



## FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - April 2020

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The next Alumni/Undergraduate monthly luncheon is tentatively set for June 3rd PROVIDED University Center Club is open again. We will keep you informed. Come and enjoy yarns and stories of chapter days, and hear an update from the undergrads of Delta Lambda..



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## Latest Update on Delta Lambda and FSU

The world is suffering under the scourge of this terrible affliction. When America emerges from the other side, there will no doubt be some cultural and economic changes. Some say that many small colleges will disappear. Others speculate that

fewer full-time students will return to the big public campuses. No one really knows. Our monthly Delta Lambda Newsletter deals with FSU fraternities and Pi Kappa Alpha exclusively. The IFC system here has endured some tough times these last couple of years. A purge of FSU fraternity charters began several years ago. Some of you remember when Florida State counted 27 fraternities in the IFC. At the end of this school year, only 12 are left, and two of those are under suspension or investigation.

Your Delta Lambda has enjoyed incredible prosperity since re-chartering in 2000, and that success continues today. At the end of this truncated school year, Pike was awarded its 12th Overall Intramural Championship in 20 years. That's more than all the other fraternities combined since our return. A Pike was elected Student Body President this March, our 7th in the past 17 years. They now say that if you are a student at FSU for four years, you will know at least one Pike Student Body President. Within a year after re-Founding in 2000, Pike became the largest fraternity at FSU and has never since relinquished that position.

You might be shocked to know which of our ancient rivals no longer have chapters here. Phi Delt, Sigma Chi, Lambda Chi, Delta Tau Delta, Pi Kappa Phi, Phi Kappa Tau are all gone, at least currently. ATO is listed by the University as being on 'restricted status' (but as of now they're still a chartered fraternity).

Since 2000, Delta Lambda has had our own share of set-backs and close calls, but more than any other reason, the thing that has kept the chapter moving on the right track (even when the wheels threatened to come off) is **sustained involvement by loyal, mature and responsible alumni**. At least 20 men serve officially on the Chapter Advisory Board, and more are involved in peripheral capacities. Many of these also have sons who have come through the chapter.

The absence of hands-on, involved alumni in numbers seems to correlate to chapters getting into the kind of trouble that cost them their charter. Our Delta Lambda alumni do not run the chapter, but there is a shared trust with the undergraduate leaders. Our obvious and continued interest in their well-being impresses the undergrads and helps them to understand that Delta Lambda/Pi Kappa Alpha is an association for a lifetime.

Delta Lambda has long been a Fraternity of 'Alpha Males'. We are just as capable of bringing down the house now as we were at any time in the past. Humility and vigilance are in order.

Our undergraduates are wonderful; you would be and should be very proud of them.

Luke Vari '18 is the latest in a long line of extraordinary Rush Chairmen. He wrote, *"Gentlemen, I wanted to reach out and ask how you are doing...It is unfortunate that we couldn't continue to the remainder of the spring, but with bigger issues at hand, I think it was definitely for the best.*

*That being said, this fall we are going to come out swinging. We are all excited to get back (hopefully) and continue our spring domination into the fall. I'm sure you have already heard that we are the Overall IM Champs for the 4th year in a row, with second place being not even close. It was tough to leave school just before softball, 4x4 football and dodgeball as we were expecting championships in all of those."*  
*It's important that our alumni and everyone else know what we were doing before*

*these unfortunate circumstances, but more importantly, what we plan on doing after. I know it's going to take some time before returning to normal again, but we are going to control what we can and nonetheless make the best of it. Just know that (SMC Jake) Middleton '18 and the rest of Exec are already beginning to plan for fall, as its definitely going to be one for the books. As always, I hope that you and your families are doing well and staying safe. Hope you all have a Happy Easter and God Bless!*

We don't know what's coming; neither does the University. Chapter Advisor John Peacock '01 wrote, "I heard the Office of Greek Life is trying to put together a massive data base collection for all fraternities and sororities for candidates that sign up for *Virtual Orientation*". A virtual orientation for rush. Have Mercy.

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## Chapter & Alumni Calendar 2020

June 3 - Monthly Alumni/Chapter Leaders Luncheon, but this is tentative

More updates as they become available.



Mike Halfacre '85 posted this in early March: "Here's another great Pike Delta Lambda story. My older son (left, with the fish head hat) is a New Jersey middle school teacher. Mike Holloman's '86 son (second from right) is one of his students. My younger son (with the Nike swoop) designed and built the set for the school play and Mike's son has a leading role. Both young sons want to play football at FSU. Mine is HS Class of '23 (Defense) and Mike's is HS Class of '24, QB. - Phi Phi!"

