

FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - March 2020

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Chapter Update, Late March, 2020

Your March, 2020 Newsletter was produced prior to the Coronavirus' sudden appearance. This addendum will provide you with the latest update.

The University told all students leaving on Spring Break (March 14th) to pursue classes online only, and then to return on April 6th. Soon after, the University advised all students that all classes for the entire remaining spring semester would be conducted online. Subsequently, all spring varsity sports, intramurals, the Spring Garnet & Gold game and any and all campus activities are cancelled.

As you know, the major conferences cancelled spring play in all sports. The ACC Commissioner handed the trophy to FSU players and announced that Florida State is the official 2020 ACC Basketball Champion.

Your undergraduate Delta Lambda officers, Chapter Advisors and Legends, Inc. moved quickly and expertly to secure Delta Lambda's position, including the fraternity house.

With the closure of the University Center Club, we have cancelled our April 1st Alumni/Undergraduate Luncheon. If all goes well, we will be able to hold our next Luncheon on May 6th as scheduled.

The Chapter thought it appropriate to initiate our spring pledges on Sunday Evening, March 1st.



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.

Click here to join the Old Guard now!



The next Alumni/Undergraduate monthly luncheon is tentatively set for May 6th, 2020 at the University Center Club. There will be no luncheon in January. Come and enjoy yarns and stories of chapter days, and hear an update from the undergrads of Delta Lambda..





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Shake Hands with FSU's new 2021 Student Body President, Jonathan Levin '18

Pike Brother Jonathan Levin '18 proved to be a political phenomenon this March as he led his Amplifi party to a unanimous sweep of the student body elections: every race, every seat. Delta Lambda's political influence remains strong. Jonathan becomes the seventh Delta Lambda Pike to serve as Student Body President in the last 18 years! Major Patrick Sullivan '01 (2003-04); Dr. Joseph O'Shea '04 (2007-

08); Dustin Daniels '10 (2010-11); Dr. Avi Assidon '09 (2011-12); Jean Tabares '13 (2015-16); Kyle Hill '16 (2017-18).

Jonathan writes, "Throughout my life, I have always had a desire to reach for greatness and to constantly push myself forward to something better. That is why I have chosen to serve in the US Air Force, that is why I knew I wanted to be a Brother of Pi Kappa Alpha, and this is why I knew I wanted to be Student Body President. I know being elected into this position and being able to serve the entire student body would not have been possible without guidance from older Delta Lambda Pikes. I am honored, proud, and deeply excited to not only develop and further our beloved institution, Florida State University, but also ensure that Delta Lambda, Pi Kappa Alpha remains as the exceptional fraternity it was always been." In addition to being elected FSU's new Student body president, Jonathan is also Cadet Lt. Col and Mission Support Group Commander of the 145th AFROTC Wing at Florida State.



Delta Lambda Leaders were Honored during the annual Biletnikoff Award Banquet

Thanks to the generosity of David Rancourt '84 and other alumni, five top Delta Lambda leaders and their dates were honored at the annual black-tie Biletnikoff Award Banquet featuring the 2019 Biletnikoff Award winner, Ja'Marr Chase of LSU, and guest speaker, legendary Coach Lou Holtz.

Chapter Advisor John Peacock '01; 2020 Student Body President Jonathan Levin '18 and Jayne McLaughlin; EVP Jake Iacovella '18 and Blakley Byrd; IVP Max Roix '18 and Dabney Dennis; Title IX Chairman Tyler Gilroy '18 and Sarah Skoronski; past Rush Chairman Austin Webb '16 and Elena Sanders.



Pike Brothers on the 2020 Seminole Baseball Team

20--Kyle McMullen '19 Pitcher; ACC Academic Honor Roll; 63--Matheu Nelson '20, Catcher, 2019 All-ACC Academic Team; 16--Tyler Martin '20, Infield; 40--Jack Anderson '19, Pitcher; 35--Carter Smith '19, Catcher, ACC Academic Honor Roll; 15--C. J. Van Eyk '17, Pitcher; All-ACC; 17--C.J. Kwiatkowski '17, Pitcher; 5--Shane Drohan '17, Pitcher; 33-- Daniel Chase Haney '18, Pitcher, 2020 Team Captain, 2016-17-18-19 All-ACC Academic Team, '2019 Mister Seminole Unconquered'.

Photo by Matthew Liebman '19.



[Above Left] Scott DiMartino '79 and Brad Gwinn '78. On February 3rd, Brad says, "Got to hang out a bit with Pike house roommate Scott Dimartino. It was great catching up in NC in February @ 70 degrees!"

[Above Right] David Atwell '74 says, "I found Jimmy Crooke '74 singing Olivia Newton John songs at the Syracuse game on October 26th!"



