



FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - May, 2017



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Delta Lambda Chapter, Spring 2017



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It was a prosperous year for Pike at Florida State, and as alumni you should be proud that the traditions are being so splendidly upheld. Here are some highlights from the 2016-17 school year.

- Pike at FSU is the largest chapter of any fraternity on any campus in the State of Florida;
- Student Body **President Kyle Hill '16** is the 6th Pike to hold that office since 2003
- Pike is the 2016-17 Overall Intramural Champion. Our 9th Championship since 2001 is more than any other fraternity in 17 years. Individual sports won include Swimming, 3x3 Basketball, Soccer and Sand Volleyball. Pike finished with 991 points, 283 points ahead of 2nd place Phi Delta Theta.
- Among the (arguably) five top sororities, four of them named a Pike as their Man-of-the-Year: Tri-Delt, ADPi, KD and Zeta.
- Nearly 40 Pike Brothers played on varsity or club teams for the Seminoles this year. Three of these made All-American: **Taylor Walls '16** (Team Captain, Baseball), **Cristobal del Solar '14** (Golf) and **Austin Droogsma '14** (Track/Throws). Austin's dad is **Mike Droogsma '84**. FSU Rugby star **Frazer Baron '14** was named FSU Club Sport Athlete of the year 2017. Seminole kicker **Ricky Aguayo '16** was named Freshman All-American.



Florida State's top sororities routinely name Pikes as their "Man of the Year" and 2016-17 saw more of the same: **Nic McLean**, Zeta Tau Alpha; **Griffin Wilcox**, Tri-Delta, **Connor Riley**, Kappa Delta; **Dylan Jones**, Alpha Delta Pi.



Pikes are All-Campus Sand Volleyball Champions!



Above Left: The Alpha Theta fall '15 pledge on a Spring Break cruise to Mexico.

Above Right: The Alpha Kappa fall '16 pledge class rented a mansion in Panama City for Spring Break with our friends from Zeta and Tri Delt sororities.



This is a new and unique tradition. Back in the day we never named individual pledge classes. Now, each class has its own Greek-letter designation and the guys take this to heart. For big parties and sports and general events, all 200+ members

are involved. But when you have a very large chapter, it can be advantageous for the individual classes to build brotherhood. See above two fall classes going different directions over spring break, one to Mexico and the other to Panama City. In Panama City, the Pikes were accompanied by Zetas and Tri-Delts.

Just above, members of the Alpha Theta (Fall '15) class sport their matching shirts for 'Four-mal'. **SMC Kevin Stokes** was their pledge master (he is in the middle wearing the black & gold colors of his group of seniors). Stokes explains, "Yes, each pledge class had their own distinctive color. Seniors wore black and gold. We didn't go to New Orleans for a real formal this spring, but this was a **great** date function anyway. The girls loved it. All the guys' dates wore matching shirts as well."

*Thanks to **Austin Webb '16** for his help in assembling Chapter news.*



Check out the video!

The big end-of-year party this spring was called "PikeStock"
Here's the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cxiEfyDafO0>

Monthly Luncheon - University Center Club

**Next Alumni Luncheon: Wednesday, June 7th,
2017 @ 12:00 noon.**



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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

Summer School May 15th – August 4th

June 7th **Monthly Alumni Luncheon**

'Summer C' – this is when summer rush takes place June 26th-August 4th

There will be no Alumni Luncheon in July.

August 2nd **Monthly Alumni Luncheon**

Fall Semester August 28th – December 15th

Delta Lambda Alumni News

Pike House to Undergo Major Renovations this Summer



It's difficult to believe that our 'new' house is almost 13 years old now. **Legends of Delta Lambda Chairman Brent W. Sembler '78** flew up from St Pete to attend the May Alumni Luncheon and to confer on projects in progress as well as future projects planned. Sembler and **Jimmy Keen '73** met for two days ironing out details. **Legends owns the fraternity house.** The summer renovations are expected to cost around **\$56,000.**



Jimmy Keen '73
Legends Oversight,
Tallahassee



Brent W. Sembler '78
Chairman,
Legends of Delta Lambda

Chairman Sembler said, "Jimmy has been handling all the construction improvements we are about to engage in for the house. I have been handling the refinance of the house, as our current 10-year loan expires in August. In two-to-three more years we'll have to replace the roof at a cost of about \$100,000. The Delta Lambda house is the largest fraternity house in America all under one roof."

