



FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - May 2019

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The next Alumni/Undergraduate **monthly luncheon** is **Wednesday, June 5th** at the University Center Club. Come enjoy yarns and stories of chapter days, and hear an update from the undergrads of Delta Lambda 2019.



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Delta Lambda Finishes Strong in 2018-2019

Delta Lambda enjoyed a passage of remarkable prosperity throughout the 2018-2019 school year. The Chapter's impressive record of achievements in competition and in brotherhood this year have not come without challenges.

A burst water pipe over Christmas led to the near destruction of an entire floor, and to 14 Brothers being temporarily dispossessed of their housing along with many of their belongings. Repairs cost in the neighborhood of \$300,000. Also, the university's imposition of their 'New Normal' is still not concluded (we are down to only 16 fraternities; perhaps 15 depending on the latest judicial hearings) but with strong undergraduate leadership and alumni support, the Pikes remain FSU's top fraternity, and on good terms with university administrators.

SMC Wyatt Rancourt '16 and his officers gave their end-of-the-year overview at the May 1 Alumni/Undergraduate Leadership luncheon. Among the many highlights are these.

- The big end of the year party was a 'Courtyard Day' at the house featuring water slides and other amusements. Although it was not a nighttime party it was a smashing success for the Brothers and the attending girls. *"We decided this is the best way we can have the most fun given the rules under which all the fraternities must operate now."*
- **Delta Lambda ranked #4 in grades** among all fraternities this spring. We have been Florida State's largest fraternity chapter since the day we were re-Founded in 2001.

- Pike won the Overall Intramural Championship by winning Gold League championships in 4x4 football, swimming, kick-ball, soccer and tennis. Due to the upheaval in the system last year, the university awarded no overall IM championship in 2018. With this 2019 title, Pike has now won more Overall IM Championships than all the other fraternities combined since 2001.
- Our 2019 Robert Adger Smythe application indicates **34 Pikes serve as officers or leaders in a range of on-campus organizations. Additionally, 36 Pikes participate on varsity or club sports teams.** Both varsity Baseball Co-Captains and two of the three varsity Football Captains are Pikes.
- Another remarkable badge of honor to their credit is that the **Chapter raised \$160,000 for charity this year, fundraising through Dance Marathon and the All-Campus Line Dance.
- **Four sororities have named Pikes as their ‘Man of the Year’:** Tri-Delt, Sigma Delta Tau, Alpha Phi and Kappa Delta. Many national sorority offices are now forbidding their chapters to designate a ‘Man of the Year’ these days, bowing to political correctness. Sororities still allowing ‘Man of the Year’ designations are now driven by fundraising for charity as well as voting by the sorority members. This year, Pike raised more money for the Tri-Delt charity than has ever been raised in history.
- Pike and Zeta Tau Alpha will pair up for Homecoming this coming fall. **Chapter Advisor John Peacock ’01 proposed structuring a large fall reunion of the original re-Founders of Delta Lambda.** Hard to believe it’s been almost 20 years. Look for coming information on this reunion, as well as the upcoming ‘Delta Lambda Alumni Key West Reunion’ planned for August 1-4 and Chaired by Gary Prescott ’72 and Mark Smith ’78.
- Not without heroic effort, PiKA has become perhaps the premier fraternity in the eyes of the university. SMC Wyatt Rancourt ’16 says, “Our executive committee has worked hard to strengthen our relationship with the IFC and with university administrators.” Rancourt himself has been asked to help write a new IFC Constitution, and has also been asked by FSU to help write the university’s “new and improved conduct code.”

In a fitting tribute to his extensive and ongoing years of service, this spring Florida State named Jimmy Keen ’73 as their “Chapter Advisor of the Year.”



Peter Singhal '15
Gubernatorial Fellow 2019



Daniel Chase Haney '16
2019 "Mr. Seminole Unconquered"

Former FSU Student Senate President Peter Singhal '15 graduated in December prior to completing his nine-month tenure as a Florida Gubernatorial Fellow under the direction of Governor Ron DeSantis (pictured above with Peter). The Gubernatorial Fellows Program immerses students in key areas of state government. Fellows receive advanced on-the-job training and invaluable front-line views of the inner workings of government, interacting closely with the state's top leaders. Only the most exceptional Florida undergraduate and graduate students are selected for this prestigious fellowship.

Pike Brother Daniel Chase Haney '18 is another popular campus leader, selected for Garnet & Gold Key and named to the All-ACC Academic Team. He is also a varsity baseball letterman. In 2019, Florida State University honored Chase Haney by awarding him recognition as the "Mister Seminole Unconquered" for the 2018-2019 school year.



Key West Delta Lambda Pike Reunion #3

The above photo is from 2015. Survivors are expected to be enthusiastic about the 2019 reunion.

