



THE BETA MU REVIEW

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Beta Mu Receives Orians Award for Third Consecutive Year *Academics and Alumni Relations Priorities*

The Texas Pikes are concluding a great fall 2016 focused on academics, philanthropy, athletics and brotherhood. We have had a great time connecting with many alumni and their families this semester at various events recapped in this newsletter. We were pleased to initiate 34 new members in December. Meet these new brothers on page 7.

Awards Abound at National Convention

Beta Mu received a number of awards at Pike's 2016 National Convention in New Orleans. For the third successive year, Beta Mu received the Raymond L. Orians Chapter Excellence Award. The Orians Award is given to only 20 chapters, signifying Pike's highest performing chapters. Our men also received the Best Alumni Relations Program Award, the Scholarship Award, the 100 Man Chapter Award and an award for commitment to Pike University. The Beta Mu Alumni Advisory Board was also selected for the third year running as one of the top 20 operating alumni boards in the fraternity. We are proud of each of these accomplishments.



Above: Peggy and John Rathmell '76 and Anne and Meade Bauer '78 enjoyed being together at the Texas-Oklahoma game in October.

Left: Pike freshman new members Cole Martinez, Arthur Gorling, and Landon Hackley enjoyed meeting U.T. President Greg Fenves at a campus reception in September.

Active in Academics and Philanthropy

Academics remain a priority at the Pike house. The overall Pike membership GPA is 3.2 per the University's most recent semester rankings, placing our men ninth of the 29 IFC fraternities at Texas. We hosted the Pike pancake supper again this fall where Beta Mu raised over \$10,000 to benefit Dell Children's Hospital pediatric cancer research.

Thank You, Loyal Alumni

As always, we thank our involved alumni for their commitment to Beta Mu Chapter. Dallas area alumni held a fun summer gathering in June, and special thanks to alumni **John Ward '85** and **Kyle Moore '86** who hosted a career advisory session on careers in global corporations in Dallas in August. More than 45 alumni also gathered in Dallas in October for Sunday brunch following the Texas-Oklahoma game.

In 2016, Beta Mu Chapter celebrates its 96th year at The University of Texas at Austin. There has never been a time to have more pride in being an active member or an alumnus of Pi Kappa Alpha. We encourage Pikes, alumni and friends to visit when in Austin.



We're proud of our recent May graduate Kevin Elwood '12, a member of the inaugural class at U.T.'s new Dell Medical School. He's pictured with lead med school donor Michael Dell at the school's White Coat Ceremony in September.



Graphic from the Pike pancake supper where Beta Mu raised \$10,810 to benefit Dell Children's Hospital pediatric cancer research.



Getting to Know Lucas Anderson '14, Beta Mu's 2016-17 Chapter President

Lucas Anderson is Pike's new 2016-17 president. As a sophomore, he served as Beta Mu treasurer and as a rush captain. He is a junior from North Carolina and is studying finance in the McCombs School. Lucas was tapped into Texas Cowboys in spring 2015.

Q: Tell us where you were born and raised and about your parents/family growing up.

I was born in Winston-Salem, N.C., and raised in Mooresville, N.C., which is a suburb about 25 miles north of Charlotte. I attended a local private school with a graduating class of 75 students and spent most of my time growing up playing AAU basketball. My parents are both physicians: my father is an emergency room doctor and my mom is an anesthesiologist. I have one younger sister who is in junior high.

Q: Being from out of state, what attracted you to the University of Texas and to Pike?

Coming from out of state, I was drawn to the University of Texas because of the prestigious business program, the city of Austin and the school size. Not knowing anyone at the school, I was very interested in joining a fraternity to best acclimate myself to the new environment. I was immediately drawn to Pike as I really felt like I fit in after getting to know the rush captains and actives during orientation. Another reason was that I was one of the first guys to sign in my pledge class so it gave me the opportunity to help build my pledge class during rush, which really excited me.

Q: What is your major and what are your career interests/long-term goals?

I am a finance major in the McCombs School of Business and am pursuing a career in investment banking. Long term, I would like to start or manage a private equity firm while living in either Dallas, Austin or Charlotte.

Q: In between your Beta Mu duties, being a dedicated student and Texas Cowboy, what do you do for fun? Do you have any hobbies?

For fun, I really enjoy playing basketball and fantasy football as well as attending concerts. I spend a lot of time keeping up with sports,



Pike President Lucas Anderson '14 (center) with pledge brothers Kris Kubin '14 and Brad Swanson '14.

particularly college and professional basketball and football.

