



FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - June, 2018

Year-End Report

It's been a year of highs and lows. Mostly highs for Delta Lambda; way too many lows for the FSU Greek System. In August, our Pike undergraduate Brother Austin Ekern '15 was killed in an accident in Orlando. Later in the fall, a member of Pi Kappa Phi died after allegedly consuming a bottle of alcohol. President Thrasher suspended the entire Greek system for the balance of the school year seeking, as he said, a 'new normal'. No intramurals, no socials, no parties and no meetings of any kind were allowed. Six of our fellow IFC Fraternities were kicked off either by FSU or by their National offices, including our 200-man Phi Delt neighbors. Fraternities lost hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue and perhaps hundreds of members who saw no benefit in paying dues to organizations that were frozen in darkness.

SMC Kevin Stokes '13 had the presence of mind to initiate the Pike fall pledge class before the expected suspension was announced. And Pike was one of only a handful of fraternities that conducted spring rush, taking a class of 13.

Although social life and intramurals were forbidden, Delta Lambda excelled in leadership in student government, on the field and in the classroom. Kyle Hill '16 was Student Body President, Peter Singhal '15 was President of the Student Senate, Omar Pimentel '16 was elected Student Body Treasurer, Ryan Grosso '16 was Chief Justice of the IFC Court, starting football center Alec Eberle '15 was President of Athletes Uplift and tackle Wally Aime '17 was Vice-President. Baseball letterman David Chase Haney '18 was elected Vice-President of the FSU Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Zach Blashinsky '16 was a Presidential Scholar, Griffin Wilcox '15 was Director of Outreach for the Student Alumni Association, and Brendan Carter '17 rode Renegade as Chief Osceola.

On the varsity playing fields, Pikes have been stellar. Two All-Americans in Track (Austin Droogsma and sprinter Edward Clarke) helped lead FSU to the 2018 ACC Championship. Three members of the 2018 NCAA Elite Eight basketball team are Pikes including senior Brandon Allen, an Electrical Engineering major who has been named FSU's Top Male Scholar-Athlete for the last four years. See below for the Baseball lineup; two Pikes were drafted into the Majors this spring. Last fall more than a dozen Pikes were on the team that won the Independence Bowl Championship.

Our current SMC is Ryan Turnage '14. Our current Chapter Advisor is Jimmy Keen '73. Our 'Godfather' is Brent Wolfe Sembler '78.

We are so fortunate that we can depend on our loyal and generous alumni. Within 30 minutes after the midnight mailing of the Delta Lambda May newsletter, 1981 initiate Tom Trotta's Old Guard contribution arrived at BB&T. The next morning, that was followed by another first-time Old Guard gift from Roy McDonald '79. Alumni, please consider joining the Delta Lambda Old Guard. Your contribution supports initiatives aimed at keeping Pike the top fraternity. The Old Guard Board is co-Chaired by Jack McMullen '64 and Doug Russell '78. Members include Bob Hall '49, Joel Padgett '71 and Eric Carr 01. Please consider supporting the Old Guard. Please see the link at the end of this newsletter.

Phi Phi Kappa Alpha



Delta Lambda Pikes Led FSU to the 2018 ACC Championship!

Twelve Pikes played for the 2018 ACC Championship Baseball Team.

- Drew Mendoza '16 was named ALL-ACC in 2018; All-ACC Academic; 2017 Freshman All-American; 2017 College World Series All-Tournament Team
- Drew Parrish '17 named ALL-ACC and ALL-AMERICAN in 2018
- Nick Derr '16 named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll
- Steven Wells '15 named National Player of the Month, April 2018
- Cole Sands '18 named to ACC Academic Honor Roll; Drafted by the K.C. Royals in 2018
- Daniel Chase Haney '18 was named to the All-ACC Academic Team and was elected Vice President of the Student Athlete Advisory Council
- C. J. Van Eyk '17 was named ALL-ACC as a Freshman in 2018
- Will Zirzo '14 made the ACC Academic Honor Roll
- Jackson Lueck '15 named ALL-ACC in 2018; ACC Championship MVP in 2017 Drafted by the Minnesota Twins in 2018

- Shane Drohan '17, Clayton Kwiatkowski '17 and Ed Voyles '14 also helped bring the Championship back to Tallahassee

In addition: In this 2017-18 school year, more than a dozen Pikes played on the 2017-2018 Independence Bowl Championship football team.

