



FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter – August 2021

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Join the Old Guard of Delta Lambda!

The Old Guard is Delta Lambda's alumni Annual Fund. March and April brought many expressions of loyalty and generosity from Delta Lambda alumni. Your contribution helps the Chapter maintain its competitive standing at the top of Florida State's fraternity system.



This summer saw a generous outpouring of renewals, including **David Giordano '65**, **David Lyons '65** and **Bill Gregory '77**. **Bob Ward '67** paid two years ahead. **Lyle McAlister '78** joined the Sembler Society (\$1,000). Lyle's sons **Lee '09** and **Jordan '07** are Delta Lambda alumni. **Eric Carr '01**, President of the Delta Lambda Alumni Association paid the Association's annual dues with National allowing us to be officially recognized and participate.



Joining the Old Guard is easy. Contribution is only \$100 per year. Your gift goes toward strengthening the Bonds among alumni, and enriching both the alumni and undergraduate Delta Lambda experience. Some alumni have even chosen to give as much as

\$1,000. A current list of the **Old Guard Members** appears at the end of this newsletter.

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Our next Alumni Advisors/Undergraduate Leadership Luncheon is Wednesday, **September 1st at the University Center Club**. Please come and enjoy the fellowship and hear about Delta Lambda's plans for the fall semester. Our Chapter is fortunate to benefit from the attentions of strong undergraduate leaders and many caring alumni. Sign up for the monthly e-newsletter at: fsupikes.com

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Pikes mourn the death of a great man, and a True PiKA in every way. Bobby Bowden first came to FSU as wide receivers coach in the early 1960s. There, he became friends with another member of the FSU coaching staff, Chapter Founder **Ken Maclean '44**. He was also close friends with Delta Lambda's Spiritual Founder, **Ed Cubbon '29** (West Virginia University). Cubbon was the Athletic Department Business Manager. In those early days, Bowden, MacLean and Cubbon would meet to discuss the circumstances of their Fraternity at FSU.

Coach Bowden returned to Tallahassee as Seminole Head Coach in January, 1976. One of his first stops that spring was a visit to the Pike House, as guest speaker at the Delta Lambda Spring Banquet, and to have his photo made with the Chapter for Pikeboy.

Bobby's daughter **Ginger** (Tri-Delt) was a Pike Little Sister. His son-in-law **John Madden '78** started on the Orange Bowl teams of 1979 and 1980. Bobby was present for his son **Jeff Bowden's** initiation into Delta Lambda in 1980. And at age 83, Bobby knelt at the altar and helped deliver the Obligation to his grandson **Michael Madden '14**.

During more than 30 years of Bobby Bowden Tours every spring throughout Florida and Georgia, if a group of Pike alumni were in the audience, he never hesitated to pose with them for pictures. After retirement, he could be found playing golf with Pikes at Killlearn or Golden Eagle Country Club.

He served his own Pike Chapter at Howard College as SMC, elected twice to that office. He was a Little All-American quarterback and team captain of the Howard Bulldogs, and he actually played against FSU in 1950.

When Bobby Bowden wrote the Greek letters phi phi kappa alpha on a photo or a football, he knew the words those symbols signified. We look in vain for someone else to take his place, but there are none.



Coach Bowden at grandson **Michael Madden's** initiation in 2014.

Coach Bowden at son **Jeff Bowden's** initiation in 1980.



Coach Bowden posing with the Chapter for *Pikeboy*, spring, 1976.



From left: Seminole Student Boosters President **Kyle McLaren '18**; Student Body President **Jonathan Levin '18**; Pike SMC **Luke Vari '18**; IFC Chief Justice **David Joseph '19**.

Chapter Report

Because of the superior leadership of our chapter officers, and Advisor **John Peacock '01**, Delta Lambda prospered during the Covid tribulations of the past 18 months. Despite University lock-downs, zoom rush (if you can imagine such a thing), severe

social restrictions and other imposed unpleasantness, Pike remained at the top of the pyramid among all FSU fraternities.

Our first Monthly Alumni/Undergraduate Leadership Luncheon of 2021-2022, on August 4th rendered these notes.

