



THE DELTA MU REVIEW

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A NEW BEGINNING FOR DELTA MU

Through many hours of hard work and dedication from decades of Delta Mu alumni and key executives with Pi Kappa Alpha, I am happy to announce we will soon call Southern Miss home again! On November 4, 2016, members of our alumni board and Pike Nationals took part in a roundtable discussion with top university officials from finance, housing, student affairs, and Greek life at the Thad Cochran Center for a meeting that helped move us toward a common goal of securing Pike's return to campus.

"Pi Kappa Alpha, in conjunction with the University of Southern Mississippi, will officially be recolonizing the Delta Mu Chapter in the fall 2017 semester," Josh said. "Two staff members from the International Fraternity staff will arrive in Hattiesburg following the conclusion of IFC formal recruitment in the fall to recruit, train, and integrate a new colony of Pike. The fraternity will be seeking scholars, leaders, athletes, and gentlemen and will be recruiting based on a recommendation process. The staff will be meeting with administration, faculty and staff, clubs and organizations, varsity and club coaches, the other Greek councils, and making sorority presentations to ask for referrals. Once a referral is received, our staff will meet with each individual to discuss with him the opportunities that are offered."

UPDATE ON OUR CHAPTER HOUSE

As the chapter begins to reactivate, I'm sure a main question on many of your minds is, "What about the house?" The old fraternity house currently seems to be the best option to help establish a foundation again. University officials have committed the chapter house will be made available, with 12 months advanced notice, for occupation as long as approximately 26 or more men sign housing agreements. This responsibility currently lies with Pike Headquarters to properly notify us and USM when they feel the time is right as their process unfolds. We are hoping to have the chapter house occupied once again by the 2018-19 school year.



We are on track for the fall of 2017 to be the first official semester Delta Mu will be again operating as an active chapter at USM with much assistance through Pike National's coordination. Director of Expansion and Recruitment **Joshua Murphy**, University of Arizona, Gamma Delta '08, was present with us at our November meeting, driving down from Memphis to help explain the timeline and expectations for Delta Mu's future.

Joshua Murphy, University of Arizona, Gamma Delta '08

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are asking alumni to provide undergraduate referrals as we begin the reactivation process. If you know an on-campus student who is a non-Greek male, incoming freshman to a senior, we would love the opportunity to speak with him. Whether they are Pi Kappa Alpha legacies or not, we depend on our alumni to help find the best candidates to rebuild our chapter. Please send your recommendations to Pike Headquarters at pkaexp@pikes.org.

Every Delta Mu brother is important to this process, and I encourage more alumni to get involved. I look forward to great things ahead for us at Southern Miss!

In the bonds of φφκκ,
Matthew T. Perez '95
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Born to Be a Pike

Henry Dick III '88 Recalls His Journey to Delta Mu

Henry Dick III '88 knew for most of his youth that he would attend the University of Southern Mississippi. His father had graduated from USM and raised Henry to be a fan of the school. "When I was a junior in high school, I was invited to Pike Fest by two members," said Henry. "All of the Pi Kappa Alpha brothers were welcoming and made me feel at home."

Having made a number of connections during his initial visit, Henry felt compelled to return to the fraternity. Upon graduating from high school, he enrolled at USM with plans to major in accounting. He naturally gravitated toward Delta Mu during recruitment and immediately immersed himself into the chapter's sense of community.



Henry's membership gave him "the opportunity to spend quality time with individuals who shared the same values, although they came from different backgrounds." **Johnny Eisler '85** and **Edward Pinero Jr. '84** became mentors for Henry. "They really supported me during my first couple of years at USM," he recalled. "I was also blessed to have a number of wonderful chapter brothers who also supported me and helped guide me through my collegiate experience."

Staying involved in Delta Mu helped Henry excel in academics and taught him the best means of achieving his goals. "The drive to excel carried over after college and helped me find success later on, both in law school and in my professional career as a tax attorney,"

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he shared. As an active member, Henry enjoyed attending Pike Fest and serving as treasurer and recruitment chairman for the chapter. During his undergraduate years, Delta Mu consistently ranked in the top three fraternities at USM for academics and intramurals.

