



FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - March/April, 2018



Just within several weeks of delivery of the February newsletter, alumni response to the Old Guard has been strong, gratifying, and welcome. The Old Guard counts four new members: Joe Beasley '83, Connor Gray '11, David Lyons, and Harry Orwig '66.

Five more brothers renewed their membership for 2018: Scotty Howell '06, Ed Barnes '71, Mike Halfacre '85, David Kresge '73 and Mike Lilly '84. Thank you!

Since the Greek Life was suspended last fall in the wake of an alcohol-related hazing death at Pi Kappa Phi, the University is continuing its restrictions on rush, sports and social activities. The University announced over Spring break a partial lifting of the ban on alcohol, but a restriction on the number of social events (both on and off campus) remains.

FSU Trustee Brent Sembler '78 has been heroic in his opposition to the proposed \$1 Million annual Greek Tax on IFC/Panhellenic chapters. We may need you to make your voice heard as well.

Pi Kappa Alpha, along with fellow IFC fraternities, has already agreed and adopted almost all the changes directed by President Thrasher. A shorter pledge period enhanced with a more meaningful structure is now the norm. Hazing is eliminated (at Pike). The IFC chapters have agreed to maintain an appropriate overall grade point average, and each chapter will perform a given number of service hours. Through the various Nationals, chapters and their advisors have a measure of insurance coverage.

However, the prolonged suspension that began in November, including restricted rush, has started to negatively impact the Greek system. This spring is the time when housing contracts are signed, and reports indicate that numbers are down 30%-40%.

Your Delta Lambda Chapter is one of only a handful of fraternities that elected to participate in spring rush. The result was a smaller, but nonetheless outstanding pledge class of leaders, scholars, athletes and gentlemen.



Outstanding Pike campus leaders and their dates were special invited guests at this year's annual Biletnikoff Award Banquet on February 10th.

Seated are All-Pro and NFL Hall of Famer Floyd Little, and All-Pro and NFL Hall of Famer Fred Biletnikoff (Lambda Chi at FSU and namesake of the national award).

Pikes standing are Kyle Hill '16, Student Body President; Omar Pimentel '16, Student Body Treasurer, Gavin Bruns '17 (Delta Lambda Secretary); James Washington (Oklahoma State) 2017 Biletnikoff Award winner; Ryan Turnage '14 (Delta Lambda SMC); Peter Singhal '15, Student Senate President; Collin Jeske '16.



Members of the Pledge Ed Team and members of Exec surround spring pledges in the Russell Legends Room. The occasion was Jimmy Keen's presentation to pledge classes on hazing and legal issues. Brothers left to right: JF Tullis '16; Jeremy

Wozunk '16; Justin Volker '15; Zachary Dees '15; Reid Siano '15; Cole Brown '15; Jake Garber '16 (Title IX Chairman); Zachary Blashinsky '16 (Excellence Officer); Martin Murphy '15 (Risk Management Chairman); Brendan Spence '15; Jimmy Keen '73; Charlie Barnes '65; Tucker Turner '16; Tim Thrall '15; Clint Pierson '15 (Sergeant-at-Arms); Dalton Herrity '15 (Rush Chairman); Jake Berger '15 (Pledge Educator); Griffin Wilcox '15 (External Vice President); Griffin Pratt '16 and Preston Mizell '17.

Pledges include Jake Middleton, Andrew Paquin, Chace Savia, Corey Campbell, Dylan Morse, Sam Simon, Spencer Williams and Zachary St Amand. Four members of the 13-man pledge class had excused absences. They are: Chase Haney, Cole Sands, Corey Durden and Marvin Wilson. It should be noted that both Haney and Sands are All-ACC Academic Honor Roll. Also note that pledge Marvin Wilson was the consensus five-star, #1 ranked defensive tackle recruit in America when he signed with the Seminoles last year as a freshman.



Under new Seminoles head Coach Willie Taggart much will be expected of FSU's offensive line.

Three Delta Lambda Pike offensive linemen (below) will be learning a new scheme and competing for starting spots. A fourth Delta Lambda lineman Andrew Boselli '16 has decided to forego football and concentrate on school. Also absent this spring will be quarterback JJ Cosentino '17 who may elect to transfer.