Three Pikes were members of the 2018 NCAA 'Elite Eight' Seminoles Basketball Team.

Three Pikes, including two All-Americans, were on the 2018 ACC Championship Track & Field Team.



About This Remarkable 2015 Photograph

In 2015, Florida State's Garnet & Gold Key recognized a list of those identified as the 'Top 100 Entering Freshmen.' Women comprised 70% of the number, and men 30%. Five of those Top 30 Freshmen Men were members of our fall, 2015 pledge class. They are: Luciano Lebolo, Jacob Berger, Andrew Miles, Clinton Pierson and James Weaver, Jr.

What makes the photo remarkable is that three of these five men are now among the Chapter's Executive Officers, and a fourth (Lebolo) was elected to the Student Senate. Pierson is the current Sergeant-at-Arms, Berger is the Pledgemaster, and Miles is Member-at-Large. Also, two more members of that fall, 2015 class serve on Exec: Martin Murphy is Risk Manager and Brendan Langlely is Treasurer.

What all this says is that when Delta Lambda seeks out quality pledges in rush we benefit now and for all of the years those men are in school. And as alumni they continue to support their Fraternity.

I wrote to Clint Pierson and here is his response: "Thank you! I always knew there was something special about our fall, 2015 pledge class. Now in our first semester on Exec I could not be more proud and confident. Times are tough right now in Greek Life but there is no doubt in my mind that we will keep Delta Lambda at the top for not only right now, but the years to come. This is by far the most demanding semester in regards to rush and leadership but I assure you our Exec will deliver and uphold the legacy. I remember [Doug Russell '79] giving us a speech while pledging when he believed that our Alpha Theta pledge class, like the Chi Class before us, was a pledge class of destiny. This is our time to answer that call and I guarantee you we will not disappoint. Thank you for standing by us during these times and always supporting us as we wouldn't be the men we are without it."

Monthly Luncheon - University Center Club



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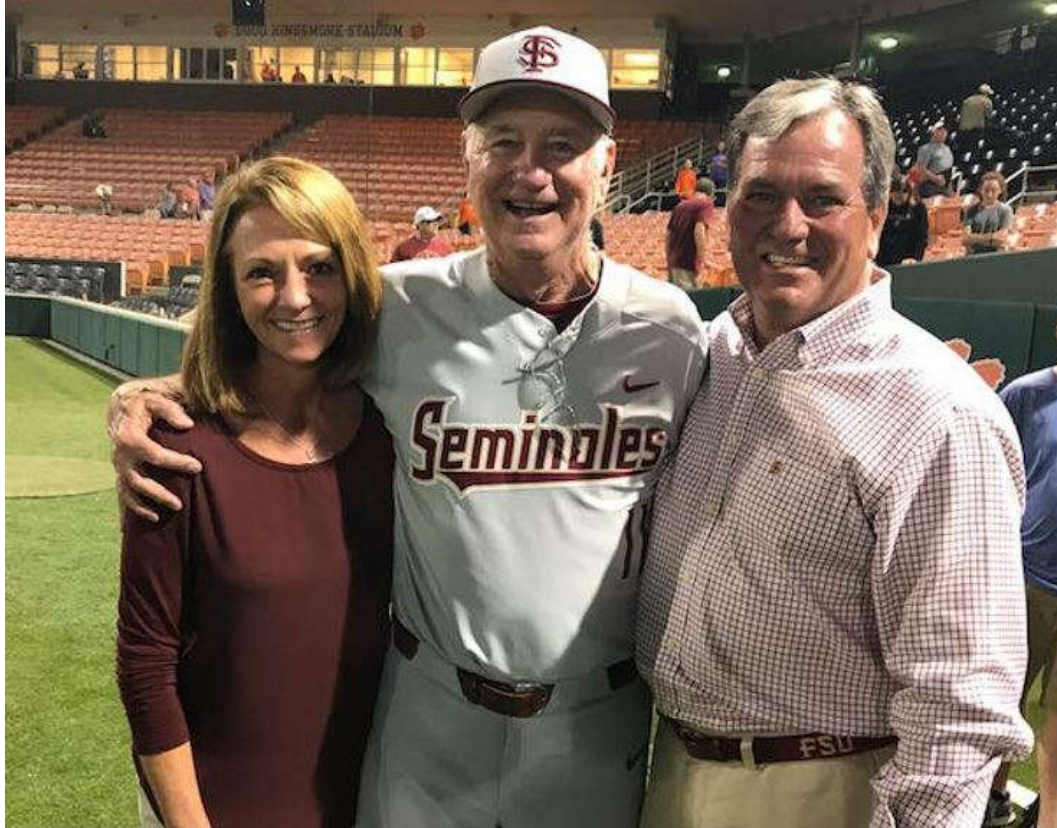
Next Alumni Luncheon: Wednesday, August 1st, 2018 @ 12:00 noon.

