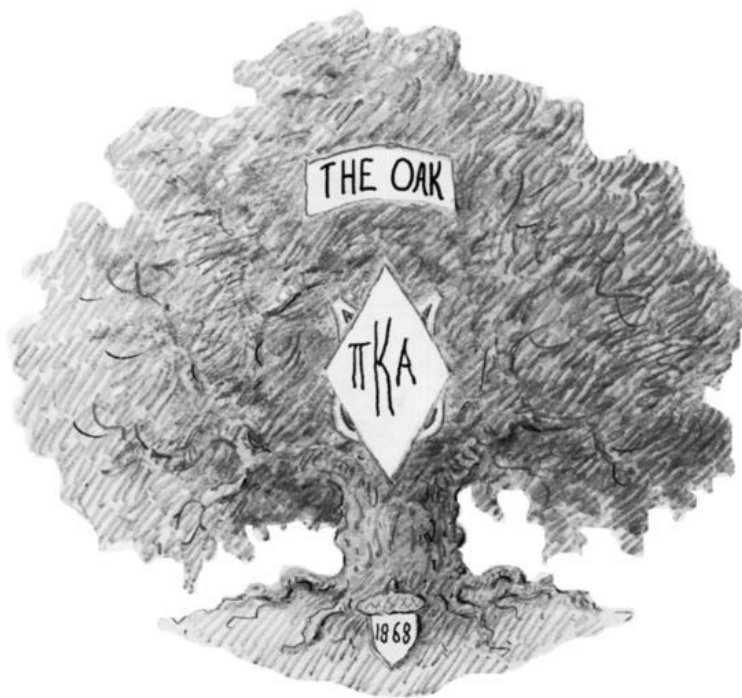




FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - February, 2018



The Oak Tree, long a symbol of our Fraternity. This image was sketched by **Founder William Alexander**, 65 years after he designed the original Shield & Diamond badge in 1868. He wrote in 1933, “The spreading oak upon which we look today with wonder and pride could never have grown from the seed of any weed. Its character proves that it was a genuine acorn which was planted at the University of Virginia more than half a century ago.”

Alexander was the youngest of the six Founders, and he lived the longest. He died at the age of 90 in 1937. For 65 years he served as Secretary (CEO) of The Equitable Life Insurance Company in New York City. During the time of his leadership The Equitable became the richest privately held financial institution in America in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries.

Upon his death, autographed photos of his fellow Pi Kappa Alpha Founders were discovered in his desk, now on display at Pike Memorial Headquarters in Memphis.

Pi Kappa Alpha's Sesquicentennial Celebration Convention will take place in Richmond, July 25-29, 2018.

We are saddened to report the death of one of our Charter Members of the Old Guard. Frankie Strickland, mother of Gene Strickland '81, was among the dozen Charter Members 36 years ago (1982). She remains the only woman ever to be a member of the Old Guard. Please read more at the end of this newsletter under Ad Astra.

We're always grateful for the continued support of our alumni. Since January, **Bill Gregory '77** has renewed his Old Guard membership for 2018, and Delta Lambda Charter Member **Bob Hall '49** has renewed for two years. Thank you!

The Current State of Delta Lambda Chapter

Note that Delta Lambda Chapter is not in any trouble, either with the FSU Administration or with Pike National. In fact, Pike National has been very supportive. Our chapter is very well led, but the burden on our chapters' leaders now is great.

The Greek System is still suspended except for a restricted rush and University-mandated 'service projects'. No social events are permitted, and there is the announced imposition of a ruinous \$1 million annual 'Greek Tax' exclusively on FSU IFC fraternity and Panhellenic sorority members. The annual invoice from FSU to Delta Lambda would be \$33,000 with zero benefits to the chapter in return.

We're told only 13 of the 21 fraternities conducted a spring rush, and the University continues to impose severe restrictions and limitations on the process. However, despite the problems, Delta Lambda successfully sought out the best men. Here are 12 of the 16 spring pledges.



