



FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - April, 2016

Alumni please note that the next monthly alumni/undergraduate luncheon will be Wednesday, May 4th at the University Center Club.

Undergraduate Chapter News



Pikes are 2016 IM Basketball Champions

Competing against 21 other IFC fraternities, Pike added the All-Fraternity Basketball trophy to their All-Fraternity Football, Swimming and 3x3 Basketball championship trophies from fall. This edition of Pike roundball was the most dominant in recent history. Coach Mike McCoy reports that Pike won half of this season's games via the 'mercy rule', including the championship game.



Delta Lambda Executive Committee

Front row: Tripp Lawson, Judicial Officer; Kevin Stokes, Internal IMC; Mike McCoy, SMC; Reid Nelson, External IMC; David Teytelbaum, Title IX Chairman.

Middle: Jake Ross, ThC; Daniel Cocconelli, Risk Management; Rob Hicks, Pledgemaster; Chase Cappai, House Manager.

Back Row: Steven McFall, Rush Chairman; Max Hazuda, Member-at-Large; Griffin Wilcox, Excellence Officer; Tre Ville, Legal Liaison.



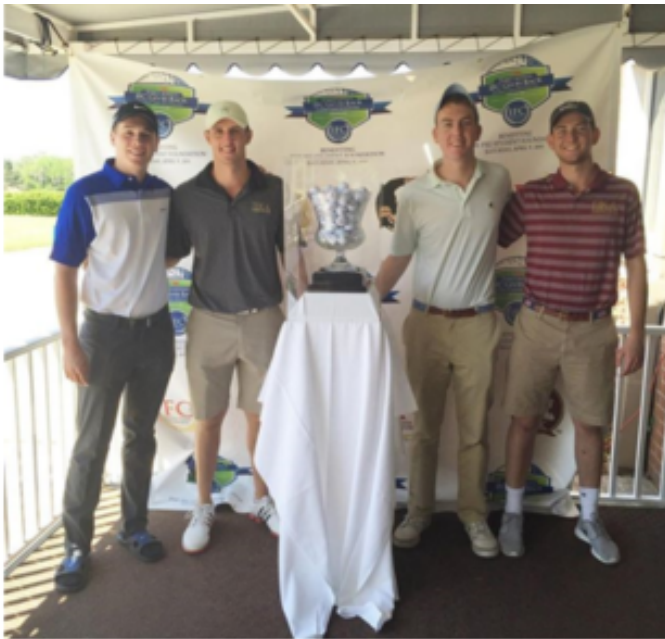
Delta Lambda Chapter Treasurer **Jake Ross '14** has been named 'St Jude Soldier' and Tri-Delt Sorority Man of the Year. St Jude Soldier refers to the competition sponsored by Tri-Delta's philanthropy, the St Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Delta Lambda Spring 2016 Pledge Class Initiated

Above left: Legacy Dads **Craig Mateer '86** and Denver Stuttler '83 congratulate their sons **Charles Merritt** and **Chandler Stuttler** following initiation. Craig is founder and CEO of Bags Inc, a customized travel and hospitality services provider with more than \$100 million in annual revenues. He's also a member of the FSU Board of Trustees. Denver is a 1983 initiate of Eta Phi Chapter at UCF where he was student body president. He was Chief of Staff to Governor Jeb Bush and then Florida Secretary of Transportation. Today he is CEO of P3 Development Company, LLC a manufacturer of heavy trucks.

Above right: Members of the spring 2016 Alpha Iota Pledge Class with their Pledgemaster **Rob Hicks '14**. After our return to campus in 2000, the Chapter adopted the practice of naming their pledges classes in Greek letter order.



Pikes won the IFC Golf Championship

From left: Jacob Candela, Connor Mays, Chandler Ford and Jack Warman.



Pikes after running in the 'Color Me KD' 5K

The Kappa Delta Sorority charity supports Prevent Child Abuse America.

Monthly Luncheon - University Center Club



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Next Alumni Luncheon: Wednesday, May 4th, 2016 @ 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

- April 19th **Greek Awards Night** 6 pm Union Ball Room
- April 22nd Last day of classes
- April 25-29 Final Exams
- **May 4th Monthly Alumni Luncheon**
- May 9th Summer classes begin
- **June 1st Monthly Alumni Luncheon**
- June 27th –Aug 5th “Summer C” classes. This is when summer rush takes place.
- **July 13th Monthly Luncheon *this is NOT the first Wednesday. The UCC is closed on July 6th.**
- **August 3rd Monthly Alumni Luncheon**
- August 29th Classes start
- September 6-7 House Preview (part of IFC rush)
- September 12-15 Fall Rush
- **September 14th Monthly Alumni Luncheon *this is NOT the first Wednesday. The UCC is closed on September 7th.** However, the 14th comes during formal fall rush so we’ll get an entertaining report.

