



## FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - March, 2016

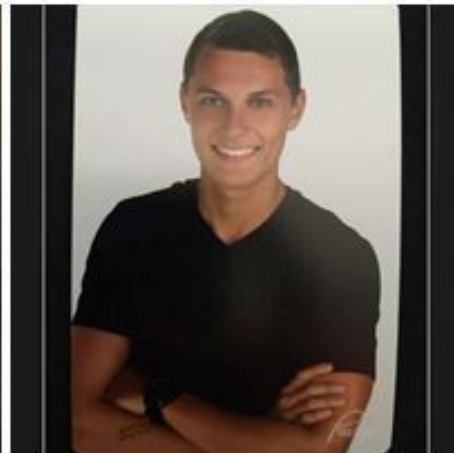
*Alumni please note that the next monthly alumni/undergraduate luncheon will be Wednesday, April 6th at the University Center Club.*

### Undergraduate Chapter News

### Pikes Win in 2016 Student Government Elections



**Omar Jose Pimentel Marte '16**  
Student Senator



**Justin Volker '15**  
Student Senator



**Chris Mergenthaler '13**  
Chief Justice, Honor Court

Delta Lambda Political Chairman **Hunter Anger '15** reports Pike enhanced its political standing in the spring Student Government elections. **Omar Marte** was elected to the Student Senate this spring. **Justin Volker** is a returning Senator. **Chris Mergenthaler** is now the Chief Justice of the Greek Conduct Board. Chris was **also** accorded the honor of being selected as the Director of the Office of Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Florida State received the largest gift ever to a public university in Florida (\$100 million) to establish a School of Entrepreneurship. Chris says, "I look forward to helping student entrepreneurs across campus, as well as my University in their goal to be a pioneer in Entrepreneurship." Chris' father is **Tom Young '76**.



Some of the undergrads celebrating St Patrick's Day. The 'Obly' shirts are unique, and exclusive to Pike at Florida State. See below, quoting from the online Urban Dictionary:

**obly**

1. abbreviation for the word Obviously.
2. it means anything you want it to mean

Obly created at Florida State University, specifically the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Shoe: "Choad you do work last night?"

Choad: "Obly"

by Obly December 17, 2007

\*Your newsletter editor has no clue what the above exchange between 'Choad' and 'Shoe'means, but we're sure there are Brothers from 2007 who could explain it. The Obly shirts have been ubiquitous among Delta Lambda undergrads since the new house was built.

## Delta Lambda Student-Athletes Lead the Seminoles in Spring Sports



*Nine Pikes Lead the 2016 Seminole Baseball Team*

**Ed Voyles '14**, redshirt sophomore, RHP; **Bryan Bussey '16**, junior, Catcher; **Will Zirzo '14**, redshirt sophomore, RHP; **Jackson Lueck '15**, freshman, OF; **Taylor Walls '15**, sophomore, INF; **Nick Graganella '12**, redshirt senior, OF; **Steven Wells '14**, sophomore, RHP; **Alec Byrd '14**, junior, LHP; **Jim Voyles '14**, junior, RHP. Zirzo was tapped for the All-ACC Academic Honor Roll. And of course, Hall-of-Fame Head Coach **Mike Martin '06** continues to make his mark as the dean of American college baseball coaches. Congratulations to 6'7" pitcher **Jim Voyles '14** who along with Seminoles Cole Sands and Cobi Johnson on March 9th scored the first no-hitter since 1998 and the first combined no-hitter since 1968.



Congratulations to returning **All-American and All-ACC Rowin Caron '14** (left) and **Cristobal del Solar '14** (right). Rowin's home is the Netherlands; Del Solar holds dual German and Chilean citizenship. Rowin is a senior and Del Solar is a redshirt junior.



**Austin Droogsma '14**



**Captain Marco Nunez '15**



**Michael Saxton '14**

Junior Austin Droogsma '14 already owns the No. 3 outdoor and No. 6 indoor shot-put marks in FSU history. His father **Mike Droogsma '84** was All-Metro Conference and discus record holder. Florida State varsity Tennis Captain **Marco Nunez '15** and his doubles partner dethroned the nation's top ranking doubles team over the March 1st weekend in Gainesville. Nunez was also named to the All-ACC Academic Team. Basketball Guard **Michael Saxton '14** is shown above being escorted onto the court by his parents on Senior Day.

Other spring Pike athletes include forward **Brandon Allen '14** who wears the same #40 as his dad **Randy Allen '84**. Brandon has been named FSU's Top Male Scholar-Athlete for two consecutive years.

Also on the Track team are shot & discus sophomore **Ben Bonhurst '15**, and senior high jumper **Nick Medich '13**.

Junior Lacrosse Attackman **Cole Lindquist '13** was named Conference Rookie of the Year in 2014. His dad, Brett Linqvist '81 was varsity swim captain, and is a member of the Seminole Boosters Board of Directors. In spring football, we lose two to graduation but picked up two more fine pledges this spring. We should have six Pike Brothers returning to play in the fall. More on them in April.