Receiver Malique Jackson '17 and four year starter Steven Gabbard '14 have graduated. Star tight end Ryan Izzo '15 is projected to go in the fourth or fifth round to the NFL. Gabe Nabers '16 has been moved from fullback to tight end.

Sophomores Logan Tyler '16 and Ricky Aguayo '16 are expected to continue their stellar performances this spring and fall. Tyler is on the All-ACC Academic Honor Roll.

Wide receiver Lawrence Dawsey, Jr.'16 and fullback Colton Plante '17 were on the varsity roster in the fall but are not believed to be with the team this spring



Center Alex Eberle '15
President, Athletes Uplift



Guard Landon Dickerson '17
All-ACC Academic



Center Brady Scott '17



Left: A surprise factor this spring could be freshman quarterback Bailey Hockman '17. The four-star redshirt freshman recruit might be a perfect match in Coach Willie Taggart's scheme. Hockman has also been designated an 'Academic Warrior' by FSU Athletics.



Right: Four star recruit defensive tackle Wally Aime '17 had four tackles against Clemson and blocked the punt vs. Florida. Wally was selected to serve on the 2018-2019 FSU Student-Athlete Advisory Council, and is Vice President of Athletes Uplift, a community service organization of student-athletes.



Brand new gorgeous acid-stain concrete floors in the Doug Russell Legends Room and in Brent Sembler Hall. Many thanks to Legends Chairman Brent Sembler '78 whose contributions made these upgrades (and everything else) possible. The work was overseen as always by Jimmy Keen '73.

Monthly Luncheon - University Center Club



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Next Alumni Luncheon: Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018 @ 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

April 27th Last Day of Classes

May 2nd Monthly Alumni Luncheon

May 14th – August 3rd “Summer A”

May 14th – June 22nd “Summer B”

June 25th – August 3rd “Summer C” *Most summer rush take place in Summer C.

Delta Lambda Alumni



Four of our six distinguished Pike Student Body Presidents in the last 14 years. Dr. Avi Assidon '09, physician; Kyle Hill '16, undergraduate; Dustin Daniels '10, Chief

SEMINOLE CHEERLEADERS/PIKES BACK IN THE DAY



Greg Lowder '77; Jim Kidder '79 as Chief Osceola; Jim McNeill '77.



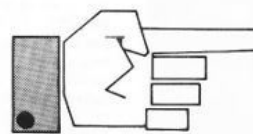
Left: Greg Lowder '77, Vice President – Investments, Ameriprise Financial in Jacksonville.

Right: Jim Kidder '79 and young Josh Halley '01 (father, Gene Halley '67) who rode as Chief Osceola in the early 2000s. We mourn the passing of Josh Halley into Chapter Eternal.

Tom Wheeler '78 writes, “Jim Kidder and I have been good friends since 5th grade, 1968. Jim lives on the Atlantic Ocean in Ponte Vedra Beach and works for BB&T Bank. We just had dinner together a couple of weeks ago.”



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This 1976 advertisement featured Pikes Lance Sandon '75, Tracy Schulis '76 and Tom Young '76 along with Little Sisters Suzanne Finch and Kim Luhan.

Here they are today four decades later (below).



Left: Jim McNeill '77, Director of Development, FSU College of Medicine. All four McNeil siblings are Delta Lambda alumni including Robert '79, Tom '81 and Steve '83.

Right: Tom Young '76, Manufacturer's Representative for Clear Lam; lives in Miami; his son Chris Mergenthaler '13 is a Delta Lambda alum.



Left: Lance Sandon '75, Founder and President, Sandon Shangri-la Animal Rescue in California; also Account Manager for PCA (Packaging Corporation of America) in Los Angeles.

Right: Tracy Schulis '76, Senior Vice President and Secretary at Paradise Inc. in Tampa. Tracy has been with Paradise since 1979. His two sons Matt '01 and Bryan '03 are Delta Lambda alumni.



From left: Fedor '81, Cabrera '81, Gambill '81 and Scarpo '80 in Manhattan way back in the day.

Bobby Fedor '81 lives, and prospers, in Santa Barbara, California.

Anthony Cabrera '81 is Senior Managing Counsel for Coca Cola in Atlanta.

Mark Gambil '81 is Chief Marketing Officer at MicroStrategy, Inc. He lives in Fairfax County, Virginia, near Washington, D.C. Mark's son Erik Gambill '12 is a Delta Lambda alum.

