



FSU Pikes Delta Lambda Newsletter - January, 2018



Pi Kappa Alpha Coat of Arms, Adopted 1892

This massive stone castle protecting the secrets, integrity and treasure of Pi Kappa Alpha is guarded – you can barely see him – by a knightly figure that looks very much like a member of Delta Lambda's OLD GUARD. We've welcomed several new, generous members of the Old Guard since the first of the new year. First, former FSU Linebacker **John Peacock '01** has joined, and is interested in determining

if his management company can be of service to the Chapter.

Next, **Alan (Night Owl) Winslette '77** has become a member of the Old Guard. Alan was (and continues to be) exceptionally generous to Delta Lambda. The Winslette Room is a superbly equipped recreation room for the Pike undergrads. Alan is Vice President and COO of Laser Shot, Inc. the world-wide leader in firearm training for military and law enforcement.

Miguel Fernandez '77, whose son **Michael Fernandez '10** is also an alumnus, renewed his Old Guard membership for 2018.

Finally, **Rich Wall '66** joined the **Sembler Society!** Thank you Richard! Rich's letter to the old Guard and a historic photo will both appear in the February issue of the

As of this writing, the University is still continuing its suspension of Greek Life in the Administration's quest for a "new normal". All fraternities and sororities have suffered loss of membership as well as financial damage in the last months. Your Delta Lambda Chapter is highly regarded, but remains paralyzed by policy. I hope to give you much better news in February.

FSU Scholar-Leader Zach Blashinski Awarded the 2017 Ryan L'Homme Memorial Scholarship



Ryan L'Homme '01



Zach Blashinski '16 and President John Thrasher

Zachary Blashinski '16 distinguished himself immediately upon arrival at FSU, winning membership in Garnet & Gold Key as a freshman. He is enrolled in the FSU Honors program, and currently a sophomore majoring in Biochemistry. Zach is a Presidential Scholar Finalist, and is one of five Pikes currently serving in the Student Senate.

Blashinski is an active Delta Lambda Brother, a member of the Executive Board this semester as Excellence Officer. That means he is Delta Lambda's direct connection with Pike Nationals, and compiles our statistics for the tedious Smythe Award Application. On campus, Blashinsky works at the Leach Center as a personal trainer, and recently received his official certification.

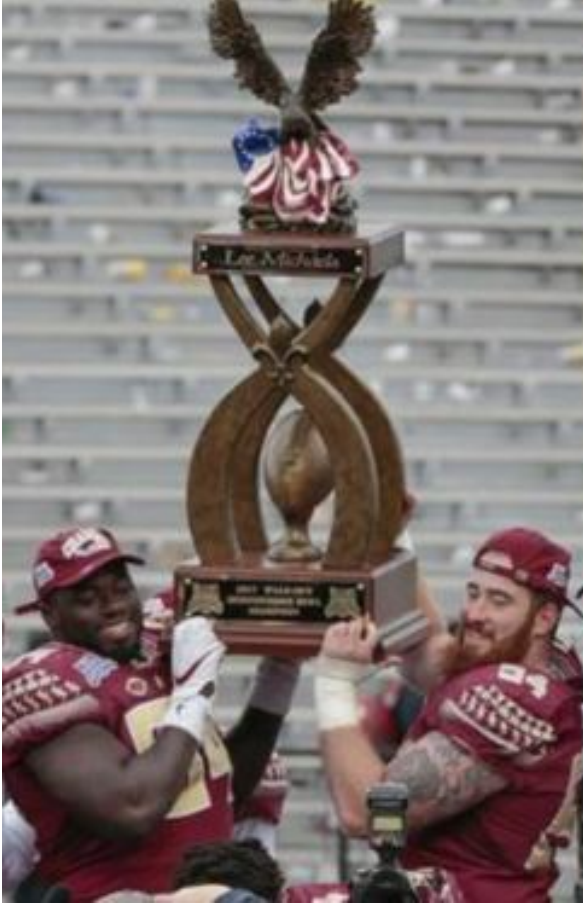
Ryan L'Homme '01 was a signature leader of the Colony established in 2000: a classic scholar, leader, athlete and gentleman. His life ended tragically at the age of 18, but not before he established himself as an inspiration to the Delta Lambda Colony. He entered FSU as a Florida Merit Scholar, and was entrusted to serve the Colony as a member of the Judicial Board.