Redus Coggin '79 (right) writes, "Had a wonderful day visiting with Phil Williams '80. We were roommates at FSU (just yesterday). We shared, relived, and discussed many, many things. We have solved all the world's problems by the way! A great day!"

Phil was an NCAA Academic All-American, but what many may not recall is his key reception that led to perhaps the most significant win in Seminole history. In 1980, mighty Nebraska was the Goliath of college football, and FSU – virtually unknown on the national stage – appeared on a bright October afternoon in Lincoln as the prohibitive underdog.

It was a brutal defensive struggle. On that day, Phil Williams led all receivers on both teams in receiving yards, including one 40-yard clutch reception that helped seal Nebraska's fate.

Here is the story from the *Omaha World Herald: "The Big Red defense, which had driven the Seminoles back 28 yards from the Husker 18 on consecutive deficit tackles, forced a third-and-13 situation at the FSU 28 with 4:40 remaining. Stockstill passed deep down the right sideline to Phil Williams, who was double-covered by Russell Gary and Ric Lindquist. Williams retreated for the underthrown ball and made the catch to keep alive the drive to Capece's final 41-yard field goal. Final score: FSU 18, Nebraska 14." Williams, a senior, was one of nine Delta Lambda Pike Brothers on that historic team 40 years ago.*

Chapter & Alumni Calendar 2020

More updates as they become available.





[Above Left] Jack McMullen '64 receives the Dean Ralph R. Oglesby Scholastic Achievement Award for 1965-66. Presenter is Bob Stoner '64. Dr. Oglesby was a 1938 initiate of the Pike chapter at Oklahoma State University. The Oglesby Student Union is named for him.

[Above Right] Col. Joe Feheley '81 demonstrates one of the secret signs he discovered while plundering a Pharaoh's Tomb on his USAF assignment to Egypt. Joe says, "The photo was taken in the Tomb of Ka-Gmni Sixth Dynasty 2340 BC Egypt. He was designer and architect of the Titi Pyramid." 'Titi' is a real word; Joe did not make it up but he likes saying it. Joe's son Sean Feheley '14 is also a Delta Lambda.





David Rancourt and the Classic Ideal of the Renaissance Man

David Rancourt '84 (left) at the ceremony last year recognizing his many generous contributions of leadership and treasure to Seminole Boosters. The "Great Gate of Rancourt" as the undergrads dubbed it, is the massive entrance through which all FSU students pass into the Stadium on game days.

In the photo [right] David is with Charlie Barnes '65 following Rancourt's return from Thailand where he spent two intense months being trained by Monks and other practitioners in the mixed martial arts.

This summer David will begin doctoral studies at the International Center for Cultural Diplomacy in Berlin, Germany. He will earn his PhD through a collaborative program with the ICCD and the College of Philosophy, University of Bucharest in Romania. He will concentrate his studies on Ethics and Advocacy. "It has to do with how advocacy works and grows in advancing democratic societies," he says. "I'll focus on how growing democracies deal with the temptations of tinkering with growing budgets and regulatory powers, and ways to stop undue, corrupt and illicit influences on government's work."

David is a U.S. Army veteran. Following graduate school in the late 1980s, David was appointed to several high-level State Government positions. Later, he became a founding partner of Southern Strategy Group, which has morphed into the premier lobbying firm in the southeastern United States.

David played football for the Seminoles as a freshman, and was Delta Lambda's SMC as a junior. As a senior he was Chairman of the Renegade political party and was a candidate for student body president. His son Wyatt '16 just completed his term as SMC. Two of David's close friends from chapter days, Harry Sargeant '78 and Scott Roix '85 also have sons currently holding chapter offices. Max Roix '18 is Internal Vice President, and Garrett Sargeant '17 is Treasurer.





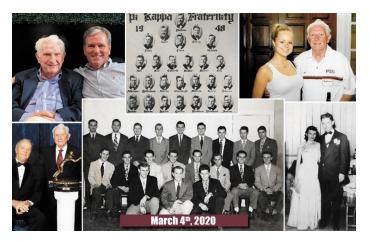
[Above Left] On one memorable spring weekend in 1975, every other fraternity suffered complete and utter humiliation during the FSU Intramural Tug-of-War competition. Left to right: Jim Posey '75; Jim Smalley '73; Gino Bennie '75; Fred 'The Head' Miller '73; Ed Brodzik '74.

[Above Right] Entrepreneur Bill Lickson '81 is COO of CampaignTester & VerusMedia. CampaignTester was recognized as "Best Application of Artificial Intelligence Technology to Optimize Creative" by the 2020 Reed Awards for Campaigns and Elections. "I was thrilled & honored to accept this prestigious award on behalf of our entire talented team!" he said. Bill was the Metro Conference Champion in the javelin in 1985.