- "Summer rush is underway. We have 9 bids out and decisions to make on another 15." Alumni have been sending in rush recommendations, so if you know a young man who would fit Delta Lambda, please send that information right away. Send alumni recommendations to cbarnes161@comcast.net
- "The University plans to reinstate Intramural Sports, tailgates, and even block seating at football games." Halleluiah.
- NASCAR has reached out to Pike at FSU to discuss some sort of exclusive, mutually beneficial arrangement. More information to come, I'm sure.
- "Brothers are excited about football road trips to both Clemson and Florida."
- After a year's absence, Pikes Illustrated 2021 will probably be printed and available by the time you read this.
- "Most members of our current Executive Committee have been together for two years. A retreat was held in mid-August to groom a new set of Brothers to assume leadership."
- "Congratulations are in order for our Chapter Advisor John Peacock '01. The former Seminole football linebacker will be inducted into the Leon High School Athletic Hall of Fame in December. jpeacockfl@gmail.com
As you can imagine, John has many 'cheerful tales' about what it was like to play for defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews...

Alumni News

Chris Hansard '81 is one of the point men organizing the 'Pike Brother & Little Sister Reunion', Saturday night before the FSU vs. Notre Dame game, September 4th. It will take place at the University center Club.

"Pike Brother **Lt Col Joe (Hooter) Feheley '81** will be doing his final Fly-Over with his F-16 Mako Squadron before the Game. Joe will also be in attendance on Saturday night. Other possible guest appearances include **Peter Gioitta '83, Mark Gambill '81, Griff Siegel '78, Steve Walker '81, Doug Russell '79, Chuck Cottrell '80, Mark Smith '78, Glenn Grant '82, Bill Lickson '81. Jay Hurley '79, Tony Yeomans '86** and many more."

See Chris Hansard's Facebook page and/or the "FSU Pikes Lil Sis Social" FB page for the most current updates. Or contact Chris directly. chansard@comcast.net

Bob Tunkel '66 is Chairman of the upcoming 'Pikes of the 1960s reunion the weekend of the Miami game, November 12 and 13. Thanks to early planning, Bob was able to secure one hotel for all alumni, with discounted rates. The weekend's activities include dinners, cocktails, and seating in the Champions Club for the game. **Ed Garrison '65** and Bob produced an excellent slide show featuring scrapbook photos from the 1960s. Thanks also to **Jim Riscino '64** for his help with tickets.

For more information on the reunion, contact Bob here: bobtunkel@comcast.net



Wyatt Rancourt's engagement party at The Plantation Club in Ponte Vedra Beach.

From left: **Randy Mills '02, Rudy Rowe '87, Harry Sargent '78, Garrett Sargeant '17, David Rancourt '84, Wyatt Rancourt '16, Jake Garber '16, Max Roix '18, Scott Roix '85, Ryan Turnage '14, Jake Middleton '18, Kevin Anderson '16.**

Four past Delta Lambda SMCs in the photo are: Middleton, Turnage, David Rancourt and Wyatt Rancourt.



After 16 years on Broadway as an actor, writer and Tony Award-nominated producer, **Mike Evariste '01** and wife **Tiffany** are headed back to the south. "It's been a crazy year and a half! World shutdown, a beautiful baby girl, and now...after 16 years living in NYC, Tiff and I have been offered positions at Savannah College of Art and Design starting in the fall. It's an exciting new chapter — and as a Senior Director in the School of Entertainment Arts and overseeing the Honeybees performance ensemble — I'm excited to share my experiences, friends, colleagues, and love of Broadway and producing with the students, faculty, and staff of the College. Savannah, here we come! Broadway; see you again..."



Logan Sembler '09, Dan Lanham '04, Serge Osaulenko '01

Serge writes, "Pike dads! Now that we're getting back to socializing, we're making a new Sunday tradition. On Sunday May 30, we checked out Dell Holmes Park."

On the Road with Glenn Grant '82

Brother Glenn and his dog Milo have been traveling across the US on the road this past year making a point to track down Brothers and old friends along his path.



Glenn Grant with **Greg Taverrite** and Milo in Napa Valley.

NOTE: living the "MOBILE MAN WITH MILO" & the VANLIFE since 3/9/2021 and traveled 31,600 miles as of 8/12/2021, and visited with 14 brothers!"

Glenn Grant updated: "From the 6/16 date when I left FL on this trip I have hit/hiked 18 state highest points & peaks, the second highest mountain in the US in CO, and on my 60 BDAY I will hike Mt Whitney up to 14,505 Ft and the tallest mountain in the lower 48 states."

