

Delta Mu 'N You

Monthly Newsletter of the Delta Mu Alumni Association
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"The future prosperity of our fraternity and of all fraternities will depend largely, in my opinion, on the loyalty of the members of the fraternity to the fraternity and to their alma mater." Founder William Alexander - 1935



BAKER APPOINTED ALUMNI CHAPTER ADVISOR

Nominated by the Delta Mu Chapter, approved by the Delta Region and National Headquarters, Delta Mu Alumni Association Secretary, Jimmy Baker, who attended the "Pi Kappa Alpha Regional Summit" held in Dallas by the PIKE University, has been appointed Alumni Chapter Advisor for the Delta Mu Chapter, replacing Brother Will Chandler, a soon-to-matriculate USM graduate-student from Millsaps College.

GOT A QUESTION HOW UNIVERSITY CAME TO OWN THE PAID-FOR PIKE HOUSE?

A comprehensive historical title search based on archived records and records retrieved from the Forrest County Chancery Clerk's files is being assembled from day-one until today and will be available by May 10th. If requested, a copy will be emailed to you. See why, as I reported to the University's Architect and to USM Housing at the April 24th planning meeting, the University does not have clear title to the PIKE House (Brother Frank Allbritton and I used to work for a national real estate title insurance firm performing such title searches and analysis).

BROTHER DAVID PYLE WELCOMED IN

In the presence of his wife, Nancy, Brother David Pyle was presented the Order of 1949 medallion, pin and certificate at his home in Holly Lake Ranch, Texas on April 20, 2013 by (r.) Alumni Association Vice President, Ken Forte of Bossier City, LA and (l.) Secretary, Jimmy Baker of Ridgeland, MS.

Though David is in the 7th year of Alzheimer's, from the smiling, hand-shaking and back-slapping he exhibited, it was clear that he knew two things: (1.) it was PIKE business and, (2.) it was something special.



AS PROMISED - HERE'S MASCOT #3

Discovered in Texas, towed back to the Mack Truck Dealership owned by Brother Bob Allen's father, Mr. W.H. Allen, rebuilt, painted and donated to Delta Mu, this 1939 American LaFrance pumper is pictured outside the then new PIKE House.

On March 19, 1969 the Chapter voted to initiate Mr. W.H. Allen by Special Dispensation and to rescind Brother Bob Allen's dues for the remainder of his college career.

Nominated for and approved as the official fire truck drivers were Bros. Coppjans, Forbes, Stallings, Allen and Ennis. And, let us not forget Bro. LaGraize who, clad in his jockey shorts, posed as the engine's hood ornament as it proceeded toward town on Hardy Street.

The proposed dog for the fire truck thankfully did not materialize. But gathering toys for children via the truck did.

NEW "GREEK VILLAGE" IN THE WORKS

The first in a series of planning meetings were held with Delta Mu and the University's retained Architect firm on Monday, April 22 in the Trent Lott Center. And, your Alumni Association was there providing design input. Yes, the current University-owned PIKE House and all the others are slated to be torn down a few years in the future and replaced. When? No date yet.

AN ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA ITEM

During our 1100 mile, 15 hour round-trip to David Pyle's home, Vice President Ken Forte and I had a chance to talk, during which time Ken expressed his concern for living so far from where the Alumni Association action is taking place, unable to participate at a level he deems required and appropriate.

Opening the door to submitting his resignation, Ken submitted the following item for a By-Laws vote at the Annual Meeting in July, namely "Anyone wishing to hold an Executive Counsel office shall be a resident of the State of Mississippi, able to attend Executive Counsel meetings when called."

CHAPTER BUSINESS GREEK TRANSFORMATION AWARD



The efforts of the Delta Mu Chapter to improve its status on the campus of Southern Mississippi were rewarded by the presentation of the plaque denoting Pi Kappa Alpha was the "most transformed" campus chapter for 2012. Way to go, guys!

Pi Kappa Alpha International Consultant Visitation

On April 2nd through April 6, 2013, Brother Michael Monnette, Chapter Consultant from National Headquarters in Memphis came down to campus to consult, visit and analyze the Delta Mu Chapter.

The following is part of his written analysis and summary: "The Delta Mu Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha at the University of Southern Mississippi has come a long way over the past year and a half and deserve a large amount of recognition for the progress they have made. After recruiting dominating this year, the chapter received rewards at Southern Miss for being the most improved chapter, the best recruiting chapter and the best overall chapter in a large, well established and prominent Greek system. **The chapter should be a top contender for the Harvey T. Newell Award given annually to the most improved chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha this summer in Memphis.**"

I'd like to think a very supportive Delta Mu Alumni Association played at least a little part of Memphis' analysis.

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Guess who had the largest Spring "new member" recruiting class, pulling in 12 new members? You've got it. Delta Mu.

