



FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - December 2018



Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year 2019
to all our Delta Lambda
Pike Brothers and their Families



Big Changes at the Top for Delta Lambda



New Delta Lambda Executive Committee for 2019

Kevin Anderson '16, Treasurer; Tripp Brown '16, External Vice President; Wyatt Rancourt '16, SMC; Jake Garber '16, Internal Vice President; Mike Gutjahr '17, Member at Large; Alex Gutierrez'16, Sargeant at Arms. See the end of this newsletter for a complete list of all new 2019 undergraduate officers.

And Two New Chapter Advisors for 2019 as Well



John Peacock '01



Scottie Howell '06 with Lisa and Corbett

As of January 1st, long time Chapter Adviser **Jimmy Keen '73** will step aside and a pair of established, dedicated and experienced Delta Lambda alumni will chart the next era as Chapter Advisors of Florida State's top fraternity.

John Peacock '01 is co-owner of Capital Risk Management, a general insurance, business & commercial insurance company in Tallahassee. John was a Re-Founding Charter member of Delta Lambda in 2001. He played middle linebacker for the Seminoles, and after college continued with professional football as a member of the Titans, Indoor League Professional Football team.

In 2010 John founded Peacock Insurance Agency in Tallahassee. Several adroit professional moves brought him to the executive position he occupies today. John has coached youth league baseball here, served as President of the Capital City Rotary Club, and was elected to the Board of Directors of the Tallahassee Quarterback Club.

John writes, "Jimmy Keen '73, Scott, Brent Sembler '78, Charlie Barnes '65, Ed Barnes '70, Khuong Phan '01, Eli Nortellus '01, David Rancourt '84 and others have all talked and written about what makes our Delta Lambda special. I feel we are all on the same page with the goal for 2019 to persuade the new EC to go back to the basics. For example: What does it mean to be a Gentlemen? Be Thoughtful. Be Trustworthy. Be reliable, on time/punctual. Take Pride. Keep your word. Send Flowers. Never stop learning. Lead by example. Stay humble and gracious. Be respectful. Forgive don't hold grudges. Guard your reputation. Pay attention to details. ETC. Stress the importance of re-enforcing the relationships that we have built with the university, sororities, national, brotherhood, alumni etc."

Scottie Howell '06 is the Director of Open Government for the Florida House of Representatives. In addition, Scottie is currently serving on recently-elected Governor Ron DeSantis' Transition Team.

Scottie was a student at FSU in 1987 when his brother Seth Howell '84 was a member of the Chapter. "I would have pledged then, but Seth advised me to wait and get settled in. I was supposed to pledge in the fall of 1988 but of course we were gone by then."

After a tour in the United States Air Force, Scottie returned to FSU and finally did join Pike, first as a member of The Firemen and subsequently as a member of the Colony in 1993-94. Delta Lambda was successfully re-established in 2000, and in 2006 all the Firemen and the earlier colony members were offered initiation into the Fraternity. Scottie and his comrades were initiated on April 22, 2006.

Scottie says, "Anything I contribute to Delta Lambda or more broadly to Pi Kappa Alpha is a repayment of what I owe for bringing the Firemen and colony members back into the fold, and leadership of many others over the years. I walk in the footsteps of giants. John Peacock and I share a desire to see Delta Lambda not only survive but thrive, and to do so at the standard set by those who served before us. Though we do not have the experience of Jimmy Keen and others, we meet the task with alacrity and resolve."



New Chapter Advisors John and Scottie say, "The first of many young alumni getting together at Table 23." Table 23 is a popular restaurant catering to young professionals in Midtown Tallahassee.

Eli Nortellus '01, Dr. Ken Winnard '01, John Peacock '01, Scottie Howell '06, Will Dehler '02 and his wife Lindsay.

Monthly Luncheon - University Center Club



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Next Alumni Luncheon: Wednesday, FEBRUARY 6, 2019 @ 12:00 noon.

There will be no Alumni Luncheon in January.