At the Luncheon, Brent discussed some of the particulars related to financing. Of course, the centerpiece of the interior is Sembler Hall, and Brent is contemplating some very special projects to enhance the venue. He is our Chapter's most generous donor, and Brent allowed that the cost for these extras will come from him personally, not from the Legends funds.

Jimmy made note of the current work and all the additional upgrades to come. "The new chapter Conference Room is almost complete," he said. "The new air conditioning duct will be installed this week and the third coat of paint will be applied next week. Special thanks to Joe Feheley for his assistance in building this new room."

- All the interior stairwells and railings will be painted;
- The front of the house will be pressure-washed and painted, and the damaged base of one column will be repaired.
- New landscaping for the front is planned for the summer months;
- Keen said further discussions have included floor coverings, lighting and fans to be added in all hallways, renovation of the courtyard foundation and new turf.

"I expect this time next year Brothers may not recognize the house!"



Some of those attending the monthly luncheon included **Brent Sembler '78** and **Jimmy Keen '73**, past Chapter Advisors **Doug Russell '79** and **Ed Barnes '71**, Communications Chair **Chris Dietz '87**, SMC **Kevin Stokes '13**, current Student Body President **Kyle Hill '16** and past Student Body President **Jean Tabares '13**. **Charter Member Bob Hall '49** chaired the luncheon meeting.



Ryan Roloff's Wedding

Phil Doumar reports, "I would like to share a great picture from this past weekend. On Saturday, April 1st Ryan Rohloff '08 married the beautiful Elizabeth "Elle" Rohloff (Jones). Elle was the Pi Kappa Alpha Dream Girl and a Kappa Delta sister. The wedding was at Vizcaya Gardens in Miami and an amazing time was had by all in attendance. We had nearly 40 Brothers in attendance from across the country and even one who came from London!"

Justin Mills '09, Justin Rohloff '08 (Best Man), Kyle Leonard '09, Kory Kubacki '10 (Groomsman), Evan Farren '09, Kyle Eastwood '12, Carson Hancock '08, Austin Albury '09 (Former SMC), Aaron Feuer '07, Max Hightower '10, Davis Bass '09, Keaton Klinge '09, Brett Russi '09 (Groomsman), Evan Geist '11, Andrew Schleta '11, Nick Carew '08, Matt Friedl '07, Elle Jones (Dream Girl/Bride), Ryan Rohloff '08 (Former SMC/Groom), Anthony Soto '11, Andrew Page '06, Phil Doumar '09 (Former Rush Chair/Groomsman), Zack Jacob '09, Blake Eaton '10 (Groomsman), Andrew Johnson '10, Adam Spott '08 (Groomsman), AJ D'amico '07, Ryan Jaskot '10 (Groomsman), Carlos Lindo '05 (Former SMC), Ben Eleazor '11, Carson LeBaw '10, Adam Schwab '08, Brad Hollingsworth '10 (Former Rush chairman), Austin Cole '08 (Former SMC), Matt Buckhalter '07 (Groomsman), Jarrod Germano '07

(Former SMC, Groomsman), Brett Badessa '07 (Former Rush Chair, Groomsman), Tyler Fuggitt '06 and Bron Volney '06.



Once Off the Grid, Now Back on Track to the NFL

Congratulations to **Pikes Marvin Bracy '13** and **Ukeme (Markus) Eligwe '13** for pursuing their dreams of NFL careers. Bracy, once a star receiver for the Seminoles, left FSU to turn professional in track. The Tallahassee Democrat wrote, “Bracy came to FSU as one of the most decorated high school sprinters in United States history. But even as he was enjoying (pro-track) success in the states and overseas — he competed in the Olympics in 2016 — he said he never fully gave up the dream of playing professional football.” Marvin is in the Carolina Panthers’ mini-camp. Some say he “might be the fastest guy in the NFL.”

Linebacker Markus Eligwe '13 was a popular Brother at the Pike house, but left FSU and finished his undergraduate playing days at Georgia Southern. Markus was drafted this spring in the 5th Round by the Kansas City Chiefs.



Dads & Grads at the Pike House

Left: **Mitchell Reiter '14** with his Dad **Ernie Reiter '86** celebrating his graduation this spring. Mitchell graduated FSU in 3 years and will now pursue his Master's degree in Sports Management in the fall at Temple University.

Right: **Mark Gambill '81** and **Erik Gambill '12**. "Can't even begin to describe my time spent at this amazing university," says Erik. "(I'm) Excited to announce that I have accepted an offer to work for Meltwater Media Intelligence in their Miami Beach offices."



