



FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - August, 2016

*Alumni please note that the next monthly alumni/undergraduate luncheon will be **Wednesday, September 14th** at the University Center Club. The UCC is closed for Labor Day, but the 14th is rush week. Come hear the report!*

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DELTA LAMBDA AWARDED MULTIPLE HONORS AT NATIONAL CONVENTION



Flanked by Pike National Officers, Delta Lambda alumni and undergraduate leaders accept our **13th Smythe Award in the last 14 years**. Watch a video of the presentation in New Orleans here: [Smythe Award Video](#)

Delta Lambda appears at the 20 minute 10 second mark. Each individual Smythe Chapter came to the front for a photo. Watch, as our fellows begin to leave National CEO Justin Buck grabs the three undergrads and pulled them toward him. He whispered, "Sorry we haven't gotten to talk this weekend, but congratulations; now let's not let this streak break again." He was referring to last summer when our chapter did not win after 13 straight years, due to the dangerous situation we faced – and then overcame.

From the left: Pike National president **John Bobango**; **Lucas Ryan '12** (now a Pike National Chapter Consultant), 2016 Excellence Officer **Griffin Wilcox '15** (father, **Wade Wilcox '86**); 2016 Pledge Educator: **Daniel Cocconcelli '14**; Chapter Advisor **Charlie Barnes '65**; 2016 Member-at-Large **Max Hazuda '14**; Pike National CEO **Justin Buck**. Alumni Association President **Eric Carr '01** took the photo.



Delta Lambda Alumni Association President **Eric Carr '01** accepted the **2016 William Nester Award** for the best Pike alumni association nationally. Delta lambda won on the basis of unique programs like our monthly luncheons, the monthly e-newsletter, our alumni-undergraduate mentoring programs and the Alumni Weekends at locations around the state.

In his acceptance, Carr thanked **Gary Prescott '72, David Kresge '73, Mark Smith '78 and Griff Siegel '78** for their devotion, their contributions and their continuous organizing of excellent alumni events. He also singled out **Chris Dietz '87** for special praise. Chris publishes the Delta Lambda E-newsletter and created the award-winning FSUPike website.

Standing next to Eric Carr is **James Canary '95** (Beta Tau Chapter, University of Michigan). Canary was one of two National Consultants who came to Florida State to form the colony in the winter of 2000. Eric Carr was recruited by them and later became SMC. The three undergraduates are **Griffin Wilcox, Max Hazuda and Daniel Cocconcelli**.



**A REMINDER TO ALUMNI: SEND YOUR RUSH
RECOMMENDATIONS TODAY!**

Rush Advisor **Doug Russell '79** reminds all potential **Delta Lambda Legacy Dads** that rush is underway **now**. If your son is an incoming freshman it is important you **let us know now**. The fraternities at FSU average over 100 men per chapter and several have more than 200. Rush is chaotic, fast and highly competitive. Often, other fraternities figure the only way they can compete with Pike is to hide guys from us. Decisions are made quickly; sometimes good ones get lost.

We already know about incoming sons of **Matt Raulerson '83, David Rancourt '84, Dave Gutting '81, Toby DeYoung '86, Mike Markowski '75**, and the grandson of **Bob White '63**.

Above are **Ernie Reiter '86** and his wife Kathy, daughter Stefanie and son Mitchell in 2005 at the Grand Opening of the new Pike house. Stefanie joined Phi Mu and graduated from FSU last fall. Ernie participated in the initiation of his son **Mitchell Reiter '14** two years ago.

Alumni, please send all your rush recommendations to Rush Advisors Charlie Barnes (cbarnes161@comcast.net) and Doug Russell (drussell@nettally.com). We will see that all information is delivered to Rush Chairman Steven McFall.

Monthly Luncheon - University Center Club



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Next Alumni Luncheon: Wednesday, September 14th, 2016 @ 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

August 29th Classes start

September 5th FSU vs. Ole Miss in Orlando

September 6th -7th House Preview (part of IFC rush)

September 10th FSU vs. Charleston Southern (Home)

September 12th -15th Fall Rush Week

September 14th Monthly Alumni Luncheon *this is NOT the first Wednesday.