Now an alumnus, Henry looks back on his experience of being in a close-knit and supportive brotherhood as something to “teach you how to work with and interact with others.” Now serving on the alumni and financial advisory boards for Delta Mu, he has worked staunchly with members of the alumni board, including **Edward Langton '66**, **Ron Davis '68**, and **Matthew Perez '95**, to help ensure the chapter's return to the USM campus is brought to fruition.

In addition to the members he collaborates with on the alumni board, Henry regularly keeps in touch with **Joseph Gazzo III '88**, **Danny Wasilenko '90**, **Steven Kuljis III '92**, **Glen Williams '89**, and **Chad Hebert '90**, through business and social functions. He is adamant that alumni keep in contact with each other and the chapter. “It provides us with a support network, both personally and professionally,” he stated. “Although I may not see a lot of my fraternity brothers often, when I do see them, it is always easy to reconnect. That bond we developed in college never goes away.”

Henry is now a senior partner at Page, Mannino, Peresich, and McDermott, PLLC—a sizable law firm on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, where he oversees the firm's estate and business planning, bond financings, and mergers and acquisitions, among other responsibilities. He's also spent the last 10 years serving as a bond, underwriter's, issuer's, and lender's counsel for various municipalities, school districts, and government agencies.

In his spare time, Henry enjoys weight lifting, running, boating, fishing, and coaching his sons' baseball and football teams. He is most proud of the family he and his wife, Laurie, have raised together. You can connect with Henry at henry.dick@pmp.org.

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THANK YOU, ED

DMAA Offers Gratitude to Edward Langton '66

Delta Mu alumni have long been recognized as some of the most generous and supportive men ever to grace the University of Southern Mississippi's campus, giving back not only to Pi Kappa Alpha, but to the school itself.

One of our own, **Edward Langton '66**, was the lead donor of a tremendous gift to the university—a gift which went toward funding the Centennial Gateway building on Memorial Drive. His support was made more momentous as it marked the 100th anniversary of USM's founding in 2010.



*Chairman and CEO
of Grand Bank*

Ed has a lengthy history of giving back to USM, having served as president of the board of directors for the Southern Miss Alumni Association and the University Foundation's Honor Club. He is a former fundraising chairman for the DuBard School for Language Disorders and works outside of the collegiate community through the Greater Pine Belt Community Foundation, United Way, Grant Givers Club, and the Pine Burr Area Council of The Boy Scouts of America.

We thank Ed for his timeless leadership to ensure the well-being and progression of the chapter and the University of Southern Mississippi. DMAA is eternally grateful for his continued support.



Delta Mu members enjoy a USM victory against Marshall, a cookout, and reuniting with chapter brothers at Homecoming 2016.

Homecoming 2016

Delta Mu Alumni Reunite to See Golden Eagle Victory

Delta Mu alumni came together on Saturday, October 29, to watch the University of Southern Mississippi football team beat Marshall University in a 24 to 14 victory. Members, friends, and family enjoyed an outdoor cookout organized by **Brad Cates '00** and a team of Delta Mu brothers. Thank you to these gentlemen for putting together a great event with fantastic barbecue. Here's to an equally exciting Homecoming 2017!

BE A PART OF DELTA MU HISTORY

Alumni Participation Sought for the Order of '49

To be a part of Delta Mu is to be a part of a lifelong brotherhood. Through the Delta Mu Alumni Association's program, Order of '49, alumni can provide critical funding to further the future success for our fraternity, as well as plan for the reestablishment of the Delta Mu Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Delta Mu Chapter alumni who have pledged to contribute to the future prosperity of our chapter through annual, unrestricted tax-deductible gifts of \$200 or more can make checks payable to Delta Mu Alumni Association of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and mail to P.O. Box 15637, Hattiesburg, MS 39404.

For more information regarding the Order of '49 or to join, please contact DMAA Treasurer **Vic Purvis '63** at (601) 310-7753 (cell) or (601) 264-1788 (office).

