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BURST PIPE CAUSES MASSIVE DAMAGE TO YOUR PIKE HOUSE



Delta Lambda presents its spring 2019 pledge class. Here are Pike's future leaders in the classroom, on campus and on the field, in the chapter and eventually as contributing alumni. Standing are Chapter Advisor **John Peacock '01**, Pledgemaster **Jeremy Wozunk '16**, and Legends Board member **Jimmy Keen '73**. Really, the pledges are happier than they look.



Pre-Season All-Americans Drew Mendoza '16 and Drew Parrish '17

Juniors **Drew Parrish '17** and third baseman **Drew Mendoza '16** were each named preseason All-Americans by Collegiate Baseball a month before the 2019 season opener. Parrish was named a first-team selection while Mendoza made Collegiate Baseball's second team. The publication ranked the Seminoles No. 10 to start the year earlier in the week.

Parrish is the unquestioned ace of the FSU pitching staff. The lefty finished his sophomore season with a 5-1 record and 2.52 ERA. Parrish struck out 128 batters and walked just 37 in 107 innings of work last season.

Mendoza batted .313 as a sophomore last season with seven home runs, 44 RBIs and 44 runs scored. Mendoza also slugged .491 and finished with a .440 on-base percentage.



Congratulations to Brother **Ryan Izzo '15**, tight end for the World Champion New England Patriots!

Ryan has been an active Pike Brother since his initiation, a familiar face around the house. The rookie was drafted in the seventh round by the Pats last spring. Other Delta Lambda Pikes playing professional football include **Terrence Brooks '11** (Jets), **Ronald Darby '13** (was with Eagles but injured now), **Ukeme Eligwe '13** (Giants), **Christian Jones '10** (Lions), ***Kyle Long '08** (Bears), **Greg Reid '10** (Montreal Alouettes), **James Wilder '13** (Toronto Argonauts). **Kyle Long was initiated into Pike at FSU in 2008 but finished his college football career at Oregon.*

Monthly Luncheon - University Center Club



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**Next Alumni Luncheon: Wednesday, MARCH 6, 2019
at 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 1pm.**

Chapter & Alumni Calendar 2019

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

March 6 - Monthly Alumni Luncheon;

March 10 - University requires that all pledges must be initiated by midnight;

March 18 - 22 Spring Break;

April 3 - Monthly Alumni Luncheon;

April 6 - Possible date of the Spring Garnet & Gold Game

April 26 - Last Day of Classes;

April 29 - May 3 Final Exams;

May 1 - Monthly Alumni Luncheon



At Evan Webb's ('12) wedding in December, 2017. Garrison Burr '12, Luke Ryan '12, Tyler Cunningham '12, Michael Demajo '12, Kevin Schmidt '12. All Alpha Beta Class, 2012 fall.



Merry Christmas! From John and Anna Lonas Stoner '64; David and Jeanne Lyons '65; Frank and Beth Cooke '65; Jack and Carolyn McMullen '64. |



Along the sidelines at a mid-1970s IM softball game: Wayne Johnson '72 (son Chad '03), [tall guy is an SAE named Steve Emerson who was dating one of our Little Sisters], Steve Anderson '75 (brother of Bob Anderson '72; father Bob Anderson '49), Todd Vargo '76 (son Austin Vargo '09), Mike Hill '76, Tom Johnson '72, Bucky Anderson '74 [kneeling], Mark Flett '73, Casey Burke '77, Mike Alley '74, Danny Abel '76, Dave Atwell '74.



Members of Chi Pledge Class (fall 2010) at Tyler Russell's bachelor party, Beaver Creek, Colorado. Josh Hagler '10, Brant Peterson '10, Tyler Russell '10, Adam Cunningham '13, Andrew Marchetti '10.