Here is a message from Rush Chairman Dalton Herrity '15, seated in front:

“Just wanted to give our alumni a quick report on rush week. Even with the recent suspension and the current standing of Greek Life, we still had a very successful rush. As of yesterday night, I've given bids to 16 guys throughout the three days, 4 of which are varsity athletes. I wanted to be selective with this new Spring pledge class with everything that's going on and I'm confident that our rush team picked the right guys. Looking forward to a great semester, and thank you Alumni for all your help.”

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Dalton Herrity '15



Omar Pimentel '16 was elected Student Body Treasurer in the spring elections with 75% of the vote.

Above right is a photo from Omar's recent trip to Egypt. After being selected as one of America's "most influential college students", Omar was invited to accompany the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) advocacy trip to Israel.

During this all-expense-paid trip he met with prominent policy makers (from Members of Parliament to the Foreign Minister), Journalists, Brigadier Generals and IDF Soldiers to discuss the current situation in the region. He also had the opportunity to trek to Israel's borders with Lebanon, Syria, Gaza, and Egypt to observe first-hand the situation on the ground.



Ten Pike Brothers are playing Baseball for the Seminoles this spring.

From left: Shane Drohan '17, C.J. Van Eyk '17, Drew Parrish '17, Nick Derr '16, Will Zirzo '14, Clayton Kwiatowski '17, Drew Mendoza '17, Shane Wells '15. Absent: Ed Voyles '14 and Jackson Lueck '16.

Monthly Luncheon - University Center Club



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Next Alumni Luncheon: Wednesday, March 7th, 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

- **March 7th Monthly Alumni Luncheon**
- March 12th – 16th Spring Break
- **April 4th Monthly Alumni Luncheon**
- April 27th Last Day of Classes

Delta Lambda Alumni



From Bruce Johnson: "Awesome hanging out again with some of my FSU Pike Brothers. Haven't seen some of these in 30 years. Too much fun!" At Gladstones Malibu on the Pacific Coast Highway: Dave Markowski '79, Steve Walker '81, Bobby Fedor '81, Bruce Johnson '81, Dan Akre '83, Tony Scarpo '80, Jim Finch '81, [can't ID the man on the end]



More from Malibu: with Sydney Lovelace '84, David Hiteshew '82, David Markowski '79, Tony Scarpo '80, Steve Walker '81, Tyvan Pulis and Dan Akre '83.



Doug Russell '79: "Delta Lambda reunion at the Grand Blvd Craft Bar (owned by Little Sister Laura Bramlett Cox and her husband Chan) with **Tim Norris '77** and **Brian Ditthardt '78**.



Sexton

PIKES' AL PAUSNER catches this pass to lead team to 6-0 overtime win over Sig Eps.

Well, they misspelled Pavsner, but that was the Flambeau. I'm sure Al didn't mind the publicity. **Al Pavsner '71**, star receiver for the Pikes, is shown catching the winning TD in a 1973 game against Sig Ep.

Brothers in the background would seem to be **Mark Shelley '73, Tim McCarthy '72 and Bill Campbell '73**. Note the photo credit is to **Jerry Sexton '74** who took so many photos for the Flambeau back in the day. Says Jerry, "Other fraternities never could figure out why the Pikes were always featured in the sports pages."



Facebook caption says: “Not bad for a bunch of guys over 50!” — with **Bruce Johnson '81, Adam Kurzweil '81, Dan Drew '85 and Joe Feheley '81** at Willie T's Restaurant and Bar. Colonel Feheley was just taking a beer break before saddling up bomb Pyongyang. Go get 'em Top Gun!

