



## FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - May, 2016

*Alumni please note that the next monthly alumni/undergraduate luncheon will be Wednesday, June 1st at the University Center Club.*

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## Undergraduate Chapter News

Well...Yes...Evidently There Was a Party at the Pike House



The ubiquitous FSU Pike 'Obly' shirts were in evidence at the big party. Above are Zach Ledner, Pledgemaster Rob Hicks and 2016 Rush Chairman Steven McFall.



Actor **James Franco** (holding the solo cup) was in Tallahassee and heard about the big party at the Pike house with Carnage (the large man with the hair, in front). Here, both Franco and Carnage are getting a tour of the Pike house, trailed by squadrons of adoring young women. The fellow in the back with glasses and no hair is not a Pike.

It wasn't just that it was the end of the term. It wasn't even that the Pikes had not thrown a signature party since the Pirates adventure more than a year ago. No, it just came down to the Chapter Leadership desiring to place a giant exclamation point on what has been a massively successful comeback year.

The preparation was unlike anything ever seen before at FSU. Even **Jimmy Keen '73** was impressed by the extraordinary attention to detail on the Risk Management side. Each Brother in good standing got three printed tickets which he could give to any three girls of his choice. Each girl had to pass through a gate with her ticket and have her name confirmed. The Chapter hired 16 security guards, four of them armed. The actor James Franco was in town and heard about the Pike's party from the musician 'Carnage', so he tagged along and participated on stage. Pike Brothers were the only men allowed in the event.

The University was not displeased with the outcome and the video was, by contract, free of inappropriate images. Win-win. The Chapter undergrads departed this school year sporting deliriously happy smiles.

Do yourself a favor and enjoy this video of FSU's party of the decade:

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=AYn2NP5Bcbs>





## **Pike Leaders of the Seminole Student Boosters**

From left: **Justin Volker, Mitchel Reiter, Jacob McKenna, Kyle Smith, Andy Mahoney, and Daulton Easterling**. Reiter and Smith are on the Student Boosters Executive Committee. Volker, McKenna, Mahoney and Easterling are members of the Leadership Council.

## **DELTA LAMBDA CHAPTER 2015-2016 YEAR IN REVIEW**

In concert with our Delta Lambda Alumni Association, the chapter implemented a unique Alumni Mentoring program this year, pairing 100 successful Pike alumni with 100 undergrads majoring in similar fields.

In sports, Pike won the All-Fraternity football, basketball and swimming championships, plus 4x4 football and 3x3 basketball. With more varsity athletes than all the other 21 fraternities combined, Pike Brothers can be found on the Seminole football, basketball, baseball, track, golf, swimming and lacrosse teams.

On campus in 2015-16, Pikes served FSU as Student Body President, Student Senate President, Chief Justice of the Honor Court, Interfraternity Council President, and Director of the Office of Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

Through the generosity of Legends, major upgrades and improvements were made this year to the 40,000 square foot Pike house, the largest fraternity house in America under a single roof.

We initiated our annual Pike Dream Girl Competition which awards all proceeds to the winning sorority for their philanthropy. Also among Pikes' service and philanthropy initiatives is our annual Sorority Line Dance competition. The University Administration recognized Pike as having the "Philanthropy of the Year" in 2016.

Delta Lambda Pike remains the largest fraternity chapter at Florida State, and the largest fraternity chapter in the State of Florida.

In the Bonds,

**Mike McCoy '13**

SMC

# Monthly Luncheon - University Center Club



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**Next Alumni Luncheon: Wednesday, June 1st, 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

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

### **Five Pikes Served FSU as Student Body Presidents Since 2004**

Five alumni who served as Student Body President across the last dozen years illustrate the remarkable success of Delta Lambda in the modern era.



From left to right:

**Patrick Sullivan '01** (SBPresident 2003-2004). Patrick is a Major in the United States Marine Corps assigned to the Washington, D.C area for Marine Corps Recruiting. While serving in Afghanistan in 2012 he won the 'Marine Corps Historic Half Marathon' race.

