



FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - September, 2017



The Old Guard of Delta Lambda

Thank you! Thank you to those alumni who have made your annual commitment to **The Old Guard of Delta Lambda**. In the last 30 days, the following Brothers have either joined or renewed their generous support of the Chapter: **Paul Gerding '65, David Kresge '73, Noah C. McKinnon '65,**

Jack McMullen '64, Jim Poe '66, David Ponder '80 and Wade Wilcox '86. In addition, Scott Roix has joined the Sembler Society!

If you are already a member of the old Guard of Delta Lambda, thank you Brother. If you have not already joined, or if you have not yet renewed your 2016 contribution for 2017, please take a moment to do so right now. The annual contribution is \$100.

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Old Guard funds support Delta Lambda rush, leadership, and other projects deemed necessary to maintain Pike's position at Florida State. In 2015, Old Guard members purchased two new complete sets of Initiation Regalia for the Chapter.

Membership is only \$100 per year. Several alumni have generously paid ten years in advance with a one-time gift of \$1,000. We are extremely grateful for all of your loyalty and support. The list of current donors appears at the end of this newsletter.



ALUMNI: Enjoy fellowship, fun and food at the Pike House tailgate.

Brunch on game day, October 6th. Game time is 3:30 pm

Florida State's Seminole Team is well stocked with Pikes this fall!



Standing: Waly Aime '17 (wearing #6 but that's not his player number), Alec Eberle '15, Malique Jackson '17, Ricky Aguayo '16, Stephen Gabbard '14, J.J. Cosentino '17, Ryan Izzo '15, Colton Plante '17, Andrew Boselli '16. Kneeling: Johnathan Vickers (holdover pledge), Gabe Nabers '16, Logan Tyler '16, Lawrence Dawsey, Jr. '16. Not pictured: Landon Dickerson '17 and Bailey Hockman '17.

Pikes and Kappa Deltas in Atlanta for the Alabama game



Doug Russell '78 writes, "Really cool! Debbie and I are staying with David and Sandy Gutting this weekend. Go Noles! As you know, David and Sandy's son, Sterling is a fall 2016 (Alpha Kappa) initiate.

This is a really awesome class with Wyatt Rancourt and many legacies and other studs. In Addition to hosting the Russell's, David and Sandy are also hosting about 20 Pikes and about 10-15 Kappa Deltas. To say the House is jumping is an understatement!

One of our Alpha Kappa class initiates is Josh Williamson. Josh just arrived at the house and announced to his class brothers that he just made the USA Bob Sled Team! I had to ask, "How does a young man from FSU make the national bob sled team?" He answered that his FSU Lacrosse skills lead him to a try out and he made the USA team of 20. Out of the 20 USA team members, 10 will be chosen for the Olympic Team. Josh is now trying out for the Olympic Bob Sled Team. This is a great story for FSU and for Pi Kappa Alpha. Enjoy!"



Some of the 62 fall, 2017 pledges. Congratulations to Rush Chairman Austin McLeod '15 and his Rush Captains Harrison Auerbach '14, Clint Pierson '15, Dalton Herrity '15, Cal Shaw '16 and Sterling Gutting '16. Additional special appreciation for this great winning effort also goes to former Rush Chairman Steven McFall '14, SMC Kevin Stokes '13 and Rush Advisor Doug Russell '79.

Monthly Luncheon - University Center Club



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Next Alumni Luncheon: Wednesday, October 4th, 2017 @ 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

October 4th - **Monthly Alumni Luncheon**

October 6th - FSU vs. Miami in Tallahassee - **Alumni Brunch Reception at the Pike house prior to the game**

November 1st - **Monthly Alumni Luncheon**

Delta Lambda Alumni News



Rush planning dinner hosted by Doug Russell '79 in August at the Governor's Club



Left: Student Body President Kyle King '16 addresses incoming students. Right: Jimmy Keen '73 instructs the new pledges in the intricacies of Risk Management and in their obligations to the Fraternity regarding their behavior and conduct.



Seminoles vs. NC State. Enjoying Harry Sargeant's skybox hospitality (if not the game itself).

Tom Wheeler '78, Brent Sembler '78, Harry Sargeant '78, Mickey Fernandez '77, Jimmy Keen '73. Harry's son Garrett is a pledge this fall. Each of these alumni has

a son in the chapter. Jimmy noted that Harry has agreed to speak to the pledge class this fall.



All-Fraternity and All-Campus Football Champions, 1983

Standing: Mark Gupton '81, Roy McDonald '79, Marlon Macon '83, Tom Lewis '81, Mike Martin '79, Cort McCord (Chapter Eternal) '81, King Pickett '82, Stacey Shuman '81 and Glenn E. Grant '82.

Front row: Gene Strickland '81, Jimmy Clark (Chapter Eternal) '81, Gabe Pearson '81, Mark Gambill '81, Trent Mallory '81. Not pictured: Garland Gould '81 and Chris Hansard '81.