The UCC is closed on September 7th. However, the 14th comes during formal fall rush so we'll get an entertaining report.

September 17th FSU vs. Louisville in Kentucky

September 24th FSU vs. USF in Tampa

October 1st FSU vs. North Carolina [Parents' Weekend!]

October 8th FSU vs Miami in Miami

October 15th FSU vs Wake Forest [Homecoming!]

News of Delta Lambda Alumni



Details are still being ironed out for the re-establishment of Delta Lambda's Old Guard and enable the organization to receive gifts. **David Kresge '73** has been awarded the honor of being the first member. Information as to how you may participate will be made available to you as soon as the preparations are complete.



From **Griff Siegel '78**: “Brothers Mine -- Please join me in welcoming to our virtual Chapter Room two extremely worthy brethren: first, past SMC **Vern Vokus '76**. Also, **Tracy Schulis '76** father of two legacies to the Delta Lambda lineage **Bryan Schulis '03** and **Matthew Schulis '01**. Vern and Tracy were attendees at this Summer's Alumni Weekend in Key West. “

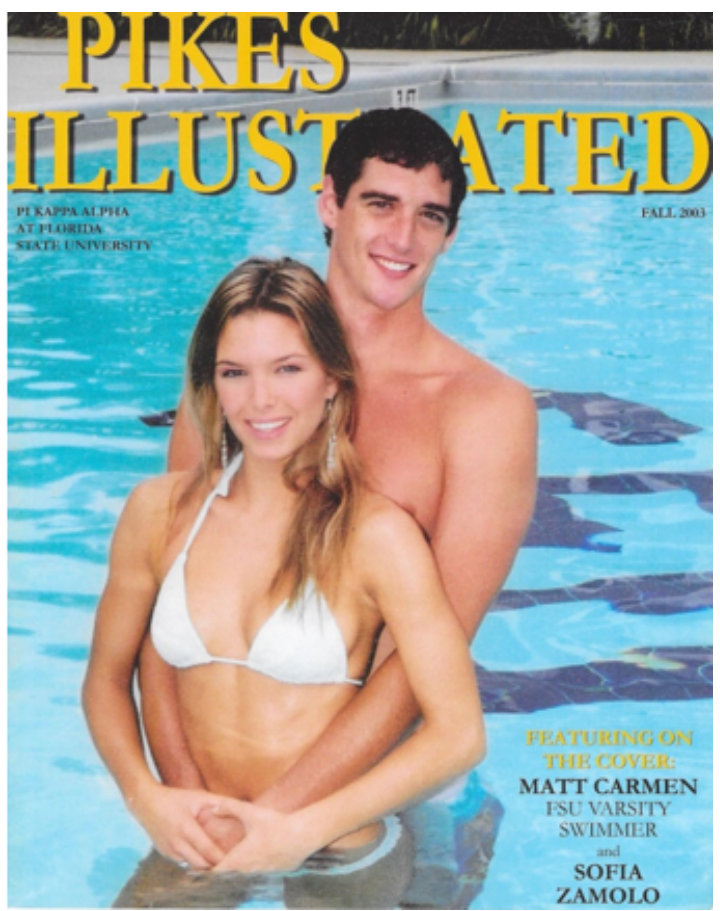
From left: Griff Siegel, Vern Vokus, Tracy Schulis.



Also thanks to **Griff Siegel '78** for the above photo. Brothers gathered for fellowship and refreshments at the Seminole spring 2010 Garnet & Gold Game. The group includes several Seminole stars from the 1980s: quarterback Kelly Lowrey '80 and defensive tackle **David Ponder '80**.

Seated are: **David Kresge '73, Gary Prescott '72, Jimmy Keen '73, Clarke Morris '83**.

Standing are: **Mark Smith '78, Chris Hansard '83, Bill Barie '79, Roy McDonald '79, Kelly Lowrey '80, Scott Jones '81, David Ponder '80**.