News of Delta Lambda Alumni



Alumni Assisting With Spring Initiation

Gene Strickland '81, engineer and developer; **Andy Miller '70**, President & CEO of Seminole Boosters; **David Rancourt '84**, entrepreneur; National Chairman of Seminole Boosters; **Jimmy Keen '73**, retired law enforcement professional and adjunct professor; **Craig Mateer '86**, Founder and CEO of Bags, Inc.; **Eli Nortelus '01**, governmental lobbyist with Akerman, LLP; **Doug Russell '79**, governmental lobbyist. Russell initiated the popular and unique 'Delta Lambda Legacy Dads' program years ago when his son Tyler '09 was pledging.



Delta Lambda Alumni at the FSU vs. U. South Florida Baseball Game in Tampa

Left to right: **Dave Kresge '73**, Business Development & Business Banking in Broward County at Regions Bank, and owner of Kayaks4RVs. **Lancer Barton '88** is Managing Principal at Highland Capital Brokerage. He is a former Seminole football player, and the youngest donor ever to pledge \$1 million to Seminole athletics; now a member of the Seminole Boosters National Board of Directors. **Brandon Leibbrandt '13** is a former FSU All-American now pitching for Philadelphia Phillies triple-A team. **Phil Doumar '09** started on the 2013 National Championship team, is a former Delta Lambda rush chairman and was DG Anchor Man; now Associate Director for Seminole Boosters in the Greater Tampa area. **Barry Smith '72** was an All-American receiver and First Round NFL Draft pick in 1973; now President of the Florida Sports Hall of Fame Board of Directors. The Mary Ann Stiles & Barry Smith Team Building is the beautiful facility shared by the Florida State softball and Florida State soccer teams, made possible by donations from Barry and his wife. **Scott Jones '81** is Chief Compliance Officer for Jaffe Tilchin Wealth Management. **Gary Prescott '72** owns Channel Management, Inc. Gary is Chairman of the Delta Lambda Alumni Association for Events and Reunions.



THEN AND NOW: Early 1980's Bobby Bowden Day in Melbourne (?)

Left to right: **Tom Young '76** (son, **Chris Mergenthaler '13**) is a manufacturer's representative for Clear Lam and lives in Miami. **Martin Shipman '76** just retired following a stellar career as Chief Executive Officer of the Tallahassee Orthopedic Clinic. **Dr. Scott Warren '77** was an All-American defensive end and MVP of the 1977 Tangerine Bowl. He's now a distinguished plastic surgeon in Ponte Vedra. **Coach Bowden '49** is the winningest football coach in NCAA Division I history. **Andy Miller '70** has been President & CEO of Seminole Boosters, Inc. for 41 years. **Kerry Lucas '77** played wide receiver for the Seminoles, and owns Majestic Financial Group, Inc. in Orlando.



Robby Stahl '07 is Delta Lambda's Emerging Movie Star

Someday we may look back and point to the cover of Pikes Illustrated 2010 as **Robby Stahl's** first 'publicity photo'. Robby and his father **Bob Stahl** are both alumni of Delta Lambda Chapter. A former FSU Baseball letterman, Robby studied acting professionally, and already has credits as an actor, writer and producer. This is his third film. **Doug Russell '78** sent us this movie poster for the 2016 movie Flatbush Luck in which Robby stars.

In a subsequent issue we'll feature Delta Lambda Brother **Mike Evariste '02**, star of the Broadway stage, and nominated for a Tony Award in 2015.



(Posted by **Griff Siegel '78**) "Just a few old Delta Lambda bubbas gathering for an impromptu BroFest @ Muddy Waters Grill in Deerfield Beach. L to R: **Griff Siegel '78**, **Jeff "Lil Elf" Furth '79** visiting from New Jersey (younger brother of former SMC **Ken Furth '75**), and **Jim Leavitt '79** (younger brother of former Rush Chairman/SMC **John Leavitt '77**). Also pictured is our newest honorary Lil Sis, the ever-so-buxom Anne Bonny, holiday-spirited greeter and legendary lady pirate. Aarrghhh!!!"



The contractors have just finished installation of the new courtyard gate!" Jimmy Keen

Internal IMC **Kevin Stokes** and SMC **Mike McCoy** (left), plus **Jimmy Keen '73**, past Chapter Advisor currently serving as Legends Oversight and our primary Risk Management Advisor.

Jimmy says, "Brent (**Sembler '78**) and I are working on additional security cameras and an advanced recorder system. In the last two years, the security investment has paid us dividends of at least 500%."

Jimmy also reports that they will be installing secure railing on the balconies.

Ad Astra



Robert W. Stoner '64



Bob and John, co-recipients of the Ed Cubbon Award 1965



LEFT: Good times at the back hall piano, 1964. Dave Orr '63, Charles "Stumpy" Stone '62 and Bob Stoner '64. RIGHT: John Stoner placing his Pike badge and his ring on his son Robbie Stoner '88. Robbie is Bob's namesake.