Follow his whereabouts on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/milo.grant.90>

Ad Astra

Ken MacLean '44

Ken MacLean '44 passed into Chapter Eternal on May 27, 2021. The last living Founder of Delta Lambda Chapter was 94. He and **Bob Hall '49**, who was also 94, each died within 60 days of each other.



Ken MacLean '44 and Bob Hall '49 enjoying fellowship with Brothers in Sembler Hall

Ken is credited with organizing the first meeting of Pikes attending the 'new' Florida State University. On September 18, 1947, at The Mecca, Ken gathered a half dozen or so Pikes who had been initiated variously at UF, Florida Southern, Auburn and Howard College to discuss establishing a Pike Chapter. One month later, on October 18, fullback Ken MacLean caught the first completed pass in Seminole football history.

In 2013, Ken autographed that priceless, iconic football and donated it to the Delta Lambda archives.

Ken was pledged and initiated at Alpha Eta Chapter at the University of Florida in 1944. His 91-yard touchdown run from scrimmage vs. Georgia in 1944 has stood as a Gator record for 77 years.

When Bob Hall and I visited him in his apartment in 2013, Ken autographed the 1947, first-catch football, and he also autographed a second ball which he wanted to donate

to Florida State Athletics. That ball is shriveled with age, but white paint clearly marks it as the 1948 Homecoming Game Ball, presented to MacLean following the 33-12 Seminole victory over the University of Tampa.

Ken and Bob. Now, each has passed, as we all must someday. It's good to remember them happy, enjoying the timeless comradeship with Pike alumni and undergraduates in Brent Sembler Hall. It is hoped that we all will be as fortunate.

Ad Astra

Stephen B. Connor '74.

"Watch Bear" was called to Chapter Eternal on June 13, 2021. The 1972 film, 'The Life & Times of Judge Roy Bean' featured a large, lovable grizzly they named Watch Bear, kept as a pet and guardian by Judge Bean and his wife. Thus, because in the minds of the Brothers, the loyal and amiable bear seemed to fit Steve's personality, he was forever christened 'Watch Bear.'



Steve's son **Colton Thayer Connor '12** posted this:
Brothers,

We have lost the greatest Pike I have ever known. **Stephen Connor '74** passed away today. He was surrounded by family and love. He has had many battles with health over the past few years, and has won every single one until today.

My Father pledged to DELTA LAMBDA Chapter at Florida State in Fall 1973 after leaving the Air Force Academy to play football for the Noles. His brother **Mark Connor '73** pledged to the same chapter. I pledged to Epsilon Chi chapter (Pittsburg State) in Fall 2012. Dad was there when I went through the Initiation Ceremony.

He has been a man of kindness, caring, and wisdom throughout my entire life. Please send up a prayer or kind thoughts for him. If ANY of you have ever had an interaction with my father, please tell me of it. Stories from his past have become the best medicine in this impossibly trying time. Phi Phi.”

(6) [Colton Thayer Connor | Facebook](#)

Ad Astra

Randall James McMichael '71

Randy McMichael '71 entered Chapter Eternal on July 9, 2021. His obituary noted that he played baseball for FSU, and also provided leadership to his Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity in areas of scholarship, public relations, intramural sports and rush.

After his graduation from FSU in 1973 with a degree in Hotel & Restaurant Management, Randy enjoyed a 40-year career as an Area Manager and General Manager with Marriott Hotels. He retired in Suwanee, Georgia, and is survived by his wife Catherine Carter McMichael, two sons and a daughter.

Reminder – Missed an Issue?

Every page and every issue of Pikeboy and Pikes Illustrated are now available, free, for your entertainment and nostalgia. This is the photographic record of America's greatest college fraternity chapter! Thank you, David Rancourt!

<https://deltalambdapikes.com/publication/pikeboy/>
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The annual contribution to be a member of the Old Guard is only \$100. The Old Guard account is located at BB&T (is now Truist) in Tallahassee.