## Chapter & Alumni Calendar

- April 5th FSU requires all spring pledges to be initiated by this date.
- April 6th **Monthly Alumni Luncheon**
- April 9th Seminole Spring Football Game in Orlando
- 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.

## Monthly Luncheon - University Center Club



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**Next Alumni Luncheon: Wednesday, April 6th, 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.**

## **News of Delta Lambda Alumni**

**Ronald Darby '13 is the 2015 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year!**



(Left to right) Ron's Pi Kappa Alpha composite photo; Ron as a Football Writers Association Freshman All-American; Ron as premier cornerback for the Buffalo Bills, 2015.

He turned pro after his junior season. Teammate **Phil Doumar '09** says, "Ron was always at the Pike house. He loved hanging out there."

Starting for the Bills as a rookie, he allowed just four touchdowns all season. Darby allowed just 660 receiving yards throughout the year, he was tied for fifth among cornerbacks with 13 pass breakups, and finished the year with the ninth-highest coverage grade for corners.

Ron had this message for his Delta Lambda Brothers: "My time at Florida State was highlighted by winning the 2013 National Championship, alongside 13 teammates were also my Pike Brothers. Pi Kappa Alpha let me escape the pressures of athletics and be with like-minded friends. I valued my time spent at the Pike house and I remain close friends with my Brothers still. They took me in when I knew no one on campus outside of football teammates!"



### **Delta Lambda Graduate Selected for Pike National Chapter Consultant in 2016-17**

Pikes **Luke Ryan '12** (left) and his brother **Zach Ryan '10** (Alpha Eta, University of Florida). Each was an outstanding leader on the respective campuses. Zach was SMC at Alpha Eta Chapter, and served as a Pike National Chapter Consultant in 2014-15. Luke was IFC Vice President at FSU and Chief Justice of the University Honor Court, as well as also serving Delta Lambda as an officer. Luke has also signed a contract, to travel as a Consultant for Pike National in 2016-17.



### Aspen's Atlantic Aviation was busy this Valentine's Weekend

Heavyweight Delta Lambda alumni and their wives converged on the Atlantic Aviation private jetport from the far corners of the nation for a Pike reunion, all as guests of Brent and Debbie Sembler at their Aspen home. From left: **Harry Sargeant '78** (Deborah), **Bobby Fedor '81** (Tiffany), **Stuart McKown '78** (Lynette), **Brent Sembler '78** (Debbie), **Tony Scarpo '80** (Barbara), **Ken Marks '80** (Terri)



Olga and **Joe Feheley '81** celebrate Valentine's Day in Abu Dhabi. 'Hooter' is a former Air Force Lt. Col. and F-16 pilot now flying for the United Arab Emirates. His son **Sean '14** is an undergraduate member of Delta Lambda.





**Delta Lambda alum Dillon Kidd '11 was Honorable Mention All-Big-10 while playing for Iowa in 2015.**

Above, Kidd (#16) at Iowa's bowl game. **Dillon Kidd '11** initiated at Delta Lambda in 2011, Dillon Kidd punted for FSU and then for the last two seasons at Iowa. Dillon won Honorable Mention All-Big 10 in 2015!



(ABOVE LEFT) At the 2016 ACC Basketball Tournament in Greensboro, N.C. **Tom Trotta '81, Steve Walker '81, Mark Gambill '81**. Steve is General Counsel and Managing Director at the National Association of Corporate Directors, and his son **Chase '12** is a Pike undergrad at UVA. Mark, former V.P at Home Depot and Dell, is now Chief Marketing Officer at MicroStrategy. His son **Erik '12** is a Pike undergrad at FSU. Tom is Director of Business Development at Fusion.Com, an information technology & services corporation.

(ABOVE RIGHT) **David Orr '63** and **Bill Cheek '61** at Swisher International Inc. in Jacksonville. **Dave Orr** is retired from a successful career with The Hartford. He was a member of the Marsh & McLennan Agency focusing on property and casualty insurance. **Bill Cheek** is Director of Security for Swisher International and was recently honored by Florida State by being named to the Advisory Board of the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Jesse Vance '80 is also a member of the College Advisory Board.



*Beautiful New Pike House Front Doors*

The front doors have been completely replaced and painted, and new electronic locks installed. Working directly with **SMC Mike McCoy** and our excellent House Manager **Chase Cappai**, **Jimmy Keen '73** oversaw complete replacement of the front doors. The doors had been damaged and vandalized and suffered from constant use in the ten years since the house opened. Jimmy reserved special praise for **Peter Ford**, owner of Fineline Construction Company. "Peter is my go-to guy for help and construction advice," Jimmy says. "He and I will be working on many projects to enhance and upgrade our Pike home." We'll update information on more projects in April.

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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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