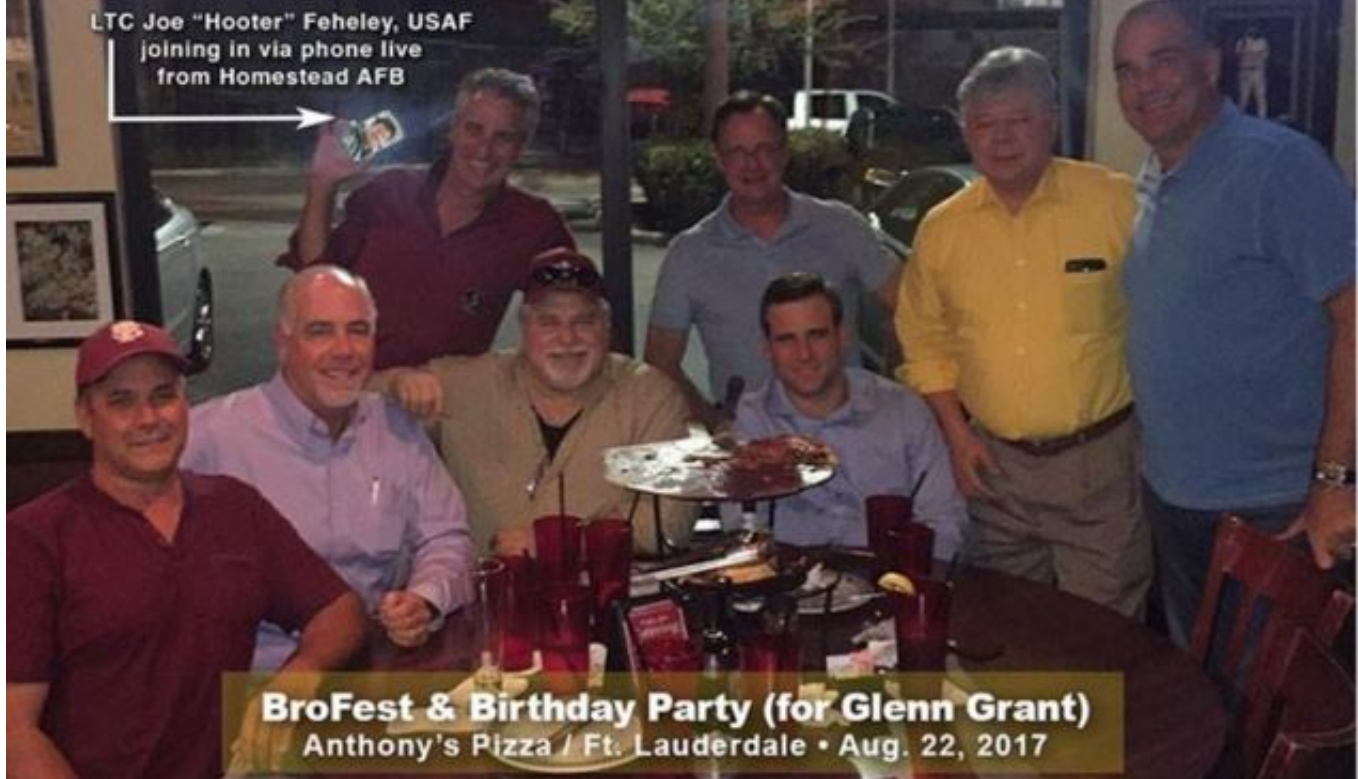
Gene Strickland '81 writes: "By the way, 8 of those 14 pictured (10 of 16 counting Chris Hansard & Garland Gould) are Fall 81. I'm closer to my F'81 brothers than most blood family. Of course, what do you expect when you cram 50 of us in the bomb shelter for a week! - But we were close before Hell Week. At IM football & soccer games, we would build Pledge Pyramids at halftime... unbelievably high, hahaha. 5 men wide, 5 men deep, 5 men high, topped off with little Mike Ray... just in time for the fired up LIDs to fly in and bust the whole thing to hell, hahaha."



Might be a pledge class Hell Week photo, but they look too happy for that.

Doug Russell took a shot at identifying them: "Yes, this is my 1979 fall pledge class. We were initiated before Christmas; I think the date was December 11, so this picture was most likely taken in early December. My memory of names and faces might be fading, but here goes...."

On the floor: Tommy Shaw, Joh Wurzenburger (making funny face)(I think?)
Sitting first row: John Tatum, Doug Russell, Lou Andreana, Ken Smith (wearing baseball cap), Chuck Cottrell. I'm not sure who is lying horizontal: possibly Jamie Moore or Jeff Miller? Griff thinks that is John Wurzenburger lying down and that's possible. If that is Wurzenburger laying down, then I'm not sure who is on the floor?
Top row: Jimmy O'Conner, Mike Martin, Not Sure, Marin?, Bill Beaton, Not sure who is behind Judge Jay Hurley."