Delta Lambda Brother **Wilson Cleveland Carter III '13** recently published his novel "Pinched."

Pinched is the electrifying true story of Marco, a poor adolescent Colombian fisherman who dreams of wealth and whose ambitions result in his forced servitude as a drug smuggler to the A.U.C, a ruthlessly violent Narcotic Para-military organization operating at the height of Colombia's war torn, drug fueled civil war. His book is available on Amazon.

"Guess who walked up behind us at TSA pre-check today?" **David and Theresa**



Kresge '73 chatted with Congressman **Charlie Crist '76**. "Charlie was going back to Washington; Theresa and I were headed to Denver."

Old Guard of Delta Lambda (April, 2017)

- An asterisk indicates this alumnus has a son who is a Delta Lambda Pike.

'Sembler Society' indicates the alumnus has paid his Old Guard membership for ten years with one gift of \$1,000 or more!

The men who joined in 2016 are Charter Members of the Old Guard of Delta Lambda. Gifts made so far in 2017 are current as of May 20, 2017.

Dan Akre '83 2016

Charlie Barnes '65 2016, 2017

Ed Barnes '71 2017

Robert C. Bowden '49 (Alpha Pi, Samford University) 2016

Eric Carr '01 2017

Jay Campbell '87 2017

Jim Crews '78 2017

Dustin Daniels '10 2016

Tobyn De Young '86 Sembler Society

Chris Dietz '87 2016 / 2017

Phil Doumar '09 2017

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

Miguel Fernandez '77 2017

Chris Gutierrez '87 (Alpha Eta, University of Florida) Sembler Society

David Gutting '83 Sembler Society

Mike Halfacre '85 2016

Bob Hall '49 2016

Lawrence 'Chip' Hartung '81 2017

Scotty Howell '06 2016

Jay Johnson '83 2016

Jimmy Keen '73 2016

David Kresge '73 2016

Mike Lilly '84 2017

Carlos Lindo '05 2016

Trent Mallory '81 2017

Craig Mateer '86 Sembler Society

Mike Markowski '75 2016

Noah C. McKinnon '65 2016

Jack McMullen '64 2016

Marco Novak '01 2016

Serge Osaulenko '01 2017

Joel Padgett '71 2016

David Rancourt '84 Sembler Society

Matt Raulerson '83 Sembler Society

Doug Russell '79 2016

Brent Sembler '78 Sembler Society

Griffin Siegel '78 2016

Kevin Wheeler '09 2017

Tom Wheeler '78 2017

*Wade Wilcox '86 2017

2016 Chapter Executive Council

- SMC (President): Kevin Stokes '13
- Internal Vice President: Ben White '14
- External Vice President: Connor Riley '14
- Excellence Officer: Omar Pimentel '16
- Secretary: Brendan Langley '15
- Pledge Educator: Trey Ville '14
- Rush Chairman: Austin McLeod '15

- Treasurer: Griffin Wilcox '15
- House Manager: Rob Hicks '14
- Risk Management: Connor Mackenzie '14
- Title IX Chairman: to be determined
- Member At Large: Joey Myers '15
- Sergeant At Arms (Judicial Officer): Eric Abbott '14
- IFC Representative: Dylan Jones '15
- Intramural Sports Chairman: Austin Labban '14
- Social Chairman: to be determined
- Alumni Liaison: Peter Singhal '15
- Pikes Illustrated Editor 2017: Dylan Hackl '14

Alumni Advisory Board

- Chapter Advisor: Joe Feheley '81
- Legends of Delta Lambda: Brent Sembler '78, Chairman
- Legends Oversight and House Management Chairman: Jimmy Keen '73
- Rush Advisors: Doug Russell '79 and Charlie Barnes '65
- Faculty Advisors: Andy Miller '70, Doug Tatum '77
- Finance Advisor: Doug Russell '79
- Risk Management: Jimmy Keen '73, Chairman; Don Pumphrey, Jr. '06, Clint Wallace '01, Matt Liebenhaut '01, Carlos Lindo '05.
- Pledge Education Advisor: Dustin Daniels '10, Jean Tabares
- Technology Advisor & Webmaster: Chris Dietz '87
- Engineering consultant: Gene Strickland '81
- Alumni Association Co-Chairmen: 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
- Ambassador: Bob Hall '49
- Chaplaincy Advisor: Rev. Rick Blythe '72
- Political Advisors: Bob McKnight '62 (Fla. Southern College); Scottie Howell '06
- Mentoring Advisors: Jimmy Keen '73; Doug Tatum '77; Eric Carr '01

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