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 2019

January 7th Classes begin;

January 10th Rush Registration Closes;

January 13th Mandatory Rush Orientation;

January 15th Rush Previews in Heritage Grove;

January 22-24 Rush Week;

February 6th Monthly Alumni Luncheon;

March 4th 70th Anniversary of Delta Lambda's Chartering

March 6th Monthly Alumni Luncheon;

March 18 – 22 Spring Break;

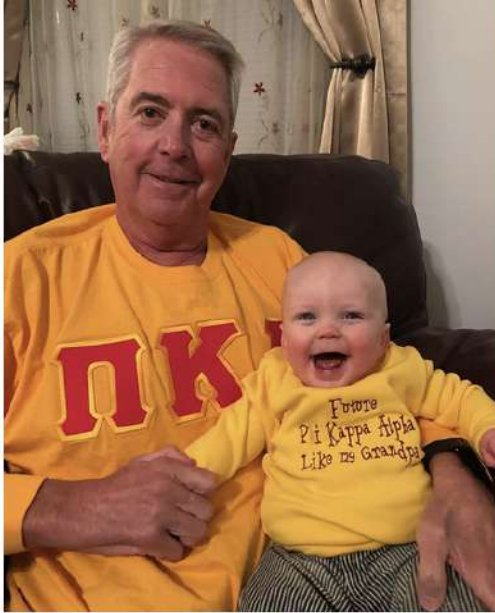
April 3rd Monthly Alumni Luncheon;

April 26th Last Day of Classes;

April 29 – May 3 Final Exams;

May 1st Monthly Alumni Luncheon;

Jimmy Keen's Enduring Legacy of Excellence



Jimmy entertains grandson Declan



Jimmy Keen '73, Chapter Advisor Emeritus



Jimmy and Joey's wedding six years ago, with **Rev. Ricky Blythe '72** and Jimmy's son **Michael Keen '14**.



Rev. Blythe performed the ceremony. Ricky was Pledge Class President in the winter of 1972 and started at tight end for the Seminoles. Jimmy was Pledge Class President the following fall, 1972. They have remained close friends and Brothers since then.

Legend has it that Jimmy was so big and intimidating as a pledge that Pledgemaster **John Howard '72** simply *appointed* Jimmy as President instead of having elections. True or not, Jimmy never disappointed, and Delta Lambda's largest pledge class to that point in history ran smoothly all the way through initiation. Jimmy's many trophies and awards as a champion weightlifter was inspiration for this **Pikeboy** photo taken around 1973.

Joe Fehleley '81 served as Chapter Advisor for a term when Jimmy had to step away. One of America's best 'Top Gun' pilots, Col. Fehleley was called back to active

duty a year ago.

On the night of February 9th, 2014, **Jimmy Keen '73** was inducted via Pi Kappa Alpha Ritual into a distinguished cadre of Chapter Advisors who have molded and protected Delta Lambda since its beginning. Keen was recruited after 15 senior alumni advisors met on December 11th to seek a worthy successor to **Doug Russell '79**. After extensive discussion, the alumni identified Jimmy Keen as the most capable candidate for the job of overseeing the chapter.

Keen graciously accepted the challenge and began work on an aggressive agenda. Jimmy had served on the Chapter Advisory Board for five years before being named Chapter Advisor and he had already mapped out his agenda. "I was advised that my goals were too ambitious," he says, "But the results in a short period of time are amazing."

The first priority, and possibly the agenda item with the greatest impact, was creation of a 'hazing contract' which each pledge and Brother was compelled to sign. This practice continues today. Pike has avoided the fate of our rivals who have been kicked off campus for hazing including Sigma Chi, Sig Ep, ATO, FIJI, ZBT and SAE. Most have returned, but the psychological and financial trauma of losing a chapter is one with which we are too familiar.

In taking on the role of Risk Management Advisor, Jimmy enlisted the help of **Don Pumphrey '09** and **Carlos Lindo '04**, both criminal attorneys, and personal injury lawyer **Clint Wallace '01**. Along with Jimmy, they made extended presentations to the Chapter about Florida law and the reality of consequences to the chapter and to individuals involved in hazing. A similar presentation was made to the spring pledge class.



Jimmy (seated) introduced compelling speakers to the chapter, including University President John Thrasher, and renowned Pain Management physician Dr. **Bert Chandler '76** (above)

Jimmy re-organized the Chapter Advisory Board and assigned an alumnus as mentor to each major undergraduate office-holder. In addition, leaders were assigned to reinvigorate the Alumni Association. **Eric Carr '01** serves as Alumni President today.

The first monthly e-newsletter appeared in January, 2014. Keen recruited **Charlie Barnes '65** to do the writing, and **Chris Dietz '87** (son **Caleb Dietz '11**) to handle the technical production. All of the officers and the entire Chapter Advisory Board are listed in each issue. Chris Dietz took on the task of creating the outstanding chapter website and continues to serve as webmaster. Since mid-2018, former Pikeboy editor **Tim Sheridan '79** has also been involved as a creative talent enhancing the newsletter.

To protect the Pike House against vandals and intruders, Jimmy and **Brent Sembler '78** installed a series of security cameras around and inside the property. As Brent's representative, Jimmy oversees all the property management issues which are many and ongoing.