**Dr. Joe O'Shea '04** (SBPresident 2007-2008). Joe earned his PhD at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar, and is now Director of Undergraduate Research & Academic Engagement at FSU, and Board President at American GAP Association.

**Dustin Daniels '10** (SBPresident 2010-11). Dustin is Chief of Staff to Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum. He was featured in May as one of the "Thirty Rising Stars in Florida Politics." He is also a member of our Chapter Advisory Board.

**Dr. Avi Assidon '09** (SBPresident 2011-12). Avi graduated cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, and is a physician now finishing advanced medical studies in Tallahassee. He is a Delegate to the Florida Medical Association and a member of the Committee on Legislation.

**Jean Tabares '13** (SBPresident 2015-2016). A graduating senior, Jean is planning on living in Tallahassee for a few years before moving to Washington DC. "I am currently speaking with President Thrasher to start work within government in Tallahassee and getting involved with local campaigns around town to gain experience in the field."





*Dustin Daniels*

Florida Politics tags Dustin Daniels '10 as One of the "30 Under 30" Rising Stars of Florida Politics.

Former FSU Student Body President and now Chief of Staff to Tallahassee Mayor Andrew Gillum, 27-year-old Delta Lambda alum Dustin Daniels has caught the eye of Florida's political bloggers and reporters. In Tallahassee, Daniels sits on the Board of Directors for the Challenger Learning Center and the Board of Governors of the Leon County Research and Development Authority. He also actively participates as a member of the

Delta Lambda Chapter Advisory Board.

Dustin says the people he most admires in politics are, "those who ground their work in something greater than themselves, whether it's faith, family community or another passion."

[Read the full article about Dustin here.](#)



## The Tony & Barbara Scarpo Wedding was a Stellar Affair!

Many of the brightest stars in the Delta Lambda alumni galaxy were in attendance. The bride is beautiful, and is expected to fully recover from the assembly's attempt to serenade her with "The Dream Girl of Pi Kappa Alpha."