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Wade Wilcox '86 submitted this picture from Marty Cone '83: A 'Bro-Fest' at ESSO, a famous bar near Clemson University, after the Seminoles-Tigers basketball game this winter. From left: Marty Cone '83, Wesley Wilcox, Wade Wilcox '86, and Griffin Wilcox '16, Rich Lord '84, Mitchell Riggs and Marty Riggs '83, and Russ Artz '84. Wesley is Wade's oldest son; Mitchell is Marty's son.

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Pike Ski Weekend. The picture was taken at The Boneyard Saloon & Wine Dive in Park City, Utah, in early March before the travel restrictions took place. It is their annual Ski trip. Dan Mensch lives in Sweden now so we're glad he could be there before the travel bans hit. From left: Chris Smith '81, Dan Mensch '81, Greg Taverite '83, Dan Cone '81 and Michelle Cone (Little Sister.) Marty Cone '83 (Dan's brother) took the photo.





*Jay Campbell '87 and Mike Halfacre '85*



*Jay Johnson '83 with Dewi and 'Piper'*

[Left] Mike Halfacre '85 writes, “Jay Campbell '87 and I haven't seen each other in probably 30 years. We saw each other in Naples while I was there on business and decided we should roll some Brazilian Ju-jitsu. He is totally capable of choking me out or breaking a limb, but he was a complete gentleman. An amazing visit. Phi Phi.”

[Right] Jay Johnson '83 writes, “With the ‘Shelter in Place’ order here in California, Dewi and I took Piper for a hike this afternoon. Wishing everyone good health and that this Covid-19 issue passes soon — with Dewi Johnson in San Juan Capistrano, California.”



*Jace Provo '83 and Mark Provo '82*



*Randall Mills '02*

[Left] Two of Delta Lambda's, and Florida State's, most distinguished alumni: Dr Jace Provo '83 and Mark Provo '82. Dr Jace Provo recently retired as the Chief

Medical Officer of the National Basketball Association (NBA). Past Delta Lambda Rush Chairman Mark Provo was a hero of the First Gulf War and flew Lead Solo for the Navy's Blue Angels. Now he flies for FedEx out of Memphis, and has been the guest for several visits to the Pike Memorial Headquarters there. We're guessing that's a random Provo grandchild photo-bombing the picture.

[Right] Company CEO Randall Mills '02 founded *Silver Fox Label* in 2014. Corporate headquarters are presently located in Atlanta. This narrative is from a newspaper review: "A good cigar, a straight razor shave, sipping a good scotch. There are some rites of manhood that are timeless, and universal. Purchasing a custom suit is among these rites...Inspired by the style and class of his grandfather, Howard Mills, Randy set out to create a product line that would restore the prestige of the custom suit and give men the ability to express themselves and look dapper at the same time. The result was the *SilverFox Label*."

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*Will Miles '15, Michael Reese '19, David Joseph '19, Hunter Napier '19*

### Delta Lambda Undergrads Continue to Excel in 2020

[From Left] Redshirt-Junior Will Miles '15, a reserve guard for the 2020 ACC Champions, has already played in three NCAA Tournaments. Michael Reese '19 is the newly-elected IFC Vice President for Scholarship. David Joseph '19 is the newly-elected IFC Chief Justice. Hunter Napier '19 is an academic and athletic star for the Seminoles, specializing in the Decathlon.

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Pledge Brothers Back in the Day. Homecoming 1981. From left: Adam Kurzweil '81 (Miami), David Dowdy '81 (Tallahassee), Gabe Pearson '81 (Jacksonville), Paul Barnwell '81 (Winter Park), Jeff Glisson '81 (Tallahassee), Gene Strickland '81 (Cairo), Garland Gould '81 (Tallahassee). Thanks to Griff Siegel '78 for confirming the identifications. Thanks to Tim Sheridan '79 for digging up some pictures from his basement boxes like this one.

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### 30 YEARS AGO: PIKE ALUMNI TURNED OUT FOR THE 1990 BOBBY BOWDEN SPRING TOUR

These photos were taken 30 years ago at various stops on the Bobby Bowden Tour. It is interesting – and it confirms the enduring strength of Pike at Florida State – that twelve of these men now have sons and/or grandsons who are also Pikes. Coach Bowden's son and grandson are both FSU Pikes. Men in these six photos below with Pike sons and/or grandsons include Dr. Jim Cobb '63, Tobyn DeYoung '86, Mickey Fernandez '77, David Lyons '65, Andy Miller '70, David Rancourt '84, Harry Sargeant '78, Tom Trotta '81 (son initiated at Florida), Steve Walker '81 (son initiated at UVA), Tom Wheeler '78, and Tom Young '76. All these along with Coach Bowden '49.