Oh, in case you haven't heard or seen the announcement, someone in Memphis has determined that the title "Pledge" is demeaning and we must call those whom we used to address as "pledge" as "New Members". Pledge Paddle now equals "New Member Paddle". Same with the former "Pledge Pin". And, when a "new member" signs paperwork "pledging" their adherence to Pi Kappa Alpha, I guess they are "new membering" to the Order of Pi Kappa Alpha.

MORE DELTA MU CHAPTER NEWS

Paid off the National debt owed Pi kappa Alpha.

Made the playoffs in Intramural flag football, basketball and bowling.

Had a '70's, '80's and '90's themed swap with Delta Gamma

Began planning the Spring Parties

Began planning two (2) big community service events, Crawfish Jam and Relay For Life.

Participated in Sigma Chi's Derby Days.

Placed 2nd in Delta Gamma's Philanthropy.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR SECOND ANNUAL DMAA MEETING

Thirty (30) rooms have been set aside at the Hampton Inn (I-59 and Hardy Street) for the Second Annual Delta Mu Alumni Association Meeting.

Special rate: \$89.00 (normally \$124.00)

Don't wait. All room reservations must be made by June 28, 2013

Open to Alumni and under-graduates of Delta Mu alike.

Social event Friday evening and night at the Hampton and at Brother Ron Savell's MugShots.

Business meeting, crawfish boil, brats and burger cookout Saturday at the Walthall, downtown Hattiesburg. Open to wives and girlfriends alike (just don't bring both), weather permitting, the cookout will be in Walthall Park.

DELTA MU CHAPTER MEETING SUNDAY EVENING

For those wishing to attend, Chapter Meetings normally convene each Sunday evening at 7:00 PM. This Sunday, as we frequently are, some of your Alumni Brothers will be on-hand.

Following the Chapter Meeting, in the "Party Room" next door, Brother Vic Purvis will present a power-point presentation on how he and his promotions business can save both you and the fraternity money on Pi Kappa Alpha goods.

Come join us and also enjoy food and beverage as well. No cost, by the way.

JACKSON AREA DELTA MU ALUMNI MEETING

Friday, May 24th at Reed Pierce's Restaurant, 6791 S. Sowell Road, Byram there will be a gathering of Delta Mu Alumni from all over Mississippi and from as far away at Atlanta (Reed's brother is a Delta Mu Alumni).

The gathering is Dutch-Treat so don't hesitate to bring the wife or sweetheart.....but don't bring both. Please.

We will start gathering to eat at 6:00 PM.

Good food (great steaks) and good company equal a good time.

MR. ALUMNI MEMBER, YOU'RE INVITED

Brothers Nevin E. Folino, Director of Volunteer Development at the Memphis National Headquarters and Tommy Walpole, Delta Region Director from over at the University of Louisiana-Monroe invite you to join us on TUESDAY, JUNE 4, from 6-8 PM in Hattiesburg at the PIKE House for the purpose of not only updating alumni on the Association, the new proposed fraternity row, other issues facing the Chapter but providing attendees the opportunity to get involved. Remember: **Tuesday, June 4 from 6PM until 8PM**

HALL OF FAME NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES

Last month, you received the biographies of 5 of the 7 Delta Mu Hall of Fame nominees. Here are the remaining two Alumni you have nominated to be voted on at the July 19 and 20 SECOND ANNUAL MEETING in Hattiesburg. They are: Vic Purvis and Dr. Jerry Reel.

VIC PURVIS: The headlines read "Vic Purvis To Be Inducted in Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame" and goes on to say, "Hattiesburg, Miss.-Former Southern Miss standout Vic Purvis was one of six people selected to be enshrined in the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame class of 2006, the Jackson Touchdown Club, Inc., the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, Inc., and the Mississippi Sports Foundation, Inc., announced today."

Vic Purvis, born November 17, 1943, created a national sensation in 1965 with back-to-back 200 yard rushing games for Southern Miss. The Southern Miss quarterback moved ahead of Southern Cal running back Mike Garrett as the nation's leading rusher. Garrett would later take the rushing lead back and eventually become the Heisman Trophy winner.

Raised in the Puckett and Morton areas, in high school, he earned 14 letters in football, basketball, baseball and track. He paced his high school football team to a 22-6-3 record and in 1961 played in the Mississippi High School All-Star Football game as a quarterback and as a defensive back. In 1961, as a Senior at Puckett High, Purvis was named Most Valuable Back in the Capital Athletic Conference.

He received a scholarship to play for the run-oriented Coach Thad "Pie" Vann in 1961, played sparingly, was redshirted in 1962 and took over as starting QB in 1963 where he was the team's second leading rusher, then led the team in rushing in '64 and '65, his Senior year. Only one QB, Don Fuell, has ever lead the team in rushing in Southern Miss history. Overall, under his leadership, Southern Miss was 18-8-1.