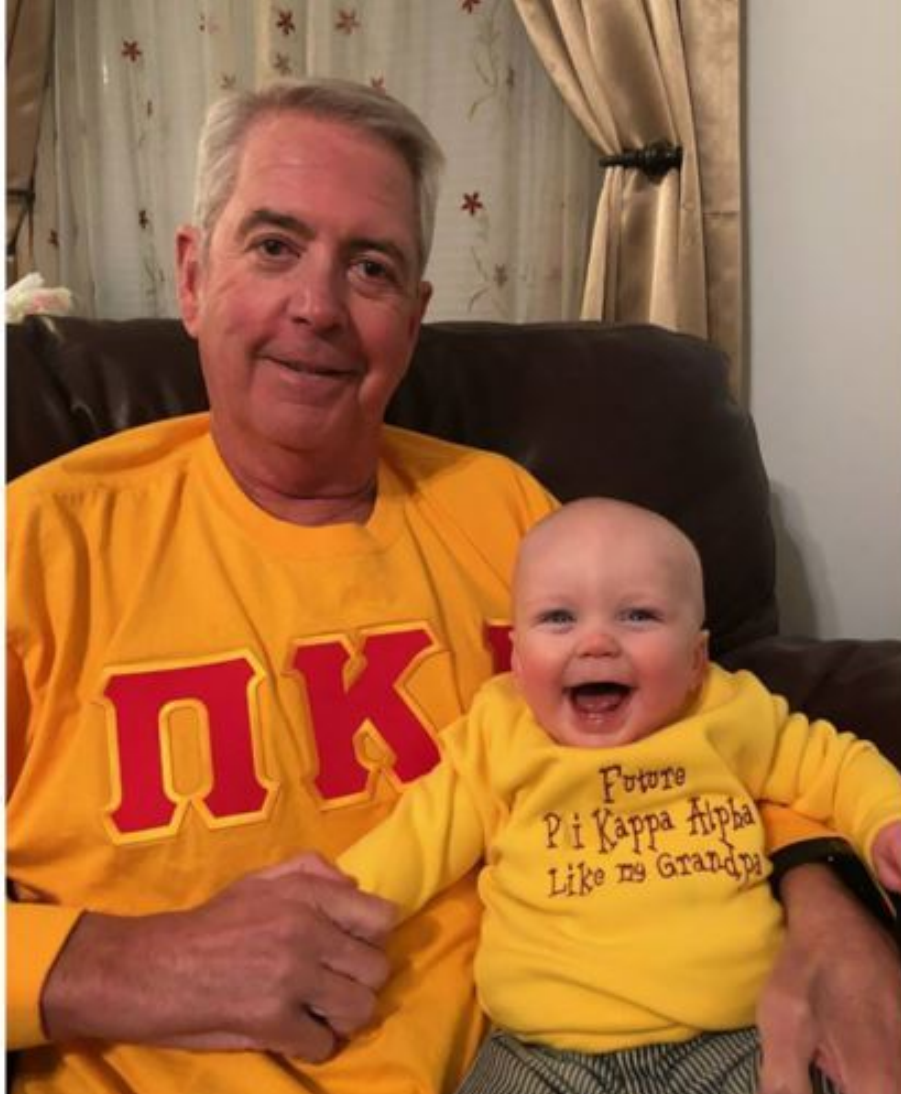


Dr. Gary Visser '01 was named Florida State's top Male Scholar-Athlete for two years in a row. He was President of the American Medical Students Association,

and was voted Runner-up Homecoming Chief in 2001. He served Delta Lambda as Scholarship Chairman.



Ivan Parron '87 is one of America's top entertainment and sports attorneys, with offices in Miami, New York and Los Angeles.



Jimmy Keen '73 with grandson Declan Keen '36. His dad is Michael Keen '14.
Rush Report says the kid's very personable and has an impressive set of lungs.



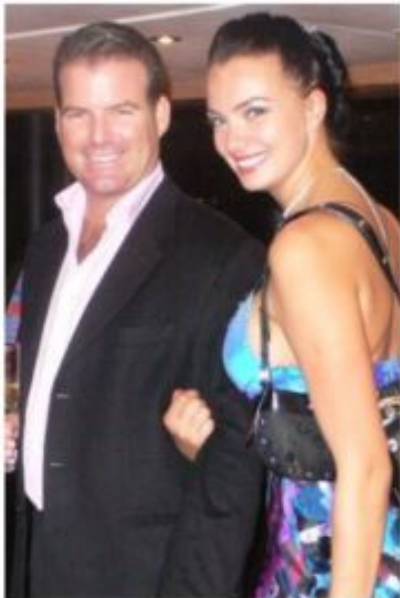
Hearty congratulations to cornerback **Ronald Darby '13** for his role in the Philadelphia Eagles' Super Bowl 52 Championship! Other Delta Lambda Brothers in the NFL this fall were: E.J. Manuel '11 (Raiders), Terrance Brooks '11 (Jets), Marcus Eligwe '13 (Chiefs), Kyle Long '08 and Christian Jones '10 (Bears).