Upper Left: Toby DeYoung '86; Frank Cooke '65; Scott Butcher '86; Bill Parker '49; Chris Mariani '86; David Lyons '65; David Rancourt '84.

Upper Right: Ned Smith '73; Tom Trotta '81; Walter Flinn '86; Steve Walker '81.

Lower Left: Mark Ziegel '75; Chip Turknet '70; Jim Cobb '63; Chuck Cottrell '80; Greg Kolaski '81.

Lower Right: Mike Long '83; Pete Schwab '73; Harry Sargeant '78; Mike Hay '86; Tom Wheeler '78; Rick Noland '71; Mickey Fernandez '77; Mike Lait '78; Mike Miller '84.



[Left] Tom Young '76, Martin Shipman '76, Scott Warren '77, Bobby Bowden '49, Andy Miller '70, Kerry Lucas '77.

[Right] David Lyons '65, Chris Blowers '84, Jack Burgess '69, Jack McMullen '64.

Special thanks to these alumni for helping confirm some individual names: Toby DeYoung '86, Greg Fray '84, Joe Knapp '79, David Rancourt '84, Griff Siegel '78 and Tom Wheeler '78.

COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM BROTHERS



FROM BILL GREGORY '77

"I hope this e-mail finds you well! I just made my on-line 2020 annual donation to the Old Guard and in doing so, I discovered that the donation platform does not offer a way to leave a message; so, I thought I would write to you to suggest that, if possible, an addition be made for that purpose so that those donating can leave a message to be placed in the newsletter.

As for my message, I typically mostly keep in touch with the Pike brothers from my era (1977 forward), such as Mickey Fernandez '77, Brent Sembler '78, Byrd Ison '78, Mark Smith '78, Eddie Allen '79, Allen O'Brien '79, Don Kyle '77, Steve Smith '78, the Markowskis (Mike '75, David '78, Craig '79), etc. A little while back I spoke to Mickey Fernández and he told me that Harry Sargent '78 had apparently been infected with the Covid-19 virus and ended up in ICU, but was, at that time, progressing such that they thought he was getting better. I haven't heard anything more about Harry, but I would ask that everyone keep Harry and his wife in their prayers, as Harry has always been a great guy and a big supporter of the Delta Lambda Pikes! I think it would be a good idea for all of the FSU Pikes to make an effort advise one another of any of our Pike brothers who may be enduring this virus, as our prayers and good wishes would be a good way to support them and let them know that we all want them to come through this so that we may get back to our own special and unique Pike version of normal. Stay well everyone! Phi Phi KA! Best wishes ... Bill Gregory ('77 IMC)"

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## Ad Astra

Daniel Chester Abel '76

Brad Gwinn '78 writes, "Brothers I am extremely saddened to share the news that Dan Abel '76 has passed away. His wife, Debbie Cauley Abel (former Delta Lambda Dream Girl) called this afternoon and emotionally shared that Dan had passed. I don't know anything more. Debbie was understandably upset and I did not want to increase her suffering by asking questions. Please keep Debbie, Dan's children, grand-child, brother, sister and all of his family in your prayers. As I get more information I'll try and share it."



Daniel Chester Abel '76 entered Chapter Eternal on March 16, 2020. Danny was a phenomenal intramural athlete for PIKA, and he married the Chapter Dream Girl, Debbie Cauley. He was well-liked by everyone; Delta Lambda Alumni responded with sadness to the news.

Many Brothers from chapter days posted their expressions of grief, and well-wishes and prayers for the family.

Here are just a few.

Donnie Hedstrom '77: "Danny Abel, one of the great ones! He will be missed."

Kristian Kreger '81: "Although I arrived in the fall of 1981, after Danny left, I do know is that he was held in high regard by the Brothers."

Russell Sexton '77: "My Big brother, and was there when I needed him."

Jay Hurley '79: "I think that he and Debbie announced their engagement at the Firemen's Ball during my freshman year ('79) . Prayers for the family."

Chuck Cottrell '80: "I'll remember Danny for the kind, decent gentleman he was."