Above left: **Matt Carmen '02** with his beautiful wife **Christen** and their son and daughter.

Above right: In the summer of 2003, Pikes Illustrated editor **Austin LaRoche '01** sought an appropriate venue and subject for the cover. Matt was the obvious choice; he was the ACC Champion in the 200 meter freestyle, and a popular Brother.

Enter **Serge Osaulenko '01**, the former Soviet Union's special gift to Pi Kappa Alpha. As the story is told, Serge was dating a sorority girl who was using her computer expertise to assemble the layout and design for Pikes Illustrated. Being a Pike and a smooth talker with a Russian accent, Serge was also seeing a 19-year-old aspiring model from Argentina who was visiting FSU over the summer. It is a tribute to Serge's charisma that both girls knew each other – knew he was dating them both – and yet still both agreed to cooperate in creating our magazine.

Serge asked Sofia Zamolo to stand in the pool and pose for the cover, which she graciously agreed to do. The whole shoot took about 20 minutes. Later she returned to her native Argentina where she pursued her ambition to become an actress and model. Google Sofia Zamolo to learn more.

Serge and his parents were Russian Uzbeks who immigrated to America in 1983. They were penniless, but ambitious and driven. Serge inherited those genes and was inspired to attend a magnet high school specializing in art and industrial design. AT FSU he studied Finance and Real Estate.

He earned money by making meals for his Pike Brothers in his kitchen in his room at the Pike House. That small spark became his business which grew into a chain of restaurants, "The Crepevine" in 2005. After founding Crepevine, he became Co-Founder and partner of GroupBites, which offers "a reliable and convenient way for customers to place catering orders for delivery from qualified local restaurants & caterers." More recently, he says he entered the software industry "partnering up in two companies, Selenko and Stagger. At Selenko we build custom software, and at Stagger we're developing and selling an integration solution for the payroll industry."



Serge Osaulenko '01



Sofia Zamolo, *Pikes Illustrated* cover girl 2003

Delta Lambda is fortunate to count among our ranks innumerable pairs of brothers. While sets of two brothers are not at all unusual in the chapter, three brothers in the same chapter is a rare occurrence. Here are a few...



Mike Markowski '75, Craig Markowski '79 and Dave Markowski '79. Mike and David each served a year as Rush Chairman. Mike was SMC. Mike's son **Reeve Markowski '13** is still an undergraduate and his youngest son Ryan Markowski will be a freshman this fall.



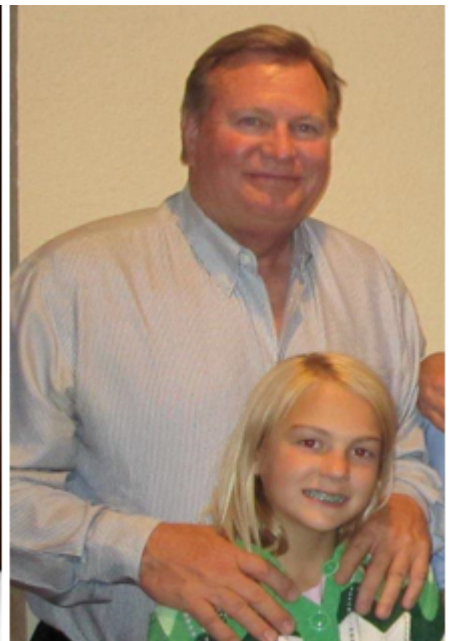
During the Legends Campaign, the Miller brothers' family foundation made a generous six-figure gift toward construction of the new house. They are shown here at the House Dedication ceremonies in the fall of 2005. **Danny Miller '76, Tom Miller '69, and Joe Miller '72.**



