



## FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - May, 2018



## President John Thrasher Visits the Pike House



Photo Above left to right: President John Thrasher; VP Dr. Amy Hecht; Chris Graham, Director of Greek Life; Chapter Advisor Jimmy Keen '73; Dr. Bert Chandler '76.

Chapter Advisor Jimmy Keen '73 arranged for nationally renowned pain management physician Dr. Bert Chandler '76 to speak to the Chapter about drug addiction and the opioid crisis. "At first the chapter was a little hesitant," said Keen. "They expressed concerns that a publicized presentation might give the impression that we have a drug problem. Delta Lambda has no such problem at present, and

we want to continue to ensure that we have no problems going forward. This is why we place such extreme emphasis on Risk Management education.”

The response from Westcott was immediate and dramatic. University President Thrasher accepted Keen’s and Dr. Chandler’s invitation to attend, and brought along his Vice President and Director of Greek Life as well. Thrasher spoke to the Chapter about his vision for a safe campus for Florida State students and the reasons he took the extreme steps he did last fall.



President Thrasher addresses the more than 160 Pike undergraduates and Delta Lambda alumni advisors in Sembler Hall on March 29th.

Your Delta Lambda Chapter has again proven to be the acknowledged leader among Greeks at Florida State. That fact was not really in contention, but it was validated by President Thrasher’s comments when and his senior staff were guests at the Pike house on March 29th.



LEFT: President Thrasher in informal discussions with Brothers in the courtyard.

RIGHT: Nationally renowned Pain Management Physician Dr. Bert Chandler '76, Chapter Advisor Jimmy Keen '73, and Doug Tatum '77, Founder of Tatum, LLC and now the University's Entrepreneur-in-Residence.



Chapter Advisor Jimmy Keen '73 gives a tour of the Doug Russell Legends Room to V.P. Dr. Amy Hecht, President Thrasher and Greek Life Director Chris Graham.

A galaxy of alumni Advisor stars were present that evening. They include (in alpha order) Charlie Barnes '65; Ed Barnes '71; Bert Chandler '76; Bob Hall '49; Scottie Howell '06; Jimmy Keen '73; Andy Miller '70; John Peacock '01; Martin Shipman '76; Gene Strickland '81; John Tatum '77.

## **Pikes' Philanthropy Honoring the Austin Ekern Family**



From left: Delta Lambda Internal VP Wyatt Rancourt '16, SMC Ryan Turnage '14, Chapter Advisor Jimmy Keen '73, Brent Ekern, Cannon Ekern '17, Sharon Ekern. Following the tragic death of Austin Brooks Ekern '15 last August, Brothers of Delta Lambda moved to create a philanthropy in support of the Austin Ekern Foundation and the associated memorial scholarship. In the fall, Austin's younger brother Cannon was pledged and initiated, and in March, Austin's parents Brent and Sharon Ekern were special guests of the Chapter.

Chapter Advisor Jimmy Keen '73 said, "They were most gracious for the stellar event; the chapter worked hard and executed with excellence. I spent some time with the Ekerns and they were extremely grateful."

External VP Griffin Wilcox '14 told the Orlando Sentinel, "Austin was an outgoing person who was always willing to lend a helping hand. He was all set to move into the fraternity house Tuesday and start school Aug. 28. You wouldn't find a much better man in the fraternity; he was a very good PiKA Brother and a very good friend. He treated people right."

Event coordinator Wyatt Rancourt '16 organized the 'Firemen's Bar-B-Que' in the Pike house courtyard. More than \$4,500 was raised for the Ekern Scholarship from tickets sales, from 'Pie-a-Pike' and from t-shirt sales.

## **Pike Athletes Score Year-End Honors**



Special congratulations indeed go to Pike Brother Austin Droogsma (known as 'Big Droogs' to his Brothers). Austin was named First Team NCAA All-American, and is the NCAA #1 ranked National Champion shot put athlete in America in 2018! His dad Mike Droogsma '84 was Conference Champion in the discus in 1985.