Several members of Andy Miller's fall, 1969 pledge class were in town. Here they are with others from that era enjoying dinner at the University Center Club. Seated: Tim Marston '70, Furney Griffin '70. Standing: Joel Padgett '71, Charlie Barnes '65, Michael Gonzalez '70, Ed Barnes '71, Andy Miller '70. **Members of the fall, 1969 pledge/initiation class included: Bruce Adams, Dave Clark, Mike Gonzalez, Furney Griffin, Fred Jackson, Jon Knapp, Dave Ligler, Tim Marston, Andy Miller, Mett Morgan, Paul Myers, Warren Sears, Jon Stump, Jay Tolar, Len Tucker, Chip Turknett, Steve Turner, Nick Uhrig, Danny Underwood, Phil Varca and Larry Wright.**



A Jpeg of the fall 1969 pledge class photo is available to you on request

LETTERS WE'VE RECEIVED:

Letter from **Jay Johnson '83**, October 6, 2018

"I hope this note finds you well. I enjoy keeping up with all things FSU Pike-related through the newsletter. I moved to Texas in 1990 and now live in the Dallas area with my wife Dewi. My two daughters Nicole and Lauren are out of the house. Lauren graduated from Texas A&M and is now in a residence program at a large non-denominational church in Dallas called Watermark. Lauren, my youngest, is a sophomore at A&M. I figure putting two girls through school at A&M must have helped finance some of Jimbo's contract.

The career side of things is all good. I have been in the wine & spirits business since I graduated from FSU. The business has taken me all over the world. I was recently inducted into the Scotch Whiskey Hall of Fame in Scotland! That seems appropriate for an FSU Pike!

I recently re-connected with FSU through the Dedman School of Hospitality and I have joined the Board of Directors. Dewi and I will be back at FSU for the first time in many years this fall for a Board meeting and a football game.

Also enclosed please find a check for \$1,000 to support the Delta Lambda Old Guard. FSU Pikes and many Brothers taught me countless lessons that have been invaluable to me. All the best to you in the future,

Jay Johnson '83

jay.johnson@RNDC-usa.com

Letter from **Chuck Cottrell '80** February 10, 2019

Wanted to share a funny story...When I visited Tallahassee I was walking up to the front of the house and two obviously pledges were standing on the front steps talking. So I asked what they were all dressed up for. Maybe thinking that I was just another smartass, one of the snarked that "oh, we just enjoy wearing blue blazers and khakis." So I started laughing and introduced myself, saying I'm a 1980 Delta Lambda and I was looking for (SMC) Wyatt (Rancourt '16).

They started scrambling and talking a mile a minute, saying they obviously didn't know that I was an alumnus, offering apologies, etc. They walked me up to the SMC Suite and gave me a quick tour. Never did find Wyatt so I asked for Garrett (Sargeant '16). I was quickly escorted back downstairs and out into the courtyard to Garrett where they apologized to Garrett saying they had no idea I was an alum Brother. I guess they thought I was going to complain, but we all laughed it off. I told them how sharp they looked and that we had to wear the exact same pledge uniform back in the day.

You should have seen those pledges moving once they figured it out. Good kids! Pretty sure the fact that I was dressed for business helped; at least I looked the part of a DL Alum. If I hadn't left my suit coat in the car they may have thought I was law enforcement!

CORRECTION: Brent Sembler '78 pointed out that in the last newsletter, Steve Smith '78 was mis-identified as **Steve Walker '81** in the photos of Pike alumni at the Notre Dame game. We apologize for the error.

BURST PIPE CAUSES MASSIVE DAMAGE TO THE PIKE HOUSE

Our Pike House has Suffered Major Damage

Over the 2018 Christmas break our Pike House suffered major damage. The extent of the damage is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$300,000.

According to **Jimmy Keen '73**, "A 2½ inch hot water line burst flooding seven suites, and effecting 14 resident Brothers. The pressure tore two 4-inch holes in the wall and the high-pressure water flooded an estimated two-to-three days before being discovered."

When (our contractor and janitorial supervisor) **Pete Ford '18** and Keen arrived at the house an hour after discovery, the rooms held more than two inches of standing water and the courtyard was flooded. "We knew right away the rooms would not be habitable until maybe late spring," said Keen.