AUGUST 1-4, 2019

SEE GARY PRESCOTT'S LETTER BELOW

"Brothers, it's time to start planning for your trip south to that hot and dusty trail of A1A that leads to Key West. Initial plans are to kick-off this rum infused weekend on Thursday, August 1. Some brothers are planning to come earlier and/or stay later than the Sunday, August 4, departure. In regards to accommodations, "Pike Central" will be located at **Cayo Hueso Resort**, a unique self- contained compound with separate cottages that offer a variety of sleeping arrangements. There's a private pool, full kitchens and BBQ grills.

"You will be responsible for making your own reservations. Call property manager Joyce at the number on the website. She will forward you a contract and request a down payment of 25%. Note that they only take cash or checks. No credit cards.

"Additional info can be found on their web site: <http://www.cayohuesoresorts.com/>
Brothers that want more of a sedate weekend are booking at The Pier House which is more of a traditional hotel property. Their web site is: <https://www.pierhouse.com/>.

“Both of the properties are only suggestions and you may make different plans if you wish. Further information such as the initial get together location will be forthcoming. I look forward to sharing a cocktail with you!”

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Gary Prescott '72, Event Chairman

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Host Committee Members David Kresge '73 and Barry Smith '72



20 Year Re-Founding Fathers Reunion in Planning Stages

The above photo was taken at 'Meet the Pikes Night' in early 2000. Delta Lambda's current Co-Chapter Advisor John Peacock '01 is in there somewhere. John is gathering information and volunteers. He can be reached at jpeacockfl@gmail.com. Please watch for more information in upcoming newsletters

Monthly Luncheon - University Center Club



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Next Alumni Luncheon: Wednesday, June 5th, 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, hosted by Chapter Advisors **Scottie Howell '06** and **John Peacock '01**. 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

June 5 – Monthly Alumni/Chapter Leaders Luncheon

*July – no luncheon in July

August 1-4 Key West Reunion

August 7 – Monthly Alumni/Chapter leaders Luncheon

September 4 – Monthly Alumni/Chapter Leaders Luncheon



Austin Droogsma '14 signs with...the NY Giants! Barry Smith '72 Inducted into Hall of Fame

Father/Son combinations are just one signature of Delta Lambda's success.

LEFT: National championship caliber shot-putter Austin Droogsma '14 figured his athletics days were over, until he received an unexpected call from the New York Giants offering him a try-out and then a three year contract. The 6'4" 345 pound Droogsma played high school football and the Giants are intrigued by the idea of using Austin as a guard in the NFL. Austin's dad Mike Droogsma '84 was All-Metro in track, and Conference Champion in the discus.

RIGHT: Former All-American receiver and first round NFL draft pick Barry Smith '72 was inducted into the East-West Shrine Game Hall of Fame in 2019. His senior year Barry led the nation in receptions and touchdown passes caught. The FSU Softball/Soccer complex coaches' offices and esplanade are named for the generosity of Barry and his wife Mary Ann Stiles. He is also President of the Florida Sports Hall of Fame. Barry's son Andrew Smith '10 is also in the photo commemorating his induction. Andrew played four years of football for Georgia Tech, and then transferred to FSU Law School where he pledged Pike as a second year Law student and was initiated by his dad.



Formal Rush Fifty Years Ago. Fall, 1968

Identifiable in the faded photos left to right are Jim Sweat '68, Little Sister Tina Southhard (?), Bill Knight '68, Larry Pearson '66, Jack Bailey (?) '67, Bill Davis '68, Fred Buhl '67, Mike Dennis '67, Little Sister Judy Wallace, Rick Boyd '68, (Fred Buhl again; the pictures overlap), Chuck Halling (p), Mark Willey '67, Little Sister Ann Chartrand, Cliff Napolitano '68.

In the fall of 1968 Pi Kappa Alpha was not quite yet reputed to be a top tier fraternity at FSU but we had a brand new house, the best on campus. The house was financed by Pike National and completed in 1967, built on a corner lot that would have been the location of the KA Fraternity if Delta Lambda had not rejected the University's offer of school housing in 1949. That decision resulted in KA getting the house across Tennessee Street between SAE and ATO. The vacant lot at the corner of Jefferson and Wildwood was planted in crossed rows of azaleas in the shape of a Confederate flag.

In 1968, FSU had 12,000 undergraduate students and 23 IFC fraternities. IFC rush was conducted in the same way as sorority rush is today. Rushees, about 15-20 to a group, were led around from house to house by IFC representatives. Groups would stand around in each house for about 20 minutes, then move on to the next. The procedure was uniform, similar to sorority rush. Members of each fraternity lined up in rows outside their houses and shook hands individually with each rushee as they approached.

Prior to fall, 1968, Pike's membership wasn't as large as the reputed 'top' fraternities, and we were not as well known. We reasoned that rushees would assume any fraternity occupying that big house would be the best. If the reality appeared to be lower than their expectations, then we could lose our chance to compete toe-to-toe against the SAEs, KAs, Phi Delts, Sigma Chis and Pi Kapps. We had to appear to be better than we were; we had to look like the fraternity that belonged in that magnificent house. So, we changed everything. Pike rush was unlike anything seen at any other fraternity.