Brandon Tirado '15 was named All-ACC in the hammer throw while posting the #9 hammer throw in FSU history by the end of his freshman year. He was also elected to Student-Athlete Advisory Council.

Basketball forward Brandon Allen '14 graduated with his degree in Electrical Engineering and continued his reign for the fourth year as Florida State's "Top Male Scholar-Athlete". Brandon's dad is Randy Allen '84 who was an All-American forward at FSU and later played in the NBA.



**Brandon Allen '14**  
All-ACC Academic Honor Roll  
Electrical Engineering Major  
FSU Top Male Scholar-Athlete



**Brandon and his father Randy Allen '85 (wearing hat)**  
Brandon wore #40 in honor of his dad who wore the same number when he played for FSU.

*On May 20th, the Atlantic Coast Conference announced five Seminoles had been named to the All-ACC Baseball team. Four of these are Delta Lambda Pikes!*



#22 Drew Mendoza '16  
2018 All-ACC



# 43 Drew Parrish '17  
2018-All-ACC



#2 Jackson Lueck '15  
2018 All-ACC



#15 C.J. Van Eyk '17  
2018 All-ACC Freshman

## Monthly Luncheon - University Center Club



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Next Alumni Luncheon: Wednesday, June 6th,  
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

June 6th Monthly Alumni Luncheon

June 25th – August 3rd “Summer C” \*Most summer rush take place in Summer C.

## Delta Lambda Alumni



Front Porch of the Pike House 1978

Al Bieling '78, Allen Hill '77, Doug Sullivan '77, Brent Johnson '78, Charlie Crist '76, Mike Hill '76.

Griff Siegel '78 writes, "here is my humorous and phi phi-to-the-core, Fall '77 pledge brother, Alan ("Al") Bieling, a crusty-coated Coast Guard veteran (Thanks for your service, Biels!), marshmallow-centered animal lover, and "tatt" covered Harley-Davidson aficionado. We were initiated in Jan. 1978. Below is a group photo from the chapter's 1977 Christmas Party. Although a few of our guys aren't in this shot, Al can be seen in the back row, on the right; light-colored suit between Steve Papero '78 and Brent Johnson '78, immediately behind Steve Smith '78. I'm in the front, planting a big smack on the cheek of Craig Brakeman '77, our Pledge Master (and my big brother / future roommate). øøka "



PI KAPPA ALPHA  
Annual Christmas Party  
Florida State University 1977

Fall 1977 pledge class



More from Griff Siegel '78 on the occasion of a BOCA BROFEST

(L to R): Judge John (Jay) Hurley '79, Dr. Jace Provo '83, Jeff Furth '79, Susan Berns (Jeff's better half), Jim Leavitt '79, Griff Siegel '78, John Leavitt '77. Not pictured but on the phone, Mark Provo '82.

" Following a harrowing 13-hour drive from his snow-covered abode in NJ, brother Jeff Furth (the "Lil Elf") cruised into South Florida, an occasion a few of us used as a handy excuse to rendezvous at Duffy's Sports Grill in Boca Raton. During our 3+ hours together, we imbibed a variety of beverages - some free of alcohol, some not - - and consumed several chickens. (Awesome wings!!!) There was also a considerable number of yarns spun, some of it even acceptable for public dissemination. The rest, however, shall remain in Vegas, as it were. We also took advantage of the gathering to remember recently departed brother John Baker '83, with whom Jace Provo shared a bomb shelter during Hell Week for the Fall '82 class. Even with the somber moments, it was a good night of fellowship, and I'm both proud and grateful to call these men my brothers! øøka ... P.S. I'd also like to acknowledge brother Mark "Utah" Provo '82, who visited with us via phone from his home in Memphis. "





From Jack McMullen '64: "Celebrating Brother John Stoner's 74th Birthday at lunch in St Pete."

Frank Cooke '65, Jack McMullen '64, David Lyons '65, Van Williams '64, John Stoner '64. John's son is Rob Stoner '88.