Former Chapter Advisor Jimmy Keen '73 and Joey, reunited with past SMC Jarrod Germano '07 and Amanda in Jacksonville. "We had a blast visiting, and the meal was delicious". Jimmy said, "Jarrod was one of the finest young chapter presidents (2010) I ever had the honor of mentoring. The chapter was fortunate in those days. Jarrod and other young men like him, made my job a pleasure."





Charter Member Bob Hall '49 Honored on 71st Anniversary of Delta Lambda World War II veteran Bob Hall '49 entered FSU in the fall of 1947, and was in the first pledge class of the local 'Pi Kappa' Fraternity, the offical colony of Pi Kappa Alpha.

Our Chapter was Chartered on March 4, 1949. Our most recent Alumni/Undergrad Monthly Luncheon also fell on March 4th, the 71st Anniversary of Chartering. On a side note, the Chapter leaders also chose to initiate our outstanding spring pledge class on Sunday Evening, March 1st, the 152nd Anniversary of our Founding at the University of Virginia in 1868.

In chapter days, Bob was a collared officer (Secretary). Looking forwardto a relaxing retirement he moved back to Tallahassee and attended the 40th Anniversary banquet in 1987. But retirement was destined to be anything but relaxing. When tragedy struck and we lost the chapter in 1988, Memphis called Bob and asked him and John French '64 to asume whatever fraternal oversight could be maintained over the 175 suddenly disenfrancaised members of Delta Lambda.

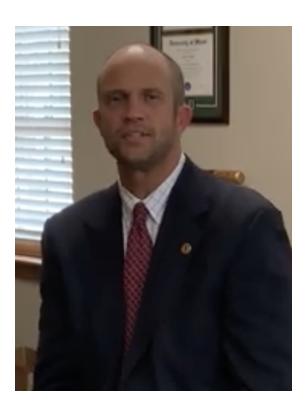
Bob continued providing fraternal counseling through the days of The Firemen (1988-1993) and the ill-fated Colony in 1993-94. He courageously served as President of the Alumni Association during a time when many alumni feared that Delta Lambda might never return. In the 20 years since our re-Chartering in 2001, Bob has never missed a Monthly Alumn/Undergraduate lunchon.

On March 4th, 2020, Bob was treated to special surprise recognition by alumni and undergrads attending the regular Monthly Luncheon. Co-Chapter Advisors Scottie Howell '06 and John Peacock '01 along with SMC Jacob Middleton '18 presented a framed collage of photos to Bob. John Peacock arranged for Pike National CEO Justin Buck to send a special video recognizing Delta Lambda's 71st Anniversary, as well as a special tribute to Bob. The video can be seen below.

Bob was asked, "Why would you still devote so much time and energy to Pi Kappa Alpha at age 92?" His answer was marvelous. Bob said, "The question isn't why would I stay involved. The question is: Why wouldn't I stay involved? Most of my Brothers from chapter days may be gone, yet most all of my friends today still are Pikes, alumni and undergraduates. I met my wife of 61 years at a Pike formal dance in Nashville at the Sigma Chapter (Vanderbilt). I got my 35-year career with Southern Bell through a chance meeting at a Birmingham, Alabama Pike alumni luncheon. I was able to take part in the Initiation of my grandson at the Upsilon Chapter (Auburn). Just about everything I cherish in life has come to me one way or the other through Pi Kappa Alpha. Why wouldn't I want to remain close to this wonderful Fraternity?"

The framed collage includes photos of Bob's spring, 1948 pledge class, a composite (in tuxes no less) of the 1948 Pi Kappa local fraternity/colony, a photo of Bob with a babe & a brew at the Grand Opening of the new house in 2005, plus pictures of Bob with Bobby Bowden '49 and Doug Russell '79, and Bob and his date at a Pike Formal in 1948.

Here are the remarks by Pike National's CEO Justin Buck.



YouTube Replay

Monthly Luncheon - University Center Club



Next Alumni / Chapter Leadership Luncheon: Wednesday, March 4th, 2020 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. All alumni are

welcome and encouraged to attend. Luncheon begins at noon and will conclude by 1 pm.

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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: Click here to join the Old Guard now!

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 10, 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 (lota Gamma, Nebraska-Kearney) 2016, 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

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 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, 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

Khoung Phan '01 2019

Jim Poe '66 2017, 2019

David Ponder '80 2017

Gary Prescott '72 2018, 2019

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

Alan Winslette '77 2018, 2019

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 Gutierriez '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 lacovella '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 an 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

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)

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