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 1 pm.

Chapter & Alumni Calendar

- August 1st Monthly Alumni Luncheon
- August 22 Residence Halls open
- August 26 New Student Convocation
- August 27 First day of classes
- September 3 LABOR DAY FSU vs Virginia Tech
- September 8 FSU vs. Samford in Tallahassee
- September 5 Monthly Alumni Luncheon
- September 21-22 Parents' Weekend; FSU vs No. III.
- October 3rd Monthly Alumni Luncheon
- October 20 HOMECOMING FSU vs. Wake Forest
- October 27 FSU vs Clemson in Tallahassee
- November 7th Monthly Alumni Luncheon
- November 17 FSU vs. Boston College in Tallahassee
- November 24 FSU vs UF in Tallahassee
- December 7 Last day of classes
- December 15 Graduation

Delta Lambda Alumni



Coach Mike Martin '06 with Debbie and Doug Russell '79. This summer Doug begins his term as National Chairman of Seminole Boosters, Inc.

Mike Martin '06 Becomes Winningest Coach in College Baseball History!

It was recently announced that Mike Martin '06 will return for his 40th season as Head Coach of the Seminoles in 2019. Already the winningest coach in college baseball history, one more season will allow Martin to retire with more than 2,000 career wins, a record not likely broken anytime soon.

Mike knew Pikes when he played at FSU in the 1960s, and his older brother was a Pike at N.C. State. Of course the large number of Pike alumni leaders associated with Seminole Boosters have established long-term relationships with the Mike and Carole.

Mike was formally initiated in 2006 alongside a number of alumni who had been Firemen back in the dark days, and who have remained loyal and steadfast to the Fraternity.



Photo courtesy of former Little Sister Dee Dee Hicks (center, with the beautiful smile): "Happy Happy Birthday Pete - 1985 Formal Champagne Lawn Party with Guy Wiugarter '85; Pete Giotta '83; Alan Armstrong '85; Kevin Carlson '84; John Hasemann '83; Jay Di Egidio '84; and Mike Leverock '84."



Throwback picture courtesy of Ivan Parron '87. Ivan, Willie Staffield '87 and Mike Penrod '87 are here. Who can ID the fourth Brother?



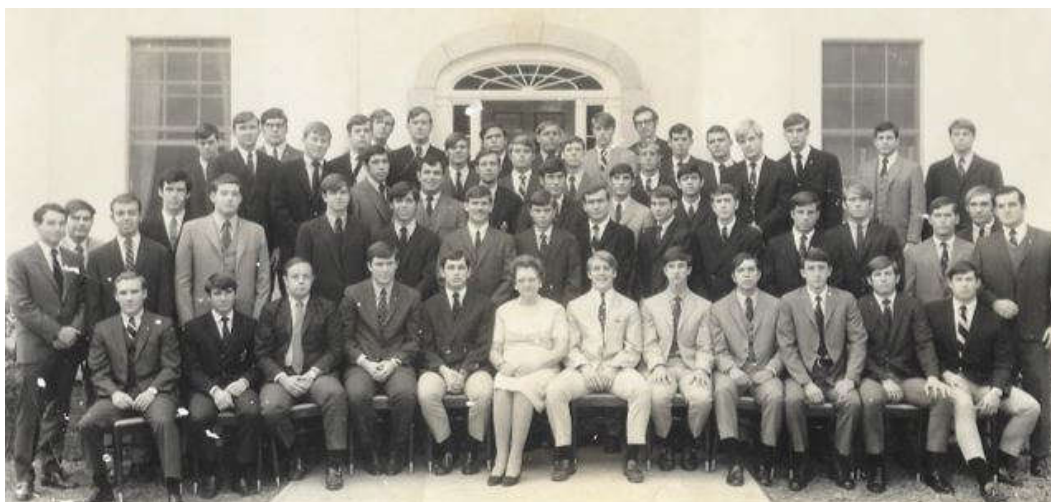
“Said by some and rumored by many to be Delta Lambda’s best class ever...”

