



## FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - September, 2018



### Fall Rush 2018: "Welcome to Pi Kappa Alpha"

Brothers in line to greet freshmen rushees include Seminole guard Brady Scott '17, Vice President Wyatt Rancourt '16, House Manager Josh Smith '16, Garrett Sargeant '17, center Alec Eberle '15 (Offensive Captain) , and tight end Gabe Nabers '16.



### Fall Pledges: Rush Chairman Dalton Herrity's Smile Says it All

Rush Chairman Dalton Herrity '15 and his team of Rush Captains landed the top pledge class on campus. This class counts in the mid-to-high 50s but as you know the numbers tend to shake out after the first week or so. More information will be forthcoming as we move forward. Congratulations Delta Lambda on continuing to dominate!



### First Annual Brotherhood Golf Tournament

Left to right: Wyatt Rancourt '16 / Wes Graham '10 / Derek Thibeau / Clint Wallace '01 / Max Roix (pledge) / Tom Wheeler '78 / Garrett Sargent '17 / Jimmy Keen '73 / Mickey Fernandez '77 / Scott Roix '85 / Joe Fehelley '81 / Doug Russell '78 / Chris Chaney '01 / Justin Kester '01 / Brandon Crews '17 / Tyler Woody '17.

Jimmy Keen writes, "Garrett Sargent must be commended for initiating and organizing and the First Annual Pike Golf Tournament! About 25 brothers participated (several who played are not in the photo). The tournament was played at Golden Eagle County Club. Garrett said this is the first of many to come and plans to make this a tradition."

Doug Russell hosted the Tournament and served refreshments in his backyard on the 5th hole.

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#### Special Initiation of Peter Ford '18

Above, Chapter Advisor Jimmy Keen '73, SMC Ryan Turnage '15 and other leaders and officers of the Executive Committee congratulate our newest initiate Peter Ford. Jimmy Keen says, "Peter Ford '18 has been our Pike home 'Go-To Brother' for the past 3 ½ years. He is our contractor and supervisor of janitorial service." Legends leader Brent Sembler says, "Our house has never appeared this 'fantastic'".

Based on Keen's recommendation and the enthusiasm of the chapter leadership, Peter Ford completed his Initiation Ceremony on September 6th. "He is most deserving to be in our Brotherhood as I know he takes our house and chapter brothers close in his heart."

Legends Chairman Brent Sembler '78 provided \$190,000 in improvements and repairs to the house, completed under Pete's direction. "His focus is to have our house perfect, daily."

Upcoming projects include repair of the locking systems on the back gate, and the front door and all of the keyless entrances. We are also taking bids to replace all the flooring on the first floor and Sembler Hall.

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### 1980 Reunion: 'The Boys of the Seventies'

On a long-ago football weekend in 1980, alumni from the 1970s gathered for a reunion. The Boys of the Seventies celebrated and revisited memories of the decade when they built Delta Lambda into a national powerhouse chapter.

At the end of the night someone raised their hand and yelled to start The Cheer. The set-up to the cheer kept sustaining, and everyone realized that they were deliberately extending it out as long as possible.... as if everyone knew that when this cheer ended, the Seventies would be gone forever.

There are four different versions of this photo. Larger images of each are available at your request.

Kneeling: Jerry Sexton '74, Russell Sexton '77, Mike Neill '76, Bill Wheatley '74, Mike Markowski '75 (sons Reeve '13 and Ryan '16), Jim Floyd '76.

First Row: Wayne Johnson '72 (son Matt '03), Bill Campbell '73, Jim Smalley '73, Dave Atwell '74, Greg Vandercreek '75, Jimmy Keen '73 (son Michael '14), Steve Roden '71, Matt Saroka '75, Mike Machek '78, [cannot ID], Ken Furth '76, Todd Yeslow '75 .

Third Row: Jim Crews '78, Garland Stafford '74, Jim Brock '76 (son Tyson Brock '06) , Alan Hill '76, Scott Griffith '76, Bucky Anderson '74, Todd Trimmer '69, Mark Zegal '75, Bob Anderson '72, Steve Laird '73.

Back Row: Charlie Crist '76, Mike Sweeney '74, Ron Moody '72 or David Kresge '73, Andy Miller '70 (son Matt '09), Mett Morgan '70, Mike Tebo '76, Bobby Windom '74, Tim Norris '77, Tom Dzein '76, Ralph Esposito '71, Charlie Barnes '65.

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**The Delta Lambda Old Guard: The Stoner brothers: John '64 and Bob '64.**

Please consider a memorial membership in The Old Guard to honor a loved one who has passed into Chapter Eternal. John Stoner has established such a membership for his brother Bob.