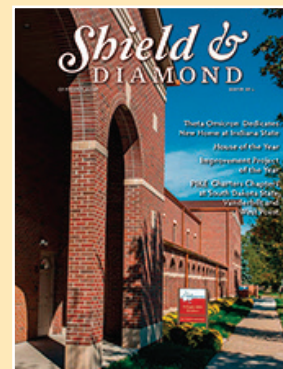


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know?*

Shield and Diamond Features Delta Mu

In March 2017, Pi Kappa Alpha proudly celebrated 149 years in its quarterly magazine, *Shield and Diamond*. The issue featured a great segment on Delta Mu:

"Delta Mu Alumni Association enjoyed a successful association convention this past July with over 100 attendees between their Friday night social, Saturday meeting, and golf tournament at the Gulf Hills Hotel and Conference Center in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. New to the function was a ritual continuing education session led by **Tony Cain '65**, which provided a back-to-basics approach as a foundation to the gathering. Additionally, **Ron Davis '68** educated the general membership on the importance of their Order of 1949 program and was successful in signing up several new members at the convention. Members of this group are Delta Mu alumni who have pledged to contribute to the future prosperity of the chapter through annual, unrestricted tax deductible gifts of \$200 or more. If you want to join the Order of 1949, or make a general donation, please contact **Vic Purvis '63** at (601) 310-7753."



*The Pi Kappa Alpha
Shield and Diamond
winter 2016 issue.*

If you aren't receiving copies of *Shield and Diamond*, please contact Pi Kappa Alpha National at (901) 748-1868.

Alumni News

Dr. James Hutchinson '52 and his wife, Betty, live on a 26-acre farm in Lascassas, Tenn., and growing things there keeps him pretty busy. They also travel regularly inside and outside the United States. E-mail: grands2@dtcom.net

Don Trigg '59 worked with Boeing in Louisiana, Lockheed in Georgia, and then with Ingalls Shipbuilding for 35 years before retiring in 2004. He and his wife, Marian, live in Gautier, Miss., and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in November. They have two children and four grandchildren. E-mail: triggdon@yahoo.com

Don Wyse '59 and his wife, Ellen, relocated to Fullerton, Calif., in July. He is the president of his packaging sales company, Donell Company, and spends his free time at the gym and working on his golf game. E-mail: donell-company@verizon.net

Arthur Mellen '61 retired from teaching after 28 years and continued his water well drilling business until 2014. He still lives in Salem, Va., and reports he has had a wide variety of illnesses, but he enjoys talking to his Pike brothers. E-mail: mellen426@verizon.net

John Cistriano '62 is a retired college dean who stays active in the National Junior College Athletic Association by attending national basketball, region, and state tournaments. E-mail: knowhowdrc@aol.com

James Bloodworth '65 lives in Madison, Miss., with his wife, Joan, and works at J&J Specialty Advertising. He shares that "life is good." E-mail: jimbloodworth@comcast.net

Edward "Ed" Langton '66 serves on the board of the Mississippi Department of Health, State Workforce Investment Board, the State Early Childhood Advisory Council, and is the chairman of the subcommittee on Early Care and Learning. He lives in Hattiesburg, Miss. E-mail: ed@edlangton.com

Joseph Stoessel '67 reports he is enjoying retirement in the Atlanta area, where golfing, traveling, and two grandkids take up a fair amount of his spare time. E-mail: jstoe@bellsouth.net

William Bennett '72 met with Brothers **John Faulkenberry '71** and **Pat Degan '70** in Chicago in June of 2016 for food, drinks, and a Cubs baseball game. It was similar to a trip they had taken 10 years prior. William lives in Santa Barbara, Calif.

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Alumni News

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Jason Dean '94 lives in Madison, Miss., with his wife, Courtney. He was appointed by Lieutenant Governor Tate Reeves to serve as a member of the state board of education, and he currently serves as vice chairman on the board. E-mail: jdean@fidelis.us.com

Charles Murray '94 is enjoying his new position as the southern region inventory manager for Replacement Parts Inc., the second largest privately owned automotive parts distributor in North America. He is active in the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion. He lives in Brandon, Miss., with his wife, Wendi, and his hobbies include competitive fishing, PC gaming, and range shooting. E-mail: charliejr@bellsouth.net

Send us your alumni updates to be featured in the next Delta Mu Review! Photos, news, and address updates can be sent to sjohnston@penningtonco.com.

SAVE THE DATE

SIXTH ANNUAL DMAA CONVENTION

Saturday, September 2

Power House Restaurant

118 College Drive

Hattiesburg, MS 39401

(on campus near the HUB)

Join us at the Power House for our sixth annual convention prior to the USM versus Kentucky game. The time for convention will be announced this summer.

3:00 p.m. – Game Time



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