“Well, who knows? Delta Lambda has had a great many fine pledge classes and no one knows which would really qualify as the best...but these guys seem pretty confident that it’s them.”

Front row, L to R. Eric Lauderdale, Bill Beckwith, Doug Russell, Chuck Cottrell, Steve Goodloe, Mark Mazis, Dominic Sputo.

Middle row, L to R. Ken Smith, Steve Rosenbluth, Steve Moxley, Greg Burdine, Cadie Carter, Jimmy O'Conner, Brett Kublin, Bill Belohlavek, Jay Hurley, David Smalley, [unknown], Ed Brill, Ric Jones.

Back Row, L to R. Jeff Miller, Bill Beaton, Jamie Moore, Mike Lynch, John Wurzenberger, Lou Andreana, Mike Carnes, Mike Martin, John Tatum, Craig Markowski.



Delta Lambda Fall, 1968. If you like to have a larger version of this photo please contact us through the website: www.fsupikes.com. We can send you the jpeg via email.



If you would like to send a letter or comment to your Delta Lambda Brothers for inclusion in the Newsletter, please use this link:

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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 (June, 2018)

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

Jay Campbell '87 2017, 2018

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

Dustin Daniels '10 2016

Phil Doumar '09 2017

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

Miguel Fernandez '77 (son Michael '10) 2017 2018

Jim Finch '81 2017

Paul Gerding '65 2017

Glenn Grant '82 2017

Connor Gray '11 2018

Bill Gregory '77 2017, 2018

Mike Halfacre '85 2016, 2018

Bob Hall '49 (grandson Andrew Hal '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
David Kresge '73 2016, 2017, 2018
Mike Lilly '84 2017, 2018
Carlos Lindo '05 2016
David Lyons '65 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
J.L. Milton '62 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
Jim Poe '66 2017
David Ponder '80 2017
Gary Prescott '72 2018
Lt. Col. Jerry Sexton '74 (brother Russell Sexton '77) 2018
Griffin Siegel '78 2016 2017
Kevin Stokes 2018
Tom Trotta (son Eric Trotta initiated at Virginia) 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

Jim Crews '78
Chris Dietz '87 (son Caleb Dietz '11)
Tobyn De Young '86 (son Chris Mergenthaler '13)
Chris Gutierrez '83 [University of Florida] (son Alex Guterriez '16)
David Gutting '83 (son Sterling Gutting '16)
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)
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)

2017 Chapter Executive Council (Updated March 1, 2018)

- SMC (President): Ryan Turnage '14
- Internal Vice President: Wyatt Rancourt '16
- External Vice President: Griffin Wilcox '15
- Excellence Officer: Zach Blashinski '16
- Secretary: Gavin Bruns '17
- Pledge Educator: Jake Berger '15
- Rush Chairman: Dalton Herrity '15
- Treasurer: Brendan Langley '15
- House Manager: Josh Smith '16
- Risk Management: Martin Murphy '15
- Title IX Chairman: Jake Garber '16
- Member At Large: Drew Miles '15
- Sergeant At Arms (Judicial Officer): Clint Pierson '15
- IFC Representative: Kevin Anderson '16
- Intramural Sports Chairman: Austin Labban '14
- Social Chairman: Cal Shaw '16
- Alumni Liaison: Garrett Sargeant '17
- Pikes Illustrated Editor 2017: Wyatt Rancourt '16

2018 Alumni Advisory Board (Updated May 15, 2018)

Chapter Advisor: Jimmy Keen '73
Legends of Delta Lambda: Brent Sembler '78, Chairman
Legends Oversight and House Management Chairman: Jimmy Keen '73
Rush Advisors: Charlie Barnes '65 and Doug Russell '79
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: John Peacock '01
Technology Advisor & Webmaster: Chris Dietz '87
Alumni Association Activity Chairmen: Gary Prescott '72, Mark Smith '78
Alumni Association Committee, Chairman Eric Carr '01
Newsletter Editor: Charlie Barnes '65
Newsletter Publisher: Chris Dietz '87
Member-at-Large and Activity Advisor: Scottie Howell '06
Chaplaincy Advisor: John Peacock '01, Chairman; Rev. Rick Blythe '72
AMBASSADORS:

BOB HALL '49
CHARLIE BARNES '65
ANDY MILLER '70

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