John R. Stoner '64, founder and President of The Stoner Organization, wrote to Jack McMullen '64, Co-Chairman of The Old Guard saying, "Jack, I am mailing a check today for \$200 as payment for membership for Brother Bob and myself. An idea hit me as follows: when you add our names on the next Pike newsletter, the Old Guard recognitions, you might put in brackets beside Brother Bob's name { via John Stoner}. You could include a discussion that this is a nice way to honor/recognize a deceased Pike Brother. It could turn out over a period of 15-18 months that 15-25 current Old Guard members/prospective members would remember their closest former Pike Brother friend, or Big Brother, etc. I think this has a very nice feel to it." John's son Rob Stoner '87 was named for his uncle Bob.

Alumni, please consider joining the Delta Lambda Old Guard. Your contribution supports initiatives aimed at keeping Pike the top fraternity. Recent gifts include a new membership from Jim Floyd '76 and a renewal from Mike Epley '96. We are so fortunate that we can depend on our loyal and generous alumni.

The Old Guard Board is co-Chaired by Jack McMullen '64 and Doug Russell '78. Members include Bob Hall '49, Joel Padgett '71 and Eric Carr '01.

Please consider supporting the Old Guard. You may deposit your gift directly into the Old Guard account at BB&T, or send check to Charlie Barnes / 1490 Saint Charles Place / Tallahassee 32308.

Please see the link at the end of this newsletter.

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## Monthly Luncheon - University Center Club



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Next Alumni Luncheon: Wednesday, October 3rd 2018 @ 12:00 noon. Our special guest will be Pike National Chapter Consultant J.C. Blackmon. 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

September 21-22 Parents' Weekend; FSU vs No. III.

October 3rd Monthly Alumni Luncheon;

October 20 HOMECOMING FSU vs. Wake Forest;

October 27 FSU vs Clemson in Tallahassee;

November 7th Monthly Alumni Luncheon;

November 17 FSU vs. Boston College in Tallahassee;

November 24 FSU vs UF in Tallahassee;

December 7 Last day of classes;

December 15 Graduation.

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## Ad Astra

Brian McCrary '82 entered Chapter Eternal August 24th 2018



Brian McCrary '82 and wife Cheri at Miami-FSU game, 2013.

Big Brother Griff Siegel '78 and Little Brother Brian at the Sheridan Cavitt Memorial Blowout, 1982.



Almost a Pike chapter meeting: #43 Brian McCrary '82, #84 Garth Jax '84, #85 David Ponder '80 and #86 John McLean '82 pound a hapless West Virginia runner into the turf of the Gator Bowl.

This loving remembrance courtesy of Griff Siegel '78:

As a high school All-American in both football and track, and Golden Gloves boxing champion, it was obvious that Brian McCrary was an athlete with superior, God-given talent, who competed with exceptional focus and intensity. He was routinely recognized by television commentators for his full-speed, bone-jarring hits on the gridiron, particularly when providing run support. "Boom Boom" as they called him was a human battering ram, often forcing even the toughest receivers and running backs to the sidelines for a few plays of recovery time, and causing them to tread lightly whenever they entered his zone thereafter.

Leading the nation in interceptions his junior season only enhanced Brian's status as a force to be reckoned with in the Seminoles' defensive backfield. Opposing coaches had to plan their game strategy away from him while receivers whose routes took them through his zone tried very hard to avoid him. Few were successful.

What most Seminole fans were not privy to, however, was what a great guy Brian was. Behind the tough-as-nails public exterior was a man of solid character and a proud Delta Lambda brother; a guy who met his pledge responsibilities without hesitation or complaint, joined his fellow Neos during Hell Week as much as his football schedule would allow and later becoming a regular presence at chapter meetings during the off-season. As a varsity athlete, he happily lent his credibility in the locker room to the chapter's Rush efforts at Coble Terrace, including helping Pike pledge the young stud Defensive End John McLean '82, with whom Brian remained close for the remainder of his life. As an active Brother, he played on several Pike intramural teams, was always a gentlemanly representative of the chapter whenever visiting "his girls" at the ADPi house, and an enthusiastic participant in off-season lawn parties and social events. In short, Brian McCrary was "a good Pi K A."

He was also my Little Brother.

Dan Mensch '81 and I were privileged to meet/recruit/pledge Brian while we were attending an event at PiKA National HQ in Memphis. He was recommended to Charlie Barnes by Brother Billy Campbell '73 who lived in Memphis and knew Brian's older brother, Conrad, a local sports legend. BC brought us all together at the McCrary home for an introduction.