Other Keen initiatives included an "Alumnus of the Month" program, occasional (and successful) golf reunions on his home course at Golden Eagle, and the Delta Lambda Ambassadors.

The 'Ambassadors' of Delta Lambda is a unique Jimmy Keen creation. It is an expression of his vision to recognize iconic Delta Lambda alumni whose contributions to the chapter are primarily internal. His intent in creating the title four years ago was to add one more per year. The first 'Ambassador' designated at such was Bob Hall. Next was Brent Sembler, followed by Andy Miller and Charlie Barnes.

At the conclusion of his tenure as Chapter Advisor, Jimmy said, "Effective January 1st, John Peacock and Scottie Howell will assume the position of Chapter Advisors. I am not stepping down; I am stepping to their side to be available to assist them. The three of us will remain in the loop together. I will continue to serve on the Board as Risk Manager, and as representative of Legends."

Keen and his wife Joey travel back and forth between their home in Golden Eagle and their place in The Villages, south of Ocala. Jimmy retired after a distinguished 43 year career in law enforcement, much of it with the Inspector General's Office of the Florida Department of Corrections.



The Monthly Alumni Luncheons (above) were Organized and Inspired by Jimmy Keen

Jimmy Designated These Four as ‘Delta Lambda Ambassadors’



Brent Sembler '78



Charlie Barnes '65

Andy Miller '70

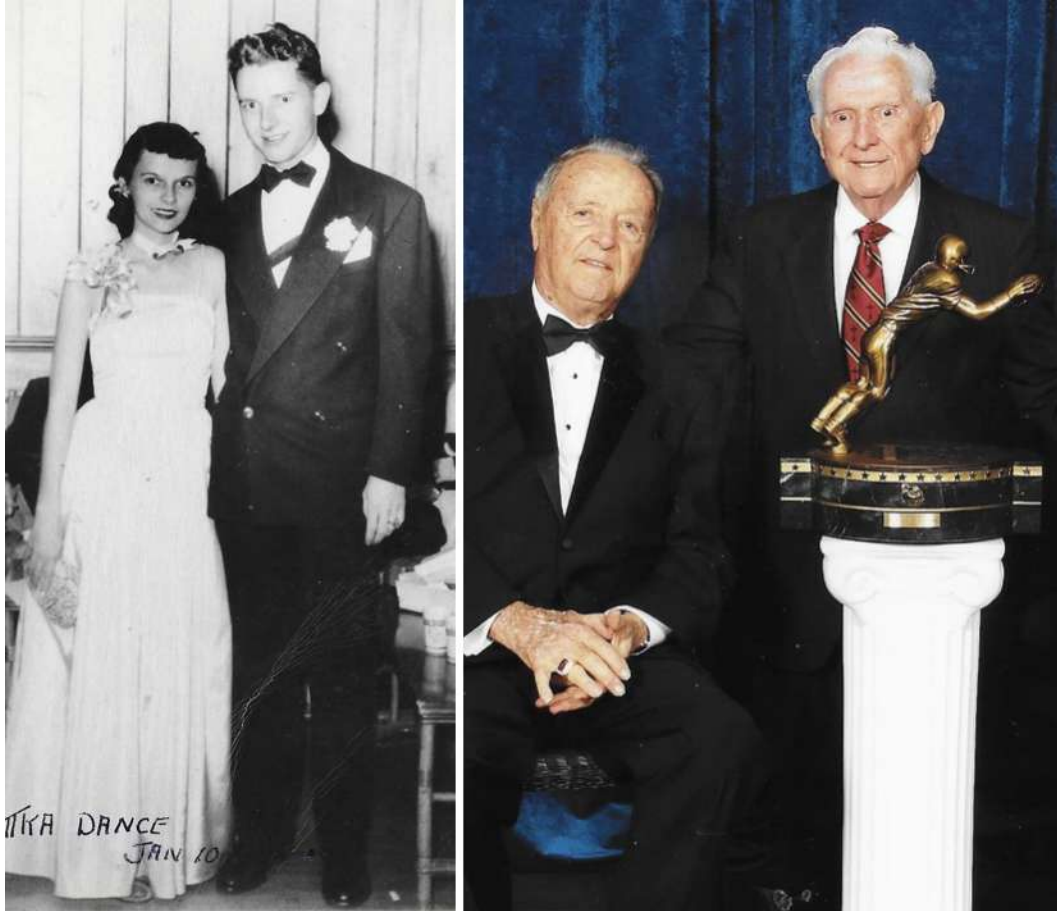
Brent Wolfe Sembler '78 is Chairman of the Legends of Delta Lambda, owners of the Chapter House. He is considered to be the ‘Godfather’ of Delta Lambda. In 2000, Brent was recruited to be Chairman of the Legends of Delta Lambda Capital Campaign which raised \$4 million, and he supervised building of the nation's largest fraternity house under a single roof.