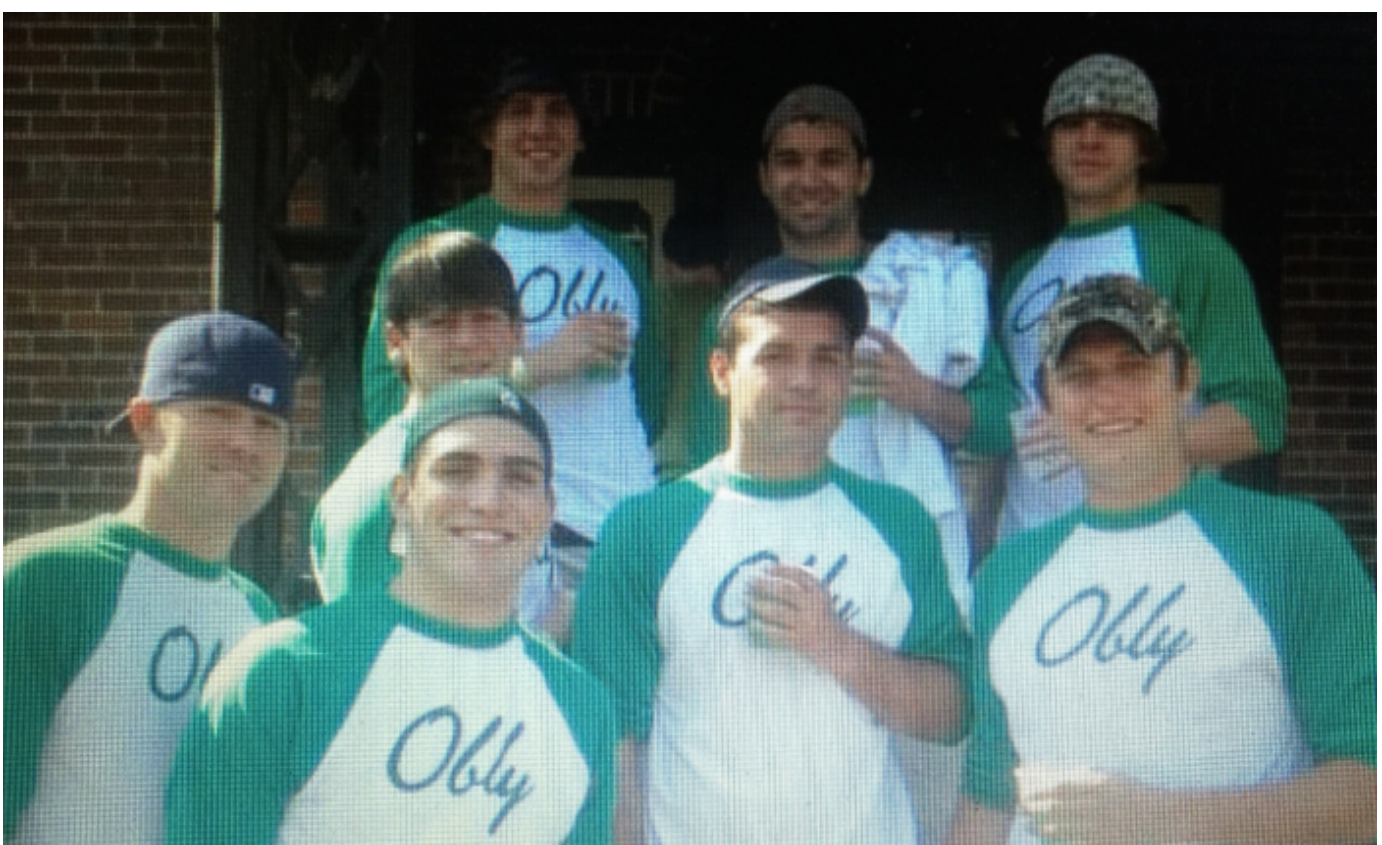
## **And as Spectacular as the Scarpo Wedding Was, The Bachelor Party.....**

Tony's bachelor party was impressive even by Pike standards. Enjoy Griff Siegel's narrative:

“Was this the Tampa Comedy Festival?? It sure felt like it last night, as Delta Lambda took over the wine cellar at Charley's Steakhouse in Tampa to enjoy a Bachelor Party dinner for Brother Tony Scarpo, "sponsored" by The Sembler Co., (Thank you, Brent!!!) As awesome as the dining experience was -- and it was pretty awesome -- nothing could beat the slew of hilarious yarns being spun! It may take a few months for the wait staff to recover from what they couldn't help overhearing, as Brothers spun one yarn after another, each more lurid and funnier than the last. It was a veritable comedy marathon, three hours of deep belly laughter; good for the heart, great for the soul. Highlighting the affair was Brother **Bobby Fedor '81**, who was in peak form. Drawing upon a seemingly unending stream of material from the Delta Lambda story archives, "Snake" wove a mental tapestry of anecdotes like Jeff Ross at a Hollywood Celebrity Roast. To say the least, a good time was had by all.”

... Front row (L to R): **Griff Siegel '78, Brent Sembler '78, Tony Scarpo '80. Back row (L to R): Phil Doumar '09, Steve Walker '81, Adam Kurzweil '81, Joe Feheley '81, Bobby Fedor '81, Bruce Johnson '81.** (Missing from the photo is Dave Henry '81, who had to break away just prior to our photo session!)





## Origin of the Obly Shirts Explained

In the last newsletter we spotlighted the “Obly” shirts so often seen around the Pike house. Something called the Urban Dictionary Online identifies the word Obly as unique to the Pike Fraternity at Florida State. The Dictionary definition of Obly included a bizarre exchange between Pike Brothers “Shoe” and “Choad”. None of it made much sense but we knew that someone would step forward with an explanation.