Jim and Li Poe '66, in Paris (of course).



Legendary Nashville drummer Steve Turner '70.



Mike and Jeniya Penrod '87



Tony and Barbara Scarpo '80, Trump Tower New York



Congressman **Charlie Crist '76** congratulates Student Body President **Kyle Hill '16**. Kyle is one of only five Gubernatorial Appointments to the Commission on Community Service. His term begins January 19, 2018, and ends September 14, 2019.

Alumni Letter from Rich Wall '66

December 31, 2017

Happy to add my name to the Old Guard of Delta Lambda, as a Sembler Society member. I enjoy reading about the old days, although the “old days” are a distant haze to me now. I was especially touched by your replication of Craig Kavka’s 1967 Shield & Diamond article about life in the new chapter house on Wildwood Street. I still have vivid memories of being in the first group to move into that house.

Some years later while passing through Tallahassee, I believe it was 1976, my son Chris found himself on the footsteps of the house surrounded by Brothers who shared a Pike jersey with him for a photo-op. A special shout-out to those Brothers!

Later, Chris went to FSU and was a member of the “lost Delta Lambda Colony” in 1993-94. Regrettably, the unfortunate turn of events for the colony made it impossible for him to enjoy the same Delta Lambda experience as I had. Nonetheless, he is an avid ‘Nole fan.

I look back on those Delta Lambda days with great fondness, and it always brings a smile to my face. We were so young with so much promise ahead of us! I take a lot of pleasure in reading about the success of my Brothers.

I’m disappointed that I was not able to visit the house on my last trip to Tallahassee; Irma had other plans for me. I’ll try again in 2018!

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Rich and Irma Wall ‘66

Rich Wall was named to the FSU Interfraternity All-Stars Intramural Football team in 1966, and again in 1967. In 1968 the Chapter voted him winner of the Ed Cubbon Award for best Brother.



Rich says “The picture was taken a long time ago with a cheap camera. I tried to clean it up the best I could.” Here’s our best guess as to the identity of the Brothers standing with young Chris Wall. Left to right: Tom Young ‘76, Terry Anton ’75, Bill Cannon ‘76, Rodney Alsop ‘76, Denny Hepler ‘76 and Mike Tebo ’76.

Ad Astra

Frankie Harrison Strickland 1934-2018

Charter Member of The Old Guard of Delta Lambda

She was a great campus beauty and an original member of the famous Florida State Flying High Circus in the early 1950s.