Don Work '72



Michael L. Work '77

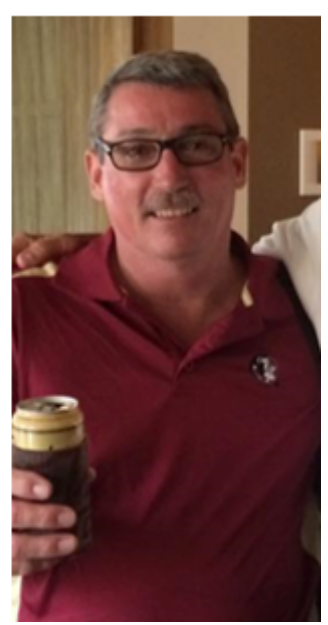


Scott Work '73

Don owns Don Alans, the fine menswear shop in Pensacola. The Law Office of **Michael L. Work** in Miami is dedicated to immigration and nationality law practice specializing in foreign artists, entertainers, athletes, designers, models, scientists, and others with "extraordinary abilities" and business immigration matters. **Scott Work** is principal at Work & Associates Consulting; Destin.



The three Rahman brothers with their mom and dad, **Butch and Robin Rahman**. They are **Clark Rahman '12**, **Curtis Rahman '15** and **Craig Rahman '12**. Butch Rahman is a LXA alum who was instrumental in creating the Seminole War Chant back in the mid-1980s. Clark was SMC in 2015 and is now IFC President. Clark served a year in Afghanistan in the Army before returning to school. As IFC President he waived all IFC fees for veterans who join fraternities at FSU.



We have four McNeill brothers, all initiated between 1977 and 1983.

Left to right: **Bobby McNeill '79, Jim McNeill '77, Steve (and Jennifer) McNeill '83, Tommy McNeill '81**



The three Vance brothers with their dad, **Jesse Vance '80**. They are **Josh Vance '04**, **Jake Vance '08** and past **SMC Joe Vance '11**. A scholarship wing in the new house is named for the Vance family honoring Jesse's six-figure gift to toward construction during the Legends Campaign.



Actually we're cheating here. Above is Delta Lambda alumnus **Larry Bodkin '83** with his sons **Ander Bodkin '15** and **Mark Bodkin '15**, both of whom play football for the Jacksonville University Dolphins where they are members of the Pike Chapter there. They have a younger brother, **John** who is not yet college age. We're depending on John to eventually make another triple-brothers set, whether at JU or at FSU.



James Velma Keen 1899 – 1962

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**Initiated into Pi Kappa Alpha in 1916 at
Georgia Institute of Technology**

Bob Hall '49 brought to our attention that the August 10 Tallahassee Democrat contains an obituary for Mary Lesile Olson, 84, daughter of **J. Velma Keen**, a state of Florida icon and ancestor of our own former chapter advisor and current alumnus risk chairman **Jimmy Keen '73**. J. Velma Keen was initiated into Pi Kappa Alpha 100 years ago while a student at Georgia Tech in Atlanta.

An official publication of the Oglesby Student Union deals with possible haunted places on the FSU campus and identifies the top floor of **Keen Building** as one (I am not making this up). It says, “The building was named after Dr. James Velma Keen, who used to perform experimental lobotomies on the top floor of the building. But when the lobotomy experiments were deemed harmful, the university stopped funding his research. Angry at FSU’s decision, Dr. Keen secretly continued his experiments late at night, using homeless people as his subjects. Since then, the lights on the top floor of the Keen building have never shut off, no matter how many times one tries.”

This is all sophomoric silliness of course, but that has never stopped undergraduates. J. Velma was not a doctor nor did he perform lobotomies. The Physics Building at FSU is named for him to honor his humanitarian efforts after World War II encouraging the peaceful use of atomic energy. In fact Keen Chaired the Florida Nuclear Development Commission.

Keen was elected to several terms in the Florida Legislature in the 1930s, and served multiple terms as President of the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce. His professed goal was to make both FSU and UF among the best universities in the nation.

This brings us back to Bob Hall’s recollection. When our colony/chapter was first created at FSU in 1948, our fraternity was assigned housing in an old Army barracks on what was then the east campus. Bob recalls, “We worked hard to

upgrade the physical structure, but we had no furniture. I took three of the Charter Members with me who had been initiated at other chapters. **David Wilcox '42, Neal Sandy '46, Charles Tinney '42** and I all went downtown to call on Mr. Keen, who was one of the most prominent, honored and influential figures in Tallahassee.