Q: Who would you invite as the four guests at your fantasy dinner party?

Four guests I would invite to a dinner party would be Jesus, Steve Jobs, Michael Jordan and George Washington.

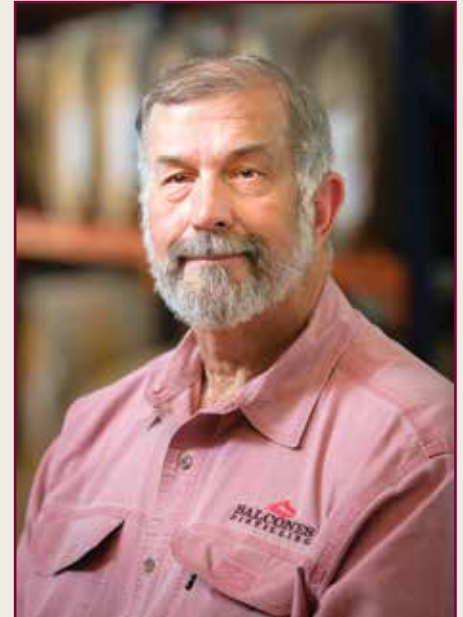
Q: What is your most remarkable Pike memory thus far?

My favorite Pike memory so far has to be the completion of our SWAMP Party build in 2014. Seeing the finished product of something so many of us put extensive time into felt awesome and really gave me pride in being a Texas Pike. This year's party, held in late November, was the 66th year of SWAMP and is still one of the biggest Greek parties on campus.

Q: What priorities or other initiatives do you plan in the year ahead while serving as Beta Mu president?

Other initiatives I plan on undertaking while president include continuing to evolve our rush structure and process, expanding the role of the great ladies in our Pike Sweetheart program and further involving/developing the active members of the chapter through Pike committee service.

Alumni Spotlights



Keith Bellinger '77



Stewart Skloss '84



Matt Phelan '09



Brothers in Texas Spirits Business

Q&A With Keith Bellinger '77, Stewart Skloss '84, and Matt Phelan '09

The craft spirits business in Texas has been a booming industry for the state. In 2003, there were 60 craft distillers operating in the United States. The total has now reached 760, according to the American Distilling Institute (ADI), and 200 more are under construction in 2016. A few Pike brothers have entered this industry and taken leadership roles in their own craft distilleries around Texas. Cheers to these brothers' success!

Keith Bellinger '77 is the president and COO of Balcones Distilling LLC in Waco, Texas. The distillery was founded eight years ago and has grown rapidly ever since. The company finds their energy and drive by the motivation to create something new and genuine, following the Texas whisky tradition. Balcones has won over 140 national and international awards in those eight years and has released 10 unique whiskeys and spirits. Balcones was named the American Craft Whiskey Distillery of the Year in 2016. You can reach Keith at kabellinger@hotmail.com.

Q: How did Pike influence you and what advice do you have for today's Pikes in school and planning a career?

Keith: The fraternity helped make me the old man I am today. It instilled a strong sense of values, responsibility, discipline, the importance

of partnership, and lasting friendship and the overwhelming desire to be successful at everything I do. The advice I was given back at school was to choose a career that you will enjoy and be the best that you can be. You will most certainly face road blocks along the way, but stay true to your values and goals. Always remember where you came from and treat others as you wish to be treated. Plus, your friendships with your brothers last the test of time and separation, no matter where your success takes you.

Q: What is your favorite Pike memory?

Keith: There were so many. I would say Ethylene's Fried Chicken and the fellowship around it, because everyone showed up for it. But I have many more that I do not wish to be memorialized in print. So call me.

Q: What Pikes do you remain in touch with today?

Keith: Unfortunately, my career took me up to the Northeast for the past three decades, which made regular contact challenging. But now I am back in Texas and with the advent of Facebook, I have been able to reconnect with several brothers and hopefully more to come.

Q: What led or motivated you to your present spirits sector work?

Keith: In 1987, I was living in Durham, N.C., and I needed a job. I found one with a wine importing company in New York City and now the rest is history. The alcohol beverage industry is big in terms of value, but small in terms of people and contacts.

Q: What degree did you earn from U.T.?

Keith: A bachelor's degree in accounting in 1980—it is all I needed.