Please use this link to contribute:
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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 (updated July 2021)

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, 2019, 2020, 2021

Ed Barnes '71 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Joe Beasley '83 2018, 2019, 2021

Robert "Bobby" Bowden '49 [Alpha Pi, Samford University] (son Jeff Bowden '80;
grandson Michael Madden '14) 2016, 2017, 2018

Gabriel Brady '58 2020

Justin Buck '96 (Southeast Missouri State) 2021

Pete Burnett '68 2020

Anthony Cabrera '81 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Eric Carr '01 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Jay Campbell '87 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Bill Cheek '61 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

Jim Cobb '63 (son Kevin Cobb '06) 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Chuck Cottrell '80 2019

Dustin Daniels '10 2016

Phil Doumar '09 2017

Jeff Epley '96 (Iota Gamma, Nebraska-Kearney) 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Miguel Fernandez '77 (son Michael '10) 2017 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Jim Finch '81 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Jim Floyd '76 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Dave Frew '67 2020

Lewis Fusco '05 2020

Paul Gerding '65 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Dave Giordano '65 2020, 2021

Glenn Grant '82 2017

Connor Gray '11 2018

Bill Gregory '77 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Mike Halfacre '85 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Bob Hall '49 (grandson Andrew Hall '15 initiated at Auburn) 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019,
2020

Lawrence 'Chip' Hartung '81 2017, 2019

Scotty Howell '06 (brother Seth Howell '84) 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Rob Hicks '83 2020

Bruce Johnson '81 2017

Jay Johnson '83 2016 *Joined the Sember Society in 2018

Dick Klunk '67 2020

David Kresge '73 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
Mike Lait '78 2020
Joe Liguori '81 2021
Mike Lilly '84 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
Carlos Lindo '05 2016
David Lyons '65 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
Harvey Mackler '72 (Beta Pi, University of Pennsylvania) 2018, 2019, 2020
Trent Mallory '81 2017, 2021
Mike Markowski '75 (sons Reeve Markowski '13 and Brandon Markowski '16 ; brothers
Craig Markowski '79 and David Markowski '79) 2016
Noah C. McKinnon '65 2021, 2022, 2023
Stuart McLeroy 2021
Roy McDonald '79 2018
Jack McMullen '64 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
Andy Miller '70 2021, 2022, 2023
J.L. Milton '62 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
Jim Montano '64 2019
Jeff Moore '81 2018
Kyle Mowitz '01 2017
Alex Mullineaux '01 2019
Eli Nortelus '01 2018
Marco Novak '01 2016
Harry Orwig '66 2018
Serge Osaulenko '01 2017
Joel Padgett '71 2016, 2019
Jim Parsons '81 2017
John Peacock '01 2018, 2019, 2020
Chris Pepin '01 2018, 2019, 2020
Khounng Phan '01 2019
Jim Poe '66 2017, 2019, 2020, 2021
David Ponder '80 2017
Gary Prescott '72 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
Dr. Jace Provo '83 2020
Tyler Russell '10 2020
Lt. Col. Jerry Sexton '74 (brother, Russell Sexton '77) 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
Griffin Siegel '78 2016 2017
Peter Singhal '15 2019, 2020
Kevin Stokes '13 2018, 2019
Bob Stoner '64 2018 (memorial gift via John Stoner), 2020, 2021, 2022
John Stoner '64 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022
Todd Trimmer '69 2019, 2020, 2021

Tom Trotta '81 (son Eric Trotta '09, University of Florida) 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
Bob Tunkel '66 2020
Tarek Waked '09 2019
Steve Walker '81 2021
Bob Ward '67 2020, 2021, 2022
Kevin Wheeler '09 (father is Tom Wheeler '78) 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
Tom Wheeler '78 (son is Kevin Wheeler '09) 2021
Wade Wilcox '86 (son is Griffin Wilcox '15) 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
Griffin Wilcox '15 (dad is Wade Wilcox '86) 2020, 2021
Bill Williams '85 2019, 2020
Rob Williamson '87 2018, 2020, 2021
Alan Winslette '77 2018, 2019
Bart Ziegler '83 2021

THE SEMBLER SOCIETY

Brothers have made at least one gift of \$1,000 or more

[John Baker '83: An anonymous donor has made a Memorial Gift to the Sembler Society in John's name]

[Herb Bowen '86: An anonymous donor has made a Memorial Gift to the Sembler Society in Herb's name]

Charlie Bradley '81 is a September 2019 addition to the Sembler Society

Sean Carbonell '86

[Craig Kavka '66 : A Memorial Gift to the Sembler Society was made in Craig's name in 2019]

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 is Caleb Dietz '11)

Tobyn DeYoung '86 (son is Steven Centeno '16)

Col. Joe Feheley '81 (son is Sean Feheley '14)

[Steve Goodloe '79: An anonymous Memorial Gift was made to the Sembler Society in Steve's name]