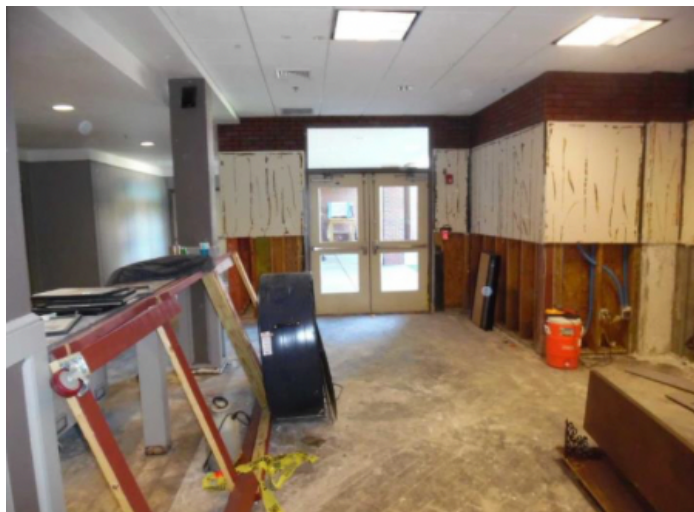
Legends Chairman **Brent Sembler '78**, along with Legends Board member Jimmy Keen and our new Chapter Advisors **John Peacock '01** and **Scottie Howell '06**, ensured that all the Brothers affected were moved into alternate furnished accommodations in Heritage Grove, paid for by Legends of Delta Lambda. In addition, each man received a pod to store his furniture and other items removed from their damaged rooms.



This illustrates the extent of the damage to Brent Sembler Hall. Returning the Pike House to its glory will come in three stages. First, demolition. All the affected drywall and damaged appliances and wiring will be removed and the rooms allowed to dry out. Second, Mold extraction. Finally, the process of rebuilding the room and public areas.



Every two Brothers share a suite with a kitchen, laundry and common area. Each Brother has his own bedroom. You can see the extent of the destruction in just one suite. The house holds 59 men, with the SMC having his own suite.



Common areas and hallways were destroyed.

Jimmy Keen had the unenviable task of informing the Brothers before they returned from Christmas break.

“This message is to notify you with some detail of the hot water heater pipe burst on the first-floor eastside of the Pike house. It was discovered late last Saturday

afternoon. Brother Pete Ford and I arrived with the water recovery and extraction company. We remained there until late night surveying damage. There was about 2 to 3 inches of water in most every room and hallways. We estimated the water had been flowing for 2 to 3 days.

Saturday night while Pete and I were there, industrial dehumidifiers and fans were placed in every room to extract water and reduce mold and mildew from further damage to your personal property and structure. The equipment remains in rooms.

The extraction company has been at the house almost continuously since Saturday evening. We have done all possible to prevent and minimize additional damage. All personal items on the floor was soaked. Mold and mildew had set in and continues to worsen. We expect it will be up to a month before the rooms are completely dried out and structural renovations are completed.

Brent and I obtained temporary housing in Heritage Grove. Heritage Grove will keep you close to campus and the Pike House.

Pete has taken the lead to obtain storage pods for you to store personal items while you are in alternate housing. Pods will be delivered Friday morning. There will be one pod for you and your roommate. We have purchased locks for the pods. John Peacock has taken the lead to assigned the pods and locks.

We expect it will be up to a month or more before the rooms are completely dried out and structural renovations will be completed.

In spite of all our efforts to mitigate further damage to your personal property and to the structure of the house, you should be prepared to expect substantial damage when you return. If you have renter's insurance you should contact your agent. If not, there is a possibility your parent's homeowners' policy might cover your personal loss or damage.

When you return to the house you will find our mitigation and recovery company (Extreme Carpet) working in the rooms affected. They have explained their process of moving all property out of each bedroom into the common area to complete their task. They have many years of experience doing their jobs. Please do not interfere with them. The owner and manager have assured me they will cooperate with you to remove your personal property.

I regret to be the one to inform you of this terrible news. Just be aware that Delta Lambda alumni have made extraordinary efforts and will continue to do so until this matter is resolved.”