Stewart Skloss '84 partners with ZZ Top's Billy F. Gibbons to make a satisfying tequila. After nearly giving up finding the perfect tequila, the two came together to create the nationwide spirits company that is in business today, Pura Vida. The name comes from the 1956 movie, *Pura Vida*, filmed in Guadalajara, Mexico, meaning "Pure Life," affirming how great life can be. Their distillery is near Lake Chapala, outside of Guadalajara in Mexico, while their state-side company finds its home in Houston. Their craft includes a five-stage water purification, triple distillation, and the highest sugar content of pure blue agave from the highlands of Jalisco in Mexico. The two come together to create the

many flavors of Pura Vida Tequila Company. You can reach Stewart at sskloss@puravida.mx.

Q: What advice do you have for today's Pikes in school and planning a career?

Stewart: My advice for today's generation is you never have a second chance to make a first impression!

Q: What Pikes do you remain in touch with today?

Stewart: I am fortunate to see many Pikes, in business and in personal settings. Great guys like **Mark Hruzek '81, Jay Johnson '83, Steve Winter '82, Steve Glasgow '82, Don McCabe '80** and a few others here and there are always

fun to be around.

Q: What led or motivated you to your present spirits sector work?

Stewart: A former investor/partner in a former business, JP DeJoria (Patron), and a great friend for almost 35 years, Tito Beveridge (Titos). They both helped me with my business plan and we all chat monthly or so.

Q: What degree did you earn from U.T.?

Stewart: I barely got into U.T. and never graduated, went to Mexico for a semester on an exchange program through U.T. and wound up staying for a couple of years, living "Pura Vida!"

Cat Tequila & Cat Mezcal founded by Nancy Phelan, mother of **Matt Phelan '09** and wife of **Doug Phelan '65**, is new to the Texas tequila market. Matt is director of operations, including sales and marketing. Cat is focused on sales in the Austin to San Marcos area. Their number one product is a cinnamon tequila called Hot Cat. Hot Cat is catching fire on the 6th Street, Rainey Street and West 6th Street trendy Austin bar scene. It is also on the shelf at Common Interest Karaoke Bar & Grill, located in Austin at 8440 Burnet Road. The Common Interest is owned by **Mac McKinley '68** and has been in business for 42 years. You can reach Matt at (512) 921-0936

or matt@CatTequila.com ¡Salud!

Q: How did Pike influence you and what advice do you have for today's Pikes in school and planning a career?

Matt: Get involved with the fraternity as much as you can. You'd be surprised how much you learn outside of a textbook and how much you will grow as a person from those experiences.

Q: What is your favorite Pike memory?

Matt: Late nights during the SWAMP build as a pledge and active.

Q: What Pikes do you remain in touch with today?

Matt: I stay in touch with a lot of members, especially **Brady Maus '09, Campbell Anderson '09, Brett Maiolfi '09** and **Todd Janss '09** (The Boys).

Q: What led or motivated you to your present spirits sector work?

Matt: My mom motivated me the most to get involved and she has been incredible. Thanks, Mom!

Q: What degree did you earn from U.T.?

Matt: A degree in government.



Thank You, Loyal Beta Mu Brothers

In the spring of 2016, 31 brothers donated \$3,850 to support The Alumni Fund. We wish to acknowledge these new contributions marked by an asterisk and thank all previous contributors to the Beta Mu fund listed below for all their support.

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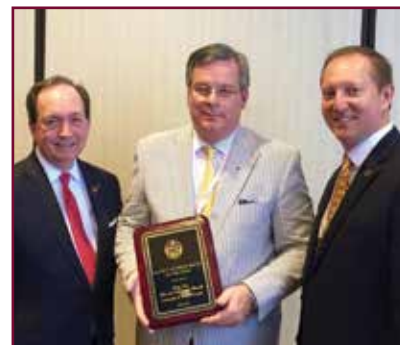
The U.T. Pike team enjoyed their time at Pi Kappa Alpha's Biannual International Convention this past August in New Orleans. Convention is always a good opportunity to meet with other peer chapters, check in with the national fraternity officers and staff, and take part in numerous informational training sessions about best fraternal practices.

Beta Mu Chapter was well represented. The chapter received the Orians Excellence Award, Best Chapter Alumni Relations of the Year Award and other important programming awards, including the Scholarship Plate. Congratulations to the young men who are keeping Pike traditions strong at U.T.!

In addition, our Alumni Advisory Board received, for the third successive year, one of the 20 AAB of the Year awards.