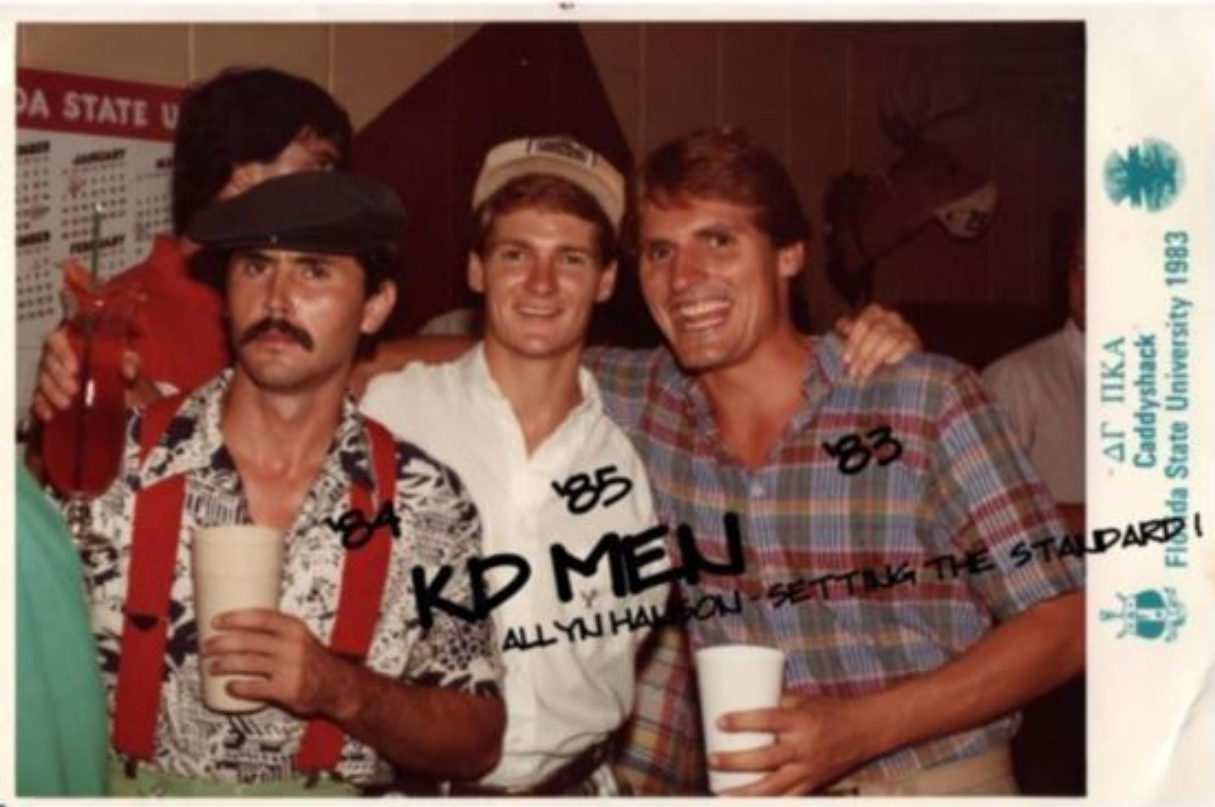
They called her “Fabulous Frankie”, a name to which she did not object. Frankie and her husband ‘Strick’ Strickland were also among the original Golden Chiefs when Bobby Bowden arrived in 1976.

She was everywhere and did everything. She was elected to the Board of the FSU Foundation, the Seminole Boosters Board, and the FSU Alumni Association Board, and she was a founding member of the University Center Club. And through sheer

force of will, persistence and probably intimidation, somehow Frankie was able to convince the States of Georgia and Florida to allow students from South Georgia to attend Florida State without having to pay out-of-state tuition.

All of us who came within her orbit – friends, Seminoles, pets, Pikes, children and grandchildren – were well aware of the powerful gravitational force of her personality.

She was fiercely loyal to Kappa Delta, and proud of her KD granddaughter Shanna (Derby). Most especially she was proud of her Pike son Gene Strickland '81, the 1985 ‘KD Man’. Garland Gould '81 was the 1984 ‘KD Man’ and Allyn Hanson '81 (Chapter Eternal) was the 1983 ‘KD Man’, so KD Man was pretty much a Pike prerogative.



When the Old Guard of Delta Lambda was initially organized in 1982, Frankie Strickland was among the first to contribute as a Charter Member. She remains the only woman to ever enjoy membership in the Old Guard.

No, Frankie never knelt with us at the Altar of Pi Kappa Alpha, but there has never been another pure heart more representative of the true spirit of Phi Phi Kappa Alpha than Frankie Strickland.

Sweet girl. Rest in Peace.

Our boys are going through a rough passage right now through no fault of their own. They are still the Great Delta Lambda and could use your encouragement and support. Please consider joining The Old Guard, or renewing your membership for 2018. Thank you Brothers.



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

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Old Guard of Delta Lambda Contributors

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

Robert "Bobby" Bowden '49 (Alpha Pi, Samford University) 2016

Eric Carr '01 2017

Jay Campbell '87 2017

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

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Jim Finch '81 2017

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

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Lawrence 'Chip' Hartung '81 2017

Scotty Howell '06 2016, 2017

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David Kresge '73 2016, 2017

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Carlos Lindo '05 2016

Trent Mallory '81 2017

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Noah C. McKinnon '65 2016, 2017

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J.L. Milton '62 2018

Kyle Mowitz '01 2017

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Rich Wall '66 Sembler Society

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Rob Williamson '87 2018

Alan Winslette '77 2018

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