“We went to his office downtown and explained our situation and asked if he could help. Mr. Keen wrote us a personal check for \$400 on the spot. That was a lot of money then, and we were able to buy some nice chairs and couches for our chapter home.”

The Keen Physics Building was dedicated on December 8, 1967. Young **Jimmy Keen '73** was in Junior High School then but he attended the dedication ceremonies with his father. “My father kept pointing out people I’d heard of but never met. They were Legislators, Tallahassee business and political leaders. He had passed five years earlier, but still it seemed like the whole town had turned out to honor his work and his memory.”

On a side note, there are many landmarks on our campus named for Pi Kappa Alpha alumni.

Keen Physics Building – J. Velma Keen 1916 (Georgia Tech);

Oglesby Union – Dr. Ralph R. Oglesby '36 (Oklahoma State);

Bobby Bowden Field – Bobby Bowden '49 (Samford);

Strum Plaza [the Sportsmanship Statue] – Al Strum '25 (Georgia Tech);

Williams Plaza [the Unconquered statue] – Thomas L Williams '36 (Duke) and

Tommy Williams '73;

Miller Hall in University Center – Andy Miller '70.

Mike Martin Field – Mike Martin '06

2016 Chapter Executive Council

- SMC President: Mike McCoy
- Internal Vice President: Kevin Stokes
- External Vice President: Reid Nelson
- Secretary/Excellence Officer: Griffin Wilcox
- Pledge Education: Daniel Cocconcelli
- Rush Chairman: Steven McFall
- Treasurer: to-be-determined
- House Manager: Chase Cappai
- Risk Management: Logan Clements
- Title IX Chairman: Ryan Turnage
- Member At Large: Max Hazuda
- Sergeant At Arms (Judicial Officer): Tripp Lawson
- IFC Representative: Dylan Jones
- Intramural Sports Chairman: Austin Labban
- Social Chairman: to be determined
- Alumni Liaison: Peter Singhal
- Political Officer: Hunter Anger
- Legal Liaison: Tre Ville
- Pikes Illustrated Editor 2016: Eric Natelson

Alumni Advisory Board

- Chapter Advisor (interim): Charlie Barnes '65; Associate, Joe Feheley '81
- Legends of Delta Lambda: Brent Sembler '78, Chairman
- Legends Oversight: Jimmy Keen '73
- Rush Advisors: Doug Russell '79 and Charlie Barnes '65
- Pikes Illustrated Editor 2016: (undergraduate Eric Natelson)
- Faculty Advisors: Andy Miller '70, Doug Tatum '77
- Finance Advisors to the Secretary and Treasurer: Eli Nortelus '01 and Doug Russell '79
- Risk Management: Jimmy Keen '73, Don Pumphrey, Jr. '06, Clint Wallace '01, Matt Liebenhaut '01, Carlos Lindo '05.
- Pledge Education Advisor: Dustin Daniels '10
- Technology Advisor & Webmaster: Chris Dietz '87
- House Manager Advisor: Gene Strickland '81
- Alumni Association Co-Chairman: Gary Prescott '72 and Mark Smith '78.
- Alumni Association Committee: Eric Carr '01, President; Gary Prescott '72, Mark Smith '78, Bob Hall '49 (Charter Member), Phil Doumar '09, Jarrod Germano '07
- Newsletter Editor: Charlie Barnes '65
- Newsletter Publisher: Chris Dietz '87
- Education/Scholarship Advisor: Scottie Howell '06 ('88 Fireman)
- Ambassador: Bob Hall '49
- Chaplaincy Advisor: Rev. Rick Blythe '72
- Political Advisors: Bob McKnight '62 (Fla. Southern College); Scottie Howell '06 ('88)
- Mentoring Advisors: Jimmy Keen '73; Doug Tatum '77; Eric Carr '01

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