Tony (Anthony L.) Scarpo '80 is President of Anthony Louis, Ltd. Diamond importers in Tampa.

Mea Culpa

Well, a couple of items slipped past your editor last month.

First, in the feature on Rich Wall '66 I quoted him as saying, "I'm disappointed that I was not able to visit the house on my last trip to Tallahassee; Irma had other plans for me. I'll try again in 2018!" There was also a photo of "Rich and Irma Wall." Unfortunately, Rich's wife's name is MaryLou (FSU Sigma Kappa). The "Irma" he referred to was the hurricane by that name. We regret the error.

Second, we displayed a photo of months-old Declan with his granddad Jimmy Keen '73. Your editor identified Declan as the son of Michael Keen '14. However, young Declan Warriner, who we still expect to pledge in 2036, is the son of Joey Keen's daughter Savannah and her husband Jonathan. We regret the error.

Ad Astra



John Harold Baker '83

Pete Barraco '83 and John

"It is with great sadness that I post the passing of my Pledge brother John Harold Baker '83. John was a great guy loved by many. He was a great father and friend. He owned a number of businesses in the Ft Lauderdale area, most notably The Historic Downtowner Saloon. This picture was taken the night we were initiated at the old Pike House on Wildwood. I will miss you my Brother. Your family and friends are in my thoughts and prayers."

~Peter Barraco '83

"I am at a loss for words. John was and always will be a great guy and even better Brother. So many fond memories of our time together during hell week and beyond, Fall of '82. The Bond we share can never be broken. Love all of you guys. ppka."

~Pat Cicalese '83

"Love this brother. Thank you for your post and sharing your memory. So many good times and John was one of the many sparks that lit up the room."

~Dan Akre '83

"John 'Bakes' Baker and I were close for many years. Dan Cucchi '84 and I enjoyed a lot of time at his establishments. More recently John and I both did the Indian Princess program with our daughters. His is now in High School at St. Thomas Aquinas. Six months ago I ran into Scott Raben '86 who worked with John at the Downtowner; he indicated John [appeared to be not in good health]. Pete Barraco said his family will do a celebration of life event in June after the school year. If you have any other questions as I'm sure others will ask, just let me know."

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~Michael Miller '84

John H. Baker, 55, of Lake Delton, WI, and Ft. Lauderdale, FL, passed away peacefully in the presence of family and friends in a Ft. Lauderdale hospital on Wednesday, February 28, 2018.

An entrepreneur from the age of 10, when he was a fishing guide in Lake Delton, WI, John started and ran several successful businesses, starting with Raker's Tacos and Subs, which opened ten days before John's 21st birthday. Shortly thereafter, and not necessarily in order, came Jumpin Jack's restaurant, Jack's Pizza, a golf cart sales and repair shop, becoming a founding partner in a local Ft. Lauderdale bank, and culminating in, a Ft. Lauderdale staple, the Historic Downtowner. In addition to all this, John was responsible for various and profitable community involvements, including a Ft. Lauderdale blues festival, a jazz festival in the same town, and various community fundraisers. He also served on the Marine Advisory Board. John loved anything Wisconsin and visited his childhood home of Lake Delton every chance he could.

Through all this, John still made plenty of time for fun and family, from taking family fishing trips to Bimini, the Bahamas, to making all the other camps jealous of the food he served when taking his daughter Chloe "Honey Bunny" to the Indian Princess campouts, to generally being the light and the fun in any room or place he happened to occupy.

John spent the lion's share of his life working hard, playing hard, and laughing harder yet. His unique laugh and prankish sense of humor drew others to him in a singular way, and those qualities were only surpassed by his unending generosity and his big heart.

John was preceded in death by his father Barry and his son, John Michael. He is survived by his mother, Jo Baker, daughter Chloe Baker, his sisters Dawn and Kelly Baker, his nieces Jillian Campbell and Kassie Lederman (Mitch), nephew Ryan Groy (Sara), and thousands of friends.

A celebration of John's life will be held on May 17th at the Historic Downtowner Saloon at a time to be determined. [Click here for The Historic Downtowner You Betcha.](#)

*Pete Barraco '83 and John's sister Kelly contributed to this obituary.



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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.

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Charlie Barnes '65 2016, 2017, 2018

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Harry Orwig '66 2018
Serge Osaulenko '01 2017
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Rich Wall '66 **Sembler Society**
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