Chris Gutierrez '83 [University of Florida] (son is Alex Gutierrez '16)

David Gutting '83 (son Sterling Gutting '16)

[J. Bob Humphries '66: A Memorial Gift made to The Sembler Society in Bob's name in 2019]

Bruce Johnson '81
Jay B. Johnson '83
Bobby Jones '72
Jimmy Keen '73 (son is Michael Keen '14)
[Don Kyle '77 Memorial (Brothers contributing include Jim Finch '81, Joe Feheley '81, Chuck Cottrell '80, Glenn Grant '82, Mike Martin '79, Dave Henry '81, Anthony Cabrera '81 and Steve Walker '81.
[Tracy Lee '86: An anonymous donor has made a Memorial Gift to the Sembler Society in Tracy's name]
John Leavitt '77 (brother of Jim Leavitt '79)
Sloan MacKarvich '01
Craig Mateer '86 (son is Charles Merritt '16)
Lyle McAlister '78 (new 2021) [sons are Lee '09 and Jordan '07]
Ryan McElveen '95 (2020; annual Sembler Society commitment!)
Noah C. McKinnon '65
Rich Newsome '83
David Rancourt '84 (son is Wyatt Rancourt '16)
Matt Raulerson '83 (son is Zach Raulerson '17)
Scott Roix '85 and son Max Roix '18
Doug Russell '79 (son is Tyler Russell '10)
Harry Sargeant III '78 (sons are Harry Sargeant IV '02 and Garrett Sargeant '17)
Brent W. Sembler '78 (son is Logan Sembler '09)
Tim Sheridan '78 (grandson of Ed Cubbon '29; brother is Ted Sheridan '82)
[Kirk Smith '86: An anonymous donor has made a memorial gift to the Sembler Society in Kirk's name]
Rich Wall '66
Tom Wheeler '78 (son is Kevin Wheeler '09)

2021 Chapter Leadership

SMC (President): Luke Vari '18

Internal Vice President: Max Roix '18 (father is Scott Roix '85)

External Vice President: Kyle McLaren '18

Vice President of Membership Development: TBD

Excellence Officer: Joey Williams '19

Secretary: Jason Accardi '20

Rush Chairman: James Bencivenga '20

Treasurer: Jack Williams '19

House Manager: Cole Davis '18
Risk Management: Austin Guarino '18
Title IX Chairman: Rory Hicks '19
Member at Large: Christian Ursillo '18
Sergeant at Arms (Judicial Officer): Tre Hall '20
IFC Representative: TBD
Pledge Educator: Brandon Edmonston '20
Intramural Sports Chairman: TBD
Social Chairman: TBD
Alumni Liaison: TBD
Pikes Illustrated Editor: Riley Martin '21

2021 Alumni Advisory Board (updated May 2021)

Legends of Delta Lambda: Brent Sembler '78, Chairman

Legends Board member & General Oversight: Jimmy Keen '73
Legends General Contractor: Peter Ford '14
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: Tor J. Friedman (Delta Tau Delta); Carlos Lindo '05
Pledge Education Advisor: John Peacock '01 and Eli Nortelus '01
Technology Advisor, newsletter Publisher & Webmaster: Chris Dietz '87
Alumni Association Activity Chairmen: Gary Prescott '72, Mark Smith '78
Alumni Association President: Eric Carr '01
Advisor on Conduct of the Ritual: Scott Roix '85
Newsletter Editors: Tim Sheridan '78 and Charlie Barnes '65
Member-at-Large and Activity Advisor: TBD
Chaplaincy Advisor: Dylan Nielander '05; plus John Peacock '01; Rev. Rick Blythe '72

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 '79 (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 Advisor John Peacock '01 Chairs the Advisory Board. FSU Pikes Chapter Advisor (chapteradvisor@fsupikes.net)

The Delta Lambda Alumni Association. Eric Carr '01, President. ericdcarr@gmail.com

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. drussell@nettally.com

The Delta Lambda Communications Team. The Delta Lambda Website and the Delta Lambda Monthly Newsletter are productions of Dietz Consulting, Inc. Chris Dietz '87, owner. The monthly newsletter is Edited by Tim Sheridan '78 and Charlie Barnes '65. Len Tucker (and Jean) Tucker '70 provides the chapter with its annual composite. The Team also consults with the Chapter on the annual production of Pikes Illustrated