Instead of standing in line outside and welcoming rushees one at a time, we opened the front door and let them all enter together. The foyer portrayed a single image of Pike Brothers in a semi-circle extending all the way into the living room. The Brothers were in suits or crested blazers and ties, and five or six Little Sisters were in the front. We had purchased 50 of the elaborate, ribboned nametags left over from the 1968 Pike Centennial Convention the previous month.

At a signal, all the Brothers came forward as a single group to meet the rushees. Each Little Sister had been coached to use her instinct; she was told to approach any rushee of her choosing. Brothers were assigned to escort each girl. The entire mass of rushees and Brothers and Little Sisters moved swiftly downstairs to the big dining room where chairs were set up for a formal presentation. The Chapter had been rehearsed to cheer, stand up and respond appropriately as the script played out.

Fall rush 1968 was a remarkable success in terms of competing directly against the recognized top fraternities. That pledge class helped set the stage for Delta Lambda's rise to prominence in following years.



Fall pledge class, 1968

Alphabetically, as nearly as we can recall: Doug Bull, Jack Burgess, Bill Dunn, Don Clarke, Gary Croft, Bobby Fulford, Travis Giddings, John Guettler, Kirby Hamilton, Bobby Huber, Tom Jones, Harry Kapple, Martin Manley, Rob Mitchell, Tom Miller, Jim Peeples, Wayne Prokopetz, Frank Reagan, Warren Sears, Berger Warner, Jim Weigel, Jim Winderweedle, Jim Young, Ron Youngblood.

Comments We Have Received

Special thanks to Chip Hartung '81 and Tom Wheeler '78 for their contributions of \$100 each to the Old Guard this last month, and especially to Mike Lilly '84 for his gift of \$200.

One of our most distinguished alumni from south Florida enjoyed telling the story of his lunch with a colleague who told him his son would be entering FSU this fall. The colleague asked about fraternities and our man told him he is a Pike. The colleague's eyes widened. He said, "Is there any way you can help me? I've heard about the Pikes at FSU and I want my son to be one. I hear it's like you saying you got hired by Microsoft or Google!"

Received on April 13:

"Greetings! My name is **Garrett German '09** and I am a proud FSU Pike alumnus myself. In fact, I was an active Brother for two years before financial difficulties forced me to choose between the fraternity and my first love, lacrosse. I manage a travel company called Pulse Travel Adventures - we provide public and private group adventures throughout Costa Rica and Panama, with a specialty in hosting Greek trips. I'm reaching out to you today to see if your fraternity has any plans for a group trip this summer? Our team is full of Greek alums who understand the value of traveling with brothers and sisters and we would love the opportunity to organize your next big adventure! Rainforest hikes, waterfall excursions, exotic beaches, private sailing charter, world-class snorkeling, white water rafting, group BBQ's, exclusive parties and events - just a few of the unforgettable experiences we can provide." www.PulseAdventureTravel.com

We responded to Garrett saying, "You are still a Pike and always will be; you are a Brother for life." Garrett was a high school All-American mid-fielder, and was first team All-Tournament here at FSU in 2011, and All-Conference in 2013.

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Old Guard of Delta Lambda (May 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, 2019

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, 2019
Jay Campbell ’87 2017, 2018, 2019
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, 2019
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, 2019, 2020
Bob Hall ’49 (grandson Andrew Hall ’15 initiated at Auburn) 2016, 2017, 2018
Lawrence ‘Chip’ Hartung ’81 2017, 2019
Scotty Howell ’06 (brother Seth Howell ’84) 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
Bruce Johnson ’81 2017
Jay Johnson ’83 2016 *Joined the Sembler Society in 2018
David Kresge ’73 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019
Mike Lilly ’84 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
Carlos Lindo ’05 2016
David Lyons ’65 2018, 2019
Harvey Mackler ’72 (Beta Pi, University of Pennsylvania) 2018, 2019
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
Jim Montano ’64 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
Khoungh Phan '01 2019
Jim Poe '66 2017
David Ponder '80 2017
Gary Prescott '72 2018, 2019
Lt. Col. Jerry Sexton '74 (brother Russell Sexton '77) 2018, 2019
Griffin Siegel '78 2016 2017
Peter Singhal '15 2019
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, 2019
Wade Wilcox '86 (son Griffin Wilcox '15) 2017, 2018, 2019
Bill Williams '85 2019, 2020
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)
Rich Wall '66
Tom Wheeler '78 (son Kevin Wheeler '09)

2019 Chapter Leadership (updated March 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: Max Roix '18 (father, Scott Roix '85)
 - Pikes Illustrated Editor 2018: TBD
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Alumni Advisory Board (May 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: 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](mailto: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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