## Delta Lambda's Old Guard Stands Tall

This has been a dreadful year for FSU Fraternities. In just this last year alone, six of our fraternities have been kicked off, most recently the 200+ member, largest Phi Delt chapter in the nation, the #2 ranked fraternity chapter behind Pike.

We are so very fortunate – probably more than anyone realizes – to have the depth and quality of alumni support that Delta Lambda enjoys. At the very end of the year the chapter was confronted with an Orwellian last-minute situation that would have cost the chapter thousands of dollars and probably crippled the Chapter's fragile finances going into next year.

A single phone call by David Rancourt '84 brought in the needed funds. We're going to count those generous, last-second contributions Sembler-level as gifts to the Old Guard. Four dedicated alumni gave a total of \$5,000, and it is rumored that Rancourt himself gave probably twice that much. He won't say. Thank you to all the Good PiKAs who support Delta Lambda.

They are Tobyn DeYoung '86 (son, Steven Centeno '16); Rich Newsome '83; Rudy Rowe '87, Harry Sargeant '78 (sons, Harry IV '02 and Garrett '17). David's son Wyatt Rancourt '16 is Delta Lambda's Internal VP.

We are grateful to have received other Old Guard contributions from loyal alumni since early May:

Past SMC Kevin Stokes '13, Dr. Jim Cobb '63 and Delta Lambda Financial Advisor Eli Nortelus '01 are all new donors. Dr. Cobb (and former Dream Girl Roz Cobb)'s son is Kevin Cobb '05.



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 (May, 2018)

Names of alumni with sons or grandsons in the chapter are in bold.  
Members of the Sembler Society (donors of \$1,000) are so noted.

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) 2016**

Eric Carr '01 2017

Jay Campbell '87 2017, 2018

Jim Cobb '63 2018

Jim Crews '78 **Sembler Society**

Dustin Daniels '10 2016

Tobyn De Young '86 **Sembler Society**

Chris Dietz '87 2016, 2017, 2018

Phil Doumar '09 2017

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

Miguel Fernandez '77 2017 2018

Jim Finch '81 2017  
Paul Gerding '65 2017  
Glenn Grant '82 2017  
Connor Gray '11 2018  
Bill Gregory '77 2017, 2018  
**Chris Gutierrez '87 (Alpha Eta, University of Florida) Sembler Society**  
**David Gutting '83 Sembler Society**  
Mike Halfacre '85 2016, 2018  
Bob Hall '49 2016, 2017, 2018  
Lawrence 'Chip' Hartung '81 2017  
Scotty Howell '06 2016, 2017, 2018  
Bruce Johnson '81 2017  
Jay Johnson '83 2016  
**Jimmy Keen '73 2016, 2017, 2018**  
David Kresge '73 2016, 2017, 2018  
Mike Lilly '84 2017, 2018  
Carlos Lindo '05 2016  
David Lyons '65 2018  
Trent Mallory '81 2017  
**Craig Mateer '86 Sembler Society**  
**Mike Markowski '75 2016**  
Noah C. McKinnon '65 2016, 2017 **Sembler society**  
Jack McMullen '64 2016, 2017, 2018  
J.L. Milton '62 2018  
Kyle Mowitz '01 2017  
**Rich Newsome '83 Sembler Society**  
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  
**David Rancourt '84 Sembler Society**  
**Matt Raulerson '83 Sembler Society**  
**Rudy Rowe '86 Sembler Society**  
**Scott Roix '85 Sembler Society**  
**Doug Russell '79 2016, 2017, 2018**  
**Harry Sargeant III '78 Sembler Society**  
**Brent Sembler '78 Sembler Society**  
Lt. Col. Jerry Sexton '74 2018  
Tim Sheridan '79 **Sembler Society**  
Griffin Siegel '78 2016, 2017  
Kevin Stokes 2018  
Rich Wall '66 **Sembler Society**  
Kevin Wheeler '09 2017, 2018

Tom Wheeler '78 Sembler Society  
Wade Wilcox '86 2017, 2018, 2019  
Rob Williamson '87 2018  
Alan Winslette '77 2018

## 2017 Chapter Executive Council

- 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

## 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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