Bob and his brother **John Stoner '64** went through Initiation together in the fall of 1964. For more than 50 years a tight group of friends continued to remain close, some even own a Seminole Skybox together at Doak Campbell Stadium. The group variously included **Jack McMullen '64, Dave Lyons '65, Frank Cooke '65, J.L. Milton '62, George Meehan '64, Ed Garrison '65, Russ Burnett '65, Jim 'Rocco' Montano '64, Ray Hayes '64, Jim Cobb '63, Tommy O'Quinn '65** and others.

In later years, Bob joined his brother John at **The Stoner Organization**, headquartered in St Pete. John founded the business in 1980 and is President. In the spring of 1988, many of these men gathered at the Pike house to participate in the Initiation Ceremony for **Robert Fisher 'Robbie' Stoner '88**. After Initiation, John Stoner hugged Robbie and slipped his own PiKA-engraved FSU class ring from his finger. "I've waited 23 years to give this to my son," he said. "Here's to my brother Bob, to my Fraternity, and to my university." John Stoner had named his son Robbie in honor of his brother, **Bob Stoner**.

Fifteen years ago, young **George Meehan, Jr. '01** pledged Pike at the University of South Florida in Tampa. **David Lyons** was gracious enough to open his estate and allow the chapter to hold Initiation Ceremonies there. **George Meehan '64** had died suddenly in 1991, ten years before he would have seen his son enter college and join his Fraternity. A group of us, including **Bob and John Stoner** and many of their Delta Lambda alumni contemporaries gathered at Lyons' home to watch, and to welcome young George into the Brotherhood as his father would have wished.

We stood in the shadows in the back of the room, gray men, crossing our arms in the Sign of the Order, watching young undergraduates conduct the Pike Initiation. We were like ghosts peering at the past through veils, seeing the Ritual and hearing the words still familiar to us after so many years.

And now Bob Stoner is lost to us, along with his own memories of his Initiation and that of his brother John, the Initiations of his friends and the Initiations of their sons. But our memories of Bob are still cherished. His optimism and enthusiasm, his engaging smile and his entertaining emails brightened our days. He is missed already.

Bob Stoner, Chapter Eternal at 74.



Pike IM Football team 1964. John and Bob are standing one behind the other.

We've received reports of four more Delta Lambda Brothers entering Chapter Eternal.

William R. "Bill" Ellis '81 (Chapter Eternal May 25th, 2015)

Gary Allen Keip '67 (Chapter Eternal July 23rd, 2015)

William Leon "Willie" Norred '51 (Chapter Eternal October 19th, 2015)

William Daniel Lee Pryor '55 (Chapter Eternal July 14th, 2015)

2015 Chapter Executive Council

- SMC President: Mike McCoy
- Internal Vice President: Kevin Stokes
- External Vice President: Reid Nelson
- Secretary/Excellence Officer: Griffin Wilcox
- Pledge Education: Rob Hicks
- Rush Chairman: Steven McFall
- Treasurer: Jake Ross
- House Manager: Chase Cappai
- Risk Management: Daniel Coconceli
- Title IX Chairman: David Teytelbaum
- Member At Large: Max Huzuda
- Sergeant At Arms (Judicial Officer): Trip Lawson
- IFC Representative: to be determined
- Intramural Sports Chairman: Austin Labban
- Social Chairman: to be determined
- Alumni Liaison: Peter Singhal
- Political Officer: Hunter Anger
- Legal Liaison: Tre Ville
- Pikes Illustrated Editor 2016: Eric Natelson

Alumni Advisory Board

- Chapter Advisor (interim): Charlie Barnes '65
- Legends of Delta Lambda: Brent Sembler '78, Chairman
- Legends Oversight: Jimmy Keen '73
- Rush Advisor: Doug Russell '79
- Pikes Illustrated Editor 2016: (undergraduate Eric Natelson)
- Faculty Advisors: Andy Miller '70, Doug Tatum '77
- Finance Chairman + Advisor to the Secretary and Treasurer: Eli Nortelus '01
- Risk Management: Jimmy Keen '73, Don Pumphrey, Jr. '06, Clint Wallace '01, Matt Liebenhaut '01, Carlos Lindo '05.
- Pledge Education Advisor: Dustin Daniels '10
- Technology Advisor & Webmaster: Chris Dietz '87
- House Manager Advisor: Gene Strickland '81
- Alumni Association Co-Chairman: Gary Prescott '72 and Mark Smith '78.
- Alumni Association Committee: Eric Carr '01, President; Gary Prescott '72, Mark Smith '78, Bob Hall '49 (Charter Member), Phil Doumar '09, Jarrod Germano '07
- Newsletter Editor: Charlie Barnes '65
- Newsletter Publisher: Chris Dietz '87
- Education/Scholarship Advisor: Scottie Howell '06 ('88 Fireman)
- Ambassador: Bob Hall '49
- Chaplaincy Advisor: Rev. Rick Blythe '72
- Political Advisors: Bob McKnight '62 (Fla. Southern College); Scottie Howell '06 ('88)
- Mentoring Advisors: Jimmy Keen '73; Doug Tatum '77

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