Then, Dan, Brian and I were released to explore the wonders of Beale Street and beyond! For three nights, Brian showed us how to party in Memphis like the local hero that he was! Although, still a senior at Germantown High, it became abundantly clear very quickly that Brian was as much of a legend as his older brother. He was known all over town. There was not a single club or restaurant where we didn't bypass the line of "unknowns" waiting outside, routinely benefitting from immediate acknowledgment by the doorman and the related no-cover-charge-needed entry. EVERYONE knew Brian. In the days before social media, recognition on that level was very unusual, especially for a high school phenomenon. As humble as he was talented, Brian took it all in stride. Never let it go to his head.

Our three-night imbibe-a-thon included a blurry-eyed, slurred-word meeting with Bob Hope and Arnold Palmer, which was awesome, Mensch's consumption of a gallon-sized paint bucket of what I'm pretty sure was fruit punch-flavored jet fuel, and, finally, my putting a Pike pledge pin on Brian's chest between too many nickel beers at Silky Sullivan's, a legendary Memphis hot spot located just a few miles from PiKA National HQ, which we drove past in the wee-morning hours after Brian's pledging! Very cool!

I was honored when Brian asked me to be his big brother that Fall, and very proud of the Brother he became in our chapter. After college, he went on to become a loyal husband, caring father and hard-working, successful businessman. In 2008, he was diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis ("ALS"), the same disease that victimized such well-known personalities as Stephen Hawking and NY Yankees Hall-Of-Famer Lou Gherig.

ALS is a progressive neurological disorder that affects nerve cells in the spinal cord, interrupting the brain's signals to muscles throughout the body. As the disease progresses, victims lose the ability to stand, grasp things, raise their arms, or even hold themselves upright in a chair without supports. Gradually, they become unable to swallow or speak and, eventually, to breathe. The cause is not known, and sadly there is no cure.

It's a slow, demoralizing, difficult way to die, and Brian knew what he was facing. His response was the same as it was for everything else in his life: He faced it head on, publicly, without complaint. He worked hard to maintain his physical independence as long as possible and did his best to keep a smile on his face. The world could use a lot more people like Brian McCrary. He was a good guy. And, as it pertains to Delta Lambda ... as Ed Cubbon would ask of us: He was a good Pi K A.

Rest in peace, Brian.

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Charter Member Nealy W. Sandy, Jr. '46 entered Chapter Eternal September 4, 2018

Left: Jeff Sandy '73 with his father Nealy Sandy '46. Right: Dean Kushmer '73 with his father Fred Kushmer '46. The photo was taken on initiation day January 19, 1973. Jeff Sandy and Dean Kushmer were fall, 1972 pledges. Their fathers, Neal Sandy and Fred Kushmer had been Pike pledge brothers together at the University of Florida in 1946. Neal Sandy came to FSU after WWII and was one of the Charter Members of Delta Lambda Chapter.

Charter Member and official Delta Lambda Ambassador Bob Hall '49 remembers Neal as "always happy, always smiling. He was one of the original five initiated Brothers who met in September, 1947 to create a new Pike chapter."

Neal served Delta Lambda as Vice President of Pi Kappa Colony, and later as the Chapter's representative to the Interfraternity Council.

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## Delta Lambda Alumni

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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:

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

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 (June, 2018)

The Annual Giving Outreach of Delta Lambda Alumni

### THE OLD GUARD

Brothers making Annual Gifts of \$100 or more

Dan Akre '83 2016, 2017

Charlie Barnes '65 2016, 2017, 2018

Ed Barnes '71 2017, 2018

Joe Beasley '83 2018

Robert "Bobby" Bowden '49 [Alpha Pi, Samford University] (son Jeff Bowden '80; grandson Michael Madden '14) 2016, 2017

Eric Carr '01 2017

Jay Campbell '87 2017, 2018

Bill Cheek '61 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Jim Cobb '63 (son Kevin Cobb '06) 2018