The Ryan L'Homme Scholarship was created by his father Charles L'Homme and the L'Homme Family, his mother Terri and sister Courtney. The Endowment is funded by contributions from the family as well as continuing contributions from Delta Lambda alumni, many of who were brothers with Ryan in the Colony. The Endowment fund is administered by the Pi Kappa Alpha Educational Foundation in Memphis.

The L'Homme Scholarship recipient must have demonstrated high achievement in his field – Engineering and related fields are preferred – and must maintain a minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA. Recipients must also demonstrate outstanding traits of character and leadership, as exemplified by Ryan himself.

Each applicant must complete this essay. "Describe exactly the ideal fraternity that you believe Ryan and his brothers sought to create, explain how today's Chapter compares to that ideal, and tell how you personally can contribute toward moving that ideal, and the reality, closer together."

Those wishing to contribute to the Ryan L'Homme Memorial Scholarship Endowment please contact the Pi Kappa Alpha Foundation at (901) 748-1948, or email pikefoundation@pikes.org.



[ABOVE LEFT] Defensive tackle **Waly Aime '17** and center **Alec Eberle '15** hoist the Independence Bowl Championship trophy on December 27th after downing Southern Mississippi 42-13.

[ABOVE RIGHT] Tight End **Ryan Izzo '15** was named the Seminoles' #1 Top performer in the Independence Bowl by Football Focus. They said, "Stats to Know: Izzo thrived, recording FSU's highest run-block score 83.5, while also logging six receptions on six targets." Ryan has been a good PiKA Brother, and has now declared for the NFL Draft.

Just a great photo from the Independence Bowl game: #94 **Waly Aime '17**, #54 **Alec Eberle '15**, Coach Odell Haggins, #1 James Blackman, and #81 **Ryan Izzo '14**.



Monthly Luncheon - University Center Club



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**Next Alumni Luncheon: Wednesday,
February 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

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

2017 CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S PHOTOS OF DELTA LAMBDA ALUMNI



[ABOVE LEFT] Nikita Markov '10 in his Russian homeland over Christmas. “В России животные охотятся на вас!” (“In Russia, the animals hunt you.”)

[ABOVE RIGHT] Coach Bill Shults '73 (University of New Hampshire) with his new grandbaby. Bill was Head Swimming Coach at FSU from 1979 through 1992. Every Swim Captain from 1981 through the 1987 was a Delta Lambda Pike, including Bobby Bowman '85, now Coach of the U.S. Olympic Swim Team.



[LEFT] Greg Vandergreek '75. Merry Christmas!
[RIGHT] Rich Lord '84 and family dressed for the Holiday.



[LEFT] David Giordano '65, Lydia and the grandkids at Christmas.
[RIGHT] David Atwell '74 and Kristin in front of the White House at Christmas.



[LEFT] Wade Wilcox '86 and friend; Merry Christmas. Wade's son Griffin '15 is Delta Lambda's new External Vice President.

[RIGHT] Former teammates on the sidelines for the final home game in December: Tony Yeomans '86 and Steve Gabbard '87. Coach Yeomans is the Head Football Coach of the Franklin County High School Seahawks. Tony played offensive line for the Seminoles and later for the Green Bay Packers. Steve was All-American at defensive tackle for the Seminoles, and played offense for the Eagles, Packers, and Redskins. Steve's son Stephen Gabbard '14 started at long snapper for the 'Noles for four years. Steve participated in Stephen's initiation in 2014.



[LEFT] Mark Smith '78 and date at a rooftop celebration New year's Eve.
[RIGHT] Ivan Parron '87 and date at the Hialeah Casino at Christmas.



December/Christmas Homecoming welcoming Kresge back to Tampa. Gary Prescott '72, Barry Smith '72, Scott Jones '81, Roy McDonald '79, David Kresge '73,

Tom Brady '88.



[LEFT] Bruce Johnson '81 and Beth Carter at Biltmore Castle. Merry Christmas!
[Right] Seminole Boosters 2018 National Chairman Doug Russell '79 welcomes Coach Taggart to FSU!



Alex Price '01 and pretty much the entire brood out for walkies this Christmas.



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:

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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 32308

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

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

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Bruce Johnson '81 2017

Jay Johnson '83 2016

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Jim Poe '66 2017

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Tim Sheridan '79 **Sembler Society**

Griffin Siegel '78 2016

Rich Wall '66 **Sembler Society**

Kevin Wheeler '09 2017, 2018

Tom Wheeler '78 Sembler Society

Wade Wilcox '86 2017, 2018, 2019

Rob Williamson '87 2018

Alan Winslette '77 2018

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