Jimmy Keen '73

Legends of Delta Lambda Board



Forty-eight exhausting hours after the break was discovered, Jimmy Keen and Peter Ford began the work of compiling detailed written assessments.



Legends Chairman Brent Sembler '78, Legends Board member Jimmy Keen '73 and our contractor Peter Ford '18 spent many late hours going over detailed insurance issues, cost of repairs, selecting vendors, flooring, interior design and proposed upgrades.

We will provide more coverage and photos in your March, 2019 newsletter. In addition to the estimated \$300,000 repair of damages and cost of renovations, our 15-year-old home (yes, 15 years; hard to believe) is now due for a new roof.

Remember, it's been a point of pride that our Florida State Pike House is the largest fraternity house in the nation with more than 40,000 square feet under one roof. That one roof is going to cost an estimated \$150,000 to replace. That process has already begun. We'll have photos for you next month.

When you have a quiet moment, you might whisper a thought of thanks for the loyal Pike alumni who have supported our chapter for generations, and especially for the leadership of the Legends of Delta Lambda, Inc.

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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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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 (February 2019)

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, 2018

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 Hall '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, 2019
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, 2019, 2020
J.L. Milton '62 2018, 2019
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, 2019
Griffin Siegel '78 2016 2017
Kevin Stokes 2018
Bob Stoner '64 2018 (memorial gift via John Stoner)
John Stoner '64 2018
Tom Trotta '81 (son Eric Trotta '09 initiated at University of 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

*January, 2019: Chuck Cottrell made an additional gift of \$1,000 to be used in the best interests of the Chapter. Thank you Chuck for your generosity to Delta Lambda!

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 '83)

Rich Wall '66

Tom Wheeler '78 (son Kevin Wheeler '09)

Chapter Leadership (updated January 1, 2019)

- SMC (President): Wyatt Rancourt '16 (father David Rancourt '84)
- 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 (father Harry Sargeant III '78; brother Harry Sargeant IV '02)
- 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 (father Chris Gutierrez '87 [UF]; brother Ryan '18
 - 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 1, 2019)

Chapter Advisor: John Peacock '01

Chapter Advisor: Scottie Howell '06

Legends of Delta Lambda: Brent Sembler '78, Chairman

Legends Board member: Jimmy Keen '73

Rush Advisors: Doug Russell '79 and Charlie Barnes '65

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 Publisher and Webmaster: Chris Dietz '87

Newsletter Editors: Charlie Barnes '65, Tim Sheridan '79

Member-at-Large and Activity Advisor: TBD

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

AMBASSADORS:

BOB HALL '49 (grandson Andrew Hall '15; Auburn)

BENT SEMBLER '78 (son Logan Sembler

CHARLIE BARNES '65 (brother Ed Barnes '71)

ANDY MILLER '70 (son Matt Miller '09)

JIMMY KEEN '73 (son Michael Keen '14)

Chapter Advisor Emeritus Ed Barnes '71 National Chapter Advisor of the Year 2005

Chapter Advisor Emeritus Joe Feheley '81 (son Sean Feheley '14)

Chapter Advisor Emeritus Jimmy Keen '73 (son Michael Keen '14)

Chapter Advisor Emeritus Doug Russell '78 (son Tyler Russell '10)

These six alumni organizations exist to support Pi Kappa Alpha at Florida State

The Legends of Delta Lambda. Legends owns the Chapter House. Brent Sembler '78, Chairman. Jimmy Keen '73, Legends Oversight and House Management. Capital gifts may also be made directly to the Legends of Delta Lambda. Brent Sembler Brent.Sembler@sembler.com

The Delta Lambda Chapter Advisory Board. Chapter Advisors John Peacock '01 and Scottie Howell '06 Chair the Advisory Board. FSU Pikes Chapter Advisor (chapteradvisor@fsupikes.net)

The Delta Lambda Alumni Association. Eric Carr '01, President.

The Old Guard of Delta Lambda. The Old Guard is the alumni annual fund. Jack McMullen '64 is Chairman of the Old Guard oversight board.

The Legacy Dads of Delta Lambda. Doug Russell '78, Founder and President.

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