Dustin Daniels '10 2016

Phil Doumar '09 2017

Jeff Epley '96 (Iota Gamma, Nebraska-Kearney) 2016, 2017, 2018

Miguel Fernandez '77 (son Michael '10) 2017 2018

Jim Finch '81 2017

Jim Floyd '76 2018

Paul Gerding '65 2017

Glenn Grant '82 2017

Connor Gray '11 2018

Bill Gregory '77 2017, 2018

Mike Halfacre '85 2016, 2018

Bob Hall '49 (grandson Andrew Hal '15 initiated at Auburn) 2016, 2017, 2018

Lawrence 'Chip' Hartung '81 2017

Scotty Howell '06 (brother Seth Howell '84) 2016, 2017, 2018

Bruce Johnson '81 2017

Jay Johnson '83 2016

David Kresge '73 2016, 2017, 2018

Mike Lilly '84 2017, 2018  
Carlos Lindo '05 2016  
David Lyons '65 2018  
Harvey Mackler '72 (Beta Pi, University of Pennsylvania) 2018  
Trent Mallory '81 2017  
Mike Markowski '75 (sons Reeve Markowski '13 and Brandon Markowski '16 ;  
brothers Craig Markowski '79 and David Markowski '79) 2016  
Roy McDonald 2018  
Jack McMullen '64 2016, 2017, 2018  
J.L. Milton '62 2018  
Jeff Moore '81 2018  
Kyle Mowitz '01 2017  
Eli Nortelus '01 2018  
Marco Novak '01 2016  
Harry Orwig '66 2018  
Serge Osaulenko '01 2017  
Joel Padgett '71 2016  
Jim Parsons '81 2017  
John Peacock '01 2018  
Chris Pepin '01 2018  
Jim Poe '66 2017  
David Ponder '80 2017  
Gary Prescott '72 2018  
Lt. Col. Jerry Sexton '74 (brother Russell Sexton '77) 2018  
Griffin Siegel '78 2016 2017  
Kevin Stokes 2018  
**Bob Stoner '64 2018 (memorial gift via John Stoner)**  
**John Stoner '64 2018**  
Tom Trotta (son Eric Trotta initiated at Florida) 2018  
Kevin Wheeler '09 (father Tom Wheeler '78) 2017, 2018  
Wade Wilcox '86 (son Griffin Wilcox '15) 2017, 2018, 2019  
Rob Williamson '87 2018  
Alan Winslette '77 2018

#### **THE SEMBLER SOCIETY**

**Brothers have made at least one gift of \$1,000 or more**

Jim Crews '78  
Chris Dietz '87 (son Caleb Dietz '11)  
Tobyn De Young '86 (son Chris Mergenthaler '13)  
Chris Gutierrez '83 [University of Florida] (son Alex Guterriez '16)  
David Gutting '83 (son Sterling Gutting '16)  
Jimmy Keen '73 (son Michael Keen '14)  
Craig Mateer '86 (son Charles Merritt '16)  
Noah C. McKinnon '65  
Rich Newsome '83  
David Rancourt '84 (son Wyatt Rancourt '16)  
Matt Raulerson '83 (son Zach Raulerson '17)  
Doug Russell '79 (son Tyler Russell '10)  
Harry Sargeant III '78 (sons Harry Sargeant IV '02 and Garrett Sargeant '17)

Brent W. Sembler '78 (son Logan Sembler '09)

Tim Sheridan '79 (grandson of Ed Cubbon '29; brother Ted Sheridan)

Rich Wall '66

Tom Wheeler '78 (son Kevin Wheeler '09)

### **2018 Chapter Leadership (updated March 1, 2018)**

- SMC (President): Ryan Turnage '14
- Internal Vice President: Wyatt Rancourt '16
- External Vice President: Griffin Wilcox '15
- Excellence Officer: Zach Blashinski '16
- Secretary: Gavin Bruns '17
- Pledge Educator: Jake Berger '15
- Rush Chairman: Dalton Herrity '15
- Treasurer: Brendan Langley '15
- House Manager: Josh Smith '16
- Risk Management: Martin Murphy '15
- Title IX Chairman: Jake Garber '16
- Member At Large: Drew Miles '15
- Sergeant At Arms (Judicial Officer): Clint Pierson '15
- IFC Representative: Kevin Anderson '16
- Intramural Sports Chairman: Austin Labban '14
- Social Chairman: Cal Shaw '16
- Alumni Liaison: Garrett Sargeant '17
- Pikes Illustrated Editor 2017: Wyatt Rancourt '16

### **2018 Alumni Advisory Board (Updated May 15, 2018)**

Chapter Advisor: Jimmy Keen '73

Legends of Delta Lambda: Brent Sembler '78, Chairman

Legends Oversight and House Management Chairman: Jimmy Keen '73

Rush Advisors: Charlie Barnes '65 and Doug Russell '79

Faculty Advisors: Andy Miller '70 and Doug Tatum '77

Finance Advisor and Advisor to Treasurer and Secretary: Eli Nortelus '01

Risk Management: Jimmy Keen '73, Chairman; Don Pumphrey , Jr. '06, Clint

Wallace '01, Carlos Lindo '05

Pledge Education Advisor: John Peacock '01

Technology Advisor & Webmaster: Chris Dietz '87

Alumni Association Activity Chairmen: Gary Prescott '72, Mark Smith '78

Alumni Association Committee, Chairman Eric Carr '01

Newsletter Editor: Charlie Barnes '65

Newsletter Publisher: Chris Dietz '87, Tim Sheridan '79

Member-at-Large and Activity Advisor: Scottie Howell '06

Chaplaincy Advisor: John Peacock '01, Chairman; Rev. Rick Blythe '72

### **AMBASSADORS:**

BOB HALL '49

CHARLIE BARNES '65

ANDY MILLER '70

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