*Beta Mu Chapter President **Lucas Anderson '14** with his counterpart from Cornell's Pike chapter enjoy Saturday's awards luncheon from the head table as Orians Excellence Chapter Award winners.*



*International Pi Kappa Alpha President **John Bobango, Arkansas State '74** presented Beta Mu's Alumni Advisory Board of the Year Award to **Russ Keene '80**, joined by Lone Star Region President **Nat Mucha, Washington '94**.*



Red River Shootout Weekend in Dallas

The Pike Chapter took several busses to Dallas for the Red River Shootout and State Fair weekend, where young men and their dates enjoyed a fun-filled weekend. Despite the loss to the Oklahoma Sooners this year, Pike actives and alumni enjoyed the weekend in Dallas. A great time was also had by about 45 Beta Mu alumni and family at a first-ever Texas/OU Weekend Alumni Sunday Brunch at Ozona Grill (formerly Cardinal Puffs). Stay tuned for this new annual alumni event next year!



Parents Weekend

Members enjoyed Parents Weekend October 14-16 in Austin. Thank you to the many parents who joined us! We were able to enjoy a nice Friday night dinner and Saturday tailgate before watching a Longhorn win over Iowa State. Thanks to Pike Fraternity EVP **Justin Buck**, *Southeast Missouri State '96* for speaking at the Friday evening dinner.



The Class of 1976's 40th Reunion

A boisterous gathering of Pike alumni graduating between the early to mid-'70s had a 40th Reunion in Austin in early November. Alumni had the chance to reconnect with each other and also visit the Pike house.

More than 50 brothers and wives enjoyed a full weekend of activities, including a Friday evening dinner at Headliners Club, a Saturday morning tour of the Pike house, and a Stubbs barbecue lunch and tailgate on the grounds of Darrell K. Royal Memorial Stadium before enjoying the Longhorn's victory over the Baylor Bears. Saturday evening, brothers enjoyed small dinners throughout Austin, and Sunday included a closing brunch at Matts El Rancho. Suzanne and **Mitch Owen '73** and Cynthia and **Jeff Kuhn '74** enjoyed being at the reunion (above right).

Charlie Beckham '73, who organized the event, said, "After forty years, some of us were a little shorter, some of us were a little larger, some of us had grey hair and some of us had none. Some we had not seen in decades and some we see every week. We all had beautiful wives. We also have something very special—we all have an enduring friendship that has lasted over forty years with our brothers of Pi Kappa Alpha. We had a wonderful celebration."



The Class of 1996's 20th Reunion

Brothers from the classes of 1995-96 gather to reconnect at a football weekend reunion this fall. Pictured are Pike brothers **Joe Matetich '97**, **Jon Strieby '97**, **Ricky Brennes '97**, **Chris Hewett '97**, **Daren Nix '97**, **Brett Gissler '97**, **Tyson Stargel '97**, and **Scott Mitchell '88**.



WELCOME, NEW PLEDGES

Beta Mu is pleased to welcome 34 new pledges to the brotherhood. All of the men are scholars, leaders, athletes and gentlemen in keeping with Pike precepts.

The pledge class eagerly learned about the history of Pi Kappa Alpha, adjusted to demanding academics, enjoyed the fall social scene and pursued philanthropic projects. Welcome to the brotherhood.



Donovan Amsler*

Lakeway, Texas
Lake Travis High School
Activities: National Honor Society, Basketball, DECA, Teen Impact
Major: Business
(Father **John Amsler**,
University of Iowa '80,
Brother **Casey Amsler**, *Southern Methodist University '07*)

Aaron Begleiter

Chappaqua, N.Y.
Horace Greeley High School
Activities: Football, Lacrosse, SHARE
Major: Economics

Garrett Beirne

Lakeway, Texas
Lake Travis High School
Activities: National Honor Society, Track, Cavs Crew
Major: Undeclared

Angus Brooks

Tomball, Texas
Concordian Lutheran
Activities: Baseball, Student Body President, Electric Guitar
Major: Biology

Lee Cohen*

Kildeer, Ill.
Stevenson High School
Activities: Economics Club
Football, Basketball
Major: Business Honors
(Brother **Dean Cohen**,
University of Texas-Austin '15)

Alex Dodd

Houston, Texas
Second Baptist School
Activities: Football, Eagle Scout, Student Council
Major: Petroleum Engineering

Cole Ellis

Dallas, Texas
Lakehill Prep School
Activities