Seated: Mike Miller '84, Joe Liguori '81, Griff Siegel '78, Blaine Filichio '10.
Standing: Glenn Grant '82 (with Joe Feheley '81 on the cell phone), Jace Provo '83,
Don Kyle '77 and Pete Barraco '83.

Griff Siegel '78 writes: "On my phone (in Glenn's hand) is LTC Joe "Hooter" Feheley, USAF ... Joe had planned to be with us in person, but was held up with his squadron at Homestead AFB, training for possible re-deployment to Korea. (He was over there four years ago, on the heels of his last deployment to Iraq, just before heading off to Abu Dhabi. Joe flew air defense missions over the NW Korean coastline while the Chinese were kicking up some dust on the little islands off the coast.) He called to let us know he was just getting on the road, but we told him to stay in Miami and wait till next time. It would've been an hour-long drive each way for him and the pizza joint would've been closing up by the time he could've reached us. The drive didn't make sense at that time of night. He spent 30-40 min. on the phone with us, though, chatting with each Brother as we passed the phone around, and happened to be talking with Glenn when we took the group photo. We made a point of including him in the credits because, technically, he was part of the group that night."



At the Pike University this summer in Memphis, Delta Lambda's own star alum Mark Provo '82 was the heralded guest and main event speaker. Mark was Delta Lambda's Rush Chairman before joining the Navy. An aerial combat hero of the First Gulf War, Mark later became Lead Solo of the Navy's famous Blue Angels.

From left: Omar Pimentel '16, Luke Ryan '12, SMC Kevin Stokes '13, Mark Provo '82, Ryan Turnage '14, Griffin Wilcox '15.



Yes, those are the right colors but, no, that's not Renegade and Chief Osceola. It's Dr. Magdi el Shahawy '87 and family. Mag is Senior Associate Athletics Director at the University of Southern California. Photo on right is Mag and Steve Gabbard '87 after hammering Florida 52-17 in 1988. Steve's son Stephen Gabbard '14 is the Seminoles' starting long snapper.

Ad Astra



Austin Brooks Ekern '15
1997-2017



'Big Ek' and Matt Pozai '15 in Boston

Austin had been recruited to be one of Austin McLeod's Rush Captains, and in August he was excited about leading Delta Lambda in the annual rush war that

keeps Pike on top at FSU.

August 2017 was a time of enjoyment for Austin. He and Matt Pozai travelled to Boston to see the Red Sox play. After that he went to a concert in Orlando. Sometime in the early hours of August 18, Austin was struck by a car, and died. His younger brother Cannon Ekern is a freshman at TCC this fall. The University maintains a harshly punitive policy toward FSU fraternities pledging TCC boys. However, Pike alumni asked for and received permission to offer Cannon a bid and he accepted. Cannon is now part of the fall pledge class.

Delta Lambda Treasurer Griffin Wilcox '15 wrote, "In the past 8 months I have enjoyed the distinct privilege of getting to know Austin Ekern even better than I have these the past few years of college. Seeing him and the 'pregame squad' roll into my room 2-to-3 times a week was something that I didn't appreciate nearly enough. Every single time Austin came into the room he'd ask 'Griff you inviting all the Tri Delts??' And the 'Yes' answer remained the same every time, but the way he asked it made it seem like he'd never said it before and I don't think he knew how happy it made me. Austin you were a tremendous Brother and a great friend to many. This University and Fraternity were a better place with you around. Thank you for showing me how life can be lived to its fullest. No matter the situation you truly did "Go In." Rest Easy Big Ek. We all love you Brother."

Perhaps the most poignant comments came from Legends of Delta Lambda Chairman Brent Wolfe Sembler '78. Following the funeral, Sembler wrote,

"Brothers, I know our chapter has had many proud moments. For me, today was the day in which I have NEVER been more proud to be a Delta Lambda Pike!

Two hundred, humbled, dark suited, clean shaven, bright eyed Pike undergraduates sat proudly through an hour and a half service; many stood and spoke directly & wonderfully to Austin's family.

At Austin's grave site they stood absolutely quiet, in 100 degree heat, WITH their suits on until ALL others had said their good-byes. They then, (all 200!) huddled over his open grave, saying a group prayer so they would be the last to say goodbye.

After this they surrounded Austin's father (his mother too distraught) so they could talk about Austin, cry and walked with Austin's father until he left the cemetery.

I don't really have words to express my feelings about today right now. Still crying as I write this. But I can tell you it was the most moving thing I've seen or been a part of in my 60 years!

Love you guys.
Phi Phi K A,
Brent



The next Alumni/Undergraduate **monthly luncheon is *Wednesday, October 4th*** at the University Center Club. Come enjoy fellowship with other alumni, and hear news from the undergraduates.

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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.

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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

UPDATE: David Kresge '73 asked if there was a vehicle to make capital contributions directly to the Legends of Delta Lambda (the house corporation). If so, you may contact Brent Sembler, Chairman of The Legends of Delta Lambda: brent.sembler@sembler.com cell 727-424-7445.

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.

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