Headquartered in St Petersburg, the Sembler Company is an innovative leader in the international shopping center industry. With Jimmy Keen acting for him on the ground in Tallahassee, Brent oversees all things concerning the house.

Brent's son **Logan Sembler '09** is a Delta Lambda alumnus, and his brother **Greg Sembler '80** is an initiate of Beta Pi Chapter at the University of Pennsylvania. Appointed by then-Governor Jeb Bush, Brent is a member of the Florida State University Board of Trustees.

Charlie Barnes '65 is a former Chapter Advisor, and past National Rush Director of Pi Kappa Alpha. His brother **Ed Barnes '71** (National Chapter Advisor of the Year in 2005) and cousins **Tim Sheridan '79** and **Ted Sheridan '84** are all Delta Lambda alumni. His uncle **Ed Cubbon '29** was initiated at West Virginia University.

Andy Miller '70 is a former Chapter Advisor and long-time House Corporation President. Andy has been CEO of Seminole Boosters, Inc. since 1975. His mother, his sister and his daughter are all ADPi Sorority alumni from FSU. His brother Bill Miller '74 and his brother-in-law **Bobby Jones '72** are all Delta Lambda alumni. Andy was a primary figure in the success of the Legends of Delta Lambda Campaign.



Delta Lambda Founder and Charter Member **Bob Hall '49** developed a close friendship with Coach **Bobby Bowden '49** (Samford University) when Bob lived in Birmingham as a career executive with Southern Bell and helped FSU football coaches recruit. He has remained active in his Fraternity all his entire adult life.

A World War II veteran (U.S. Army Air Force) Bob was in the first pledge class of the Pi Kappa Colony.

He retired back to Tallahassee in 1987 and when a five year suspension was handed down by the university in 1988, the Pike National Office in Memphis called on Bob and **John French '64** to provide whatever direct oversight to the remaining members was possible under the terrible circumstances.

“John and I tried to meet with the boys once a month,” Bob says. “There wasn’t much we could do to keep their spirits up, but we wanted them to know that alumni from their own Chapter cared for them.”

He became a ‘chapter advisor’ to The Firemen, and he was involved directly in both the re-colonization in 1993, and in the re-Founding in 2000. Bob’s grandson and namesake **Andrew Robert Hall '14** was initiated at Auburn.

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 (December, 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

Chuck Cottrell '80 2019

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 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022
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 *Joined the Sember Society in 2018
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
Khounng Phan '01 2019
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

Chuck Cottrell '80
Jim Crews '78
Chris Dietz '87 (son Caleb Dietz '11)
Tobyn DeYoung '86 (son Steven Centeno '16)
Steve Goodloe '79 Memorial Gift; donor remains anonymous
Chris Gutierrez '83 [University of Florida] (son Alex Guterriez '16)
David Gutting '83 (son Sterling Gutting '16)
Jay B. Johnson '83
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)
Scott Roix '85 and son Max Roix '18
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 '82)
Rich Wall '66
Tom Wheeler '78 (son Kevin Wheeler '09)

Chapter Leadership (updated January 1, 2019)

- SMC (President): Wyatt Rancourt '16
 - Internal Vice President: Jake Garber '16
 - External Vice President: Tripp Brown '16
 - Excellence Officer: Zach Blashinski '16
 - Secretary: Kyle Finnie '17
 - Pledge Educator: Jeremy Wozunk '16
 - Rush Chairman: Austin Webb '16
 - Treasurer: Kevin Anderson '16
 - House Manager: Garrett Sargeant '17
 - Risk Management: Alex Pons '17
 - Title IX Chairman: Jake Middleton '18
 - Member At Large: Mike Gutjahr '17
 - Sergeant At Arms (Judicial Officer): Alex Gutierrez '16
 - IFC Representative: TBD
 - Intramural Sports Chairman: TBD
 - Social Chairman: TBD
 - Alumni Liaison: TBD
 - Pikes Illustrated Editor 2018: TBD
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Alumni Advisory Board (Updated January 2019)

Chapter Advisor: John Peacock '01

Chapter Advisor: Scottie Howell '06

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: TBD

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 and Webmaster: Chris Dietz '87

Newsletter Consultant: Tim Sheridan '79

Member-at-Large and Activity Advisor: TBD

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

AMBASSADORS:

* BOB HALL '49

* BRENT SEMBLER '78

* CHARLIE BARNES '65

* ANDY MILLER '70

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