His 238 yards rushing against Memphis established a new quarterback national rushing record which remained unbroken until Kansas QB Nolan Cromwell toppled the mark 10 years later. But, no NCAA quarterback has ever matched Purvis' record of consecutive 200 yard games.

His off-the-field accomplishments at Mississippi Southern, he was named Honorable Mention All-American and Academic All-American for the two years running, USM Hall of Fame and was elected Mr. USM. Likewise, he was a Dean's List Scholar, a President's List Scholar, a member of "Who's Who in American Colleges", a member of ODK, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and a member of the Student Court.

Signed to a Free Agent contract in 1965 by the Boston Patriots (now the New England Patriots), he made the team as a punt returner and defensive back, appearing in 16 games in the 1966 and 1967 seasons until a severe shoulder injury that ended his pro career.

In 1972, in his first year of eligibility, he was inducted into the Southern Miss Sports Hall of Fame.

Starting with much revered Statewide play-by-play football broadcaster and Mississippi Hall of Fame Member, Bill (Woo-Hoo, Mercy) Goodrich Vic started broadcasting Southern Miss football in 1974, commuting to games from his home in the Cincinnati area. Having now broadcast over 450 USM games, Vic has been the "Color Man", translating the complexities of the game in a language easily understood by serious ex-football players and casual fans or listeners alike.

In his almost 40 years of broadcasting USM games, Vic has been behind the microphone for the present consecutive string of 20 games in a row, one of the longest stints as an analyst of college football in the nation. In 2013, he enters the radio booth for his 40th season working with the longtime legendary voice of the Golden Eagles, John Cox.

As Vic explains, "You know on the Southern Miss Football radio broadcasts, there's John Cox, the Voice of the Golden Eagles and that other guy. I'm the "other guy".

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DR. JEROME V. REEL Most know former Delta Mu SMC as "Jerry Reel", Pi Kappa Alpha International Historian, author of the nationally distributed Pi Kappa Alpha Book, "The Oak", celebrated lecturer and former Delta Mu SMC.

Jerry was born in New Orleans in 1937. Was educated at Fortier High School there. Attending Tulane University, he studied Architecture and on March 1, 1957 was initiated into the Eta Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha before transferring to then Mississippi Southern College and becoming an active member of the Delta Mu Chapter there.

In 1959, he was the Chapter Inter-Fraternity Council representative and was elected SMC to head Delta Mu.

Jerry graduated in 1960 with a Bachelor of Science degree in History and English and went on to attain a Master's in Mississippi History in 1961 and married his LSU Chi Omega sweetheart, Edmee that same year.

While teaching at Clemson University (1963-2013), entered Emory University's PhD program to study British Medieval History, earning his doctorate in 1967.

At Clemson University, Jerry served as Professor of History and was named Alumni Master Teacher of the Year in 1975.

He was the Founding Faculty Advisor for the Tulane Eta Advisor from 1972 through 1990 during which time the Eta Chapter won 13 Smythe Awards. Served as National Vice President, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, from 1972 until 1974; National President from 1974 until 1976. In 1976, the Pi Kappa Alpha Supreme Council requested Jerry assume the job of what was then known as the "National Historian", since renamed the "International Historian".

Appointed and accepted in 1976, International Historian, Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, is the exalted position an Dr. Jerry Reel still maintains.

He has authored *Two Hundred Years of Freedom and Fraternity; The Oak; A History of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity; Integration with Dignity* (the story of Clemson's quiet racial integration in 1963); *Women and Clemson; The High Seminary, 1884-1964; A History of Clemson Agricultural College (Volumes 1 & 2); A History of Clemson University 1964-2000; A Biography of Thomas Green Clemson; An Index To The Biographies of Englishmen, 1000-1485* and some 10 scholarly articles, and about 100 book reviews.

He was made an "Honorary Alumnus of Clemson University" in the year 2000.; received the Governor's Award for "Contributions To The Humanities" and was a member of "lots" of academic organizations, among them Phi Alpha Theta and Phi Kappa Phi.

Jerry served as the Dean of Undergraduate Studies at Clemson University of 25 years.

Had two "Little Brothers" at Tulane's Eta Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha and eight (8) at Southern Miss' Delta Mu Chapter.

He and Edmee have three children. One son, a PIKE. One daughter, an Alpha Delta Pi and a second daughter to whom it is loving tradition by us Delta Mu'ers to refer to as a "GDI".

Those are all of the Delta Mu Hall of Fame candidates you have thusfar nominated. If you have someone in mind, please let us know.

Email their name and contact information to: Spudnut39@att.net

Cut-off is JUNE 28th.