James Mennie '06 is that man. “In the exchange,” Mennie says, “the term YTM means “You’re the man!” always delivered in a very, very sarcastic tone.” Evidently, Bryan Schulis '03 has been revealed as “Shoe”, and Chad Stevens '04 is “Choad”.

Mennie cites Chad Stevens '04 as father of the Pike Obly tradition. “Stevens created 25 Obly shirts for St. Patrick’s Day in 2008. The photo above was taken the first time the shirts were worn.”

From left to right: **Dan Lanham '04, James Mennie '06, Chad Stevens '04, John Hendrix '05, TJ Pare '07, Matt Pare '05, Justin Booth '05, Grant Goodwillier '05.**



Here's the kicker. All we need now is a pledge pin for **James Warner Davis '34**, son of **Joshua Davis '02**.

Young James was born on Easter Sunday and sports his FSU Pike fraternity attire in the finest Delta Lambda tradition. Josh is Audit Manager at WithumSmith+Brown in Orlando.

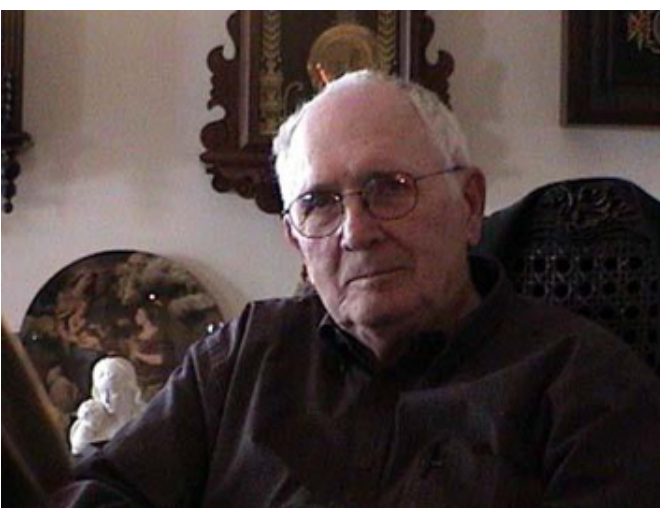


The Pike Power Rangers? Doug Russell writes, “Here is Delta Lambda supporting our Brother, Coach Jimbo Fisher ’10 and his family and the **Kidz1st Fund**. Great job by David Rancourt and Andy Miller pulling us together during the Garnet & Gold spring game.”

**Andy Miller ’70** (Seminole Boosters President); **David Rancourt ’84** (Chairman, Seminole Boosters); **Coach Jimbo Fisher ’10**; **Doug Russell ’78** (incoming Secretary, Seminole Boosters); **Rich Newsome ’83** (Past President, Florida Trial Lawyers).

**Ad Astra**





*Joseph Stanley Clark '45, Charter Member; Delta Lambda Founder*

Joe Clark was initiated into Pike at Auburn in 1945. After serving in the Army in Occupied Japan, he returned home to be part of the first incoming class of men at Florida State. In September, 1947 Joe was one of the four initiated Pi Kappa Alphas who met at the Sweet Shoppe to formulate plans for establishing a Pike chapter at FSU. The four included Ken Maclean '44 (University of Florida), Harry Ryder '47 (University of Miami) and David Wilcox '42 (University of

Florida). Joe Clark and Dave Wilcox each served a term as President of the 'Pi Kappa Colony.' MacLean caught the first pass in FSU football history. Ryder became a Judge. Dave Wilcox's career flourished in music and music education.

Joe Clark spent his career in the insurance business, variously in Tallahassee, Mobile and Palm Beach. After his retirement he started a second business selling Christmas Trees from his farm in Decatur County, Georgia. Later in life, Joe took a degree in computers from Bainbridge College.

He was active in his Church, and parishioners would come to his farm to help crush grapes to make altar wine for Communion.

This August, Joe and Deborah would have been married 60 years.  
A full life, well lived.

Chapter Eternal at 89. Phi Phi Kappa Alpha.

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**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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