Other Brothers posting included: Mike Alley '74, Craig Brakeman '77, Geno Celano '76, Craig Chown '81, Dave Demarest '84, David Dowdy '81, Joe Fontana '76, Jeff Furth '79, Glenn Grant '82, Rick Hatcher '77, Dave Henry '81, Frank Hoover '78, Ed Jordan '76, Kris Krieger '81, Mike Lait '78, John Leavitt '77, Greg Lowder '77, Tim Norris '77, Tracy Schulis '76, Tim Sheridan '79, Barry Smith '72, Kevin Smith '78, Mark Smith '78, Steve Smith '78, Doug Sullivan '77, Greg Vandercreek '75, Vern Vokus '76, and Steve Walker '81.

Our apologies to anyone we missed.





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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:  
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## Old Guard of Delta Lambda (updated April 12, 2020)

### 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

Ed Barnes '71 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

Joe Beasley '83 2018, 2019

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, 2020

Bill Cheek '61 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

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

Chuck Cottrell '80 2019

Dustin Daniels '10 2016

Phil Doumar '09 2017

Jeff Epley '96 (Iota Gamma, Nebraska-Kearney) 2017, 2018, 2019  
Miguel Fernandez '77 (son Michael '10) 2017 2018  
Jim Finch '81 2017  
Jim Floyd '76 2018, 2019, 2020  
Dave Frew '67 2020  
Paul Gerding '65 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022  
Glenn Grant '82 2017  
Connor Gray '11 2018  
Bill Gregory '77 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020  
Mike Halfacre '85 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020  
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  
Bruce Johnson '81 2017  
Jay Johnson '83 2016 \*Joined the Sember Society in 2018  
David Kresge '73 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020  
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, 2020  
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  
Chris Pepin '01 2018, 2019  
Khoungh Phan '01 2019  
Jim Poe '66 2017, 2019  
David Ponder '80 2017  
Gary Prescott '72 2018, 2019, 2020  
Lt. Col. Jerry Sexton '74 (brother Russell Sexton '77) 2018, 2019, 2020  
Griffin Siegel '78 2016 2017  
Peter Singhal '15 2019  
Kevin Stokes '13 2018, 2019  
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, 2019



Tarek Waked '09 2019

Kevin Wheeler '09 (father Tom Wheeler '78) 2017, 2018, 2019

Wade Wilcox '86 (son Griffin Wilcox '15) 2017, 2018, 2019

Griffin Wilcox '15 (dad, Wade Wilcox '86) 2020

Bill Williams '85 2019, 2020

Rob Williamson '87 2018, 2020, 2021

Alan Winslette '77 2018, 2019

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## THE SEMBLER SOCIETY

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

[John Baker An anonymous donor has made a memorial gift to the Sembler Society in the John's name]

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

Sean Carbonell '86

[Craig Kavka '66 – Memorial Gift made in Craig's name, 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 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 Gutierrez '16)

David Gutting '83 (son Sterling Gutting '16)

[J. Bob Humphries '66 – Memorial Gift made in Bob's name, 2019]

Bruce Johnson '81

Jay B. Johnson '83

Bobby Jones '72

Jimmy Keen '73 (son Michael Keen '14)

Sloan MacKarvich '01

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)

## 2020 Chapter Leadership (updated January, 2020)

- SMC (President): Jacob Middleton '18

- Internal Vice President: Max Roix '18 (father, Scott Roix '85)
- External Vice President: Jake Iacovella '19
- Vice president of membership Development: Sebastian Vallone '17
- Excellence Officer: Kyle McLaren '19
- Secretary: William Galvano '17
- Rush Chairman: Luke Vari '19
- Treasurer: Garrett Sargeant '17
- House Manager: Garrett Sargeant '17 (father Harry Sargeant III '78; brother Harry Sargeant IV '02)
- Risk Management: Jack Williams '19
- Title IX Chairman: Tyler Gilroy '19
- Member at Large: Cory Kuchta '17
- Sergeant at Arms (Judicial Officer): Austin Guarino '19
- IFC Representative: TBD
- Pledge Educator: TBD
- Intramural Sports Chairman: TBD
- Social Chairman: TBD
- Alumni Liaison: TBD
- Pikes Illustrated Editor 2020: Matthew Liebman '19

## 2020 Alumni Advisory Board (December, 2019)

Chapter Advisor: John Peacock '01

Chapter Advisor: Scottie Howell '06

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: Clint Wallace '01, Carlos Lindo '05

Pledge Education Advisor: John Peacock '01 and Eli Nortelus '01

Technology Advisor & Webmaster: Chris Dietz '87

Alumni Association Activity Chairmen: Gary Prescott '72, Mark Smith '78

Alumni Association Committee, Chairman Eric Carr '01

Advisor on Conduct of the Ritual: Scott Roix '85

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

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  
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