crews '78 **Sembler Society**

Dustin Daniels '10 2016

Tobyn De Young '86 Sembler Society

Chris Dietz '87 2016, 2017

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Jeff Epley '96 (Iota Gamma, Nebraska-Kearney) 2016, 2017

Miguel Fernandez '77 2017

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Bill Gregory '77 2017

Chris Gutierrez '87 (Alpha Eta, University of Florida) **Sembler Society**

David Gutting '83 Sembler Society

Mike Halfacre '85 2016

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Bruce Johnson '81 2017

Jay Johnson '83 2016

Jimmy Keen '73 2016, 2017

David Kresge '73 2016, 2017

Mike Lilly '84 2017

Carlos Lindo '05 2016

Trent Mallory '81 2017

Craig Mateer '86 Sembler Society

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Noah C. McKinnon '65 2016, 2017

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Kyle Mowitz '01 2017

Marco Novak '01 2016

Serge Osaulenko '01 2017

Joel Padgett '71 2016

Jim Parsons '81 2017

Jim Poe '66 2017

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David Rancourt '84 Sembler Society

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Scott Roix '85 Sembler Society

Doug Russell '79 2016, 2017, 2018

Brent Sembler '78 Sembler Society

Tim Sheridan '79 **Sembler Society**

Griffin Siegel '78 2016

Kevin Wheeler '09 2017, 2018

Tom Wheeler '78 Sembler Society

Wade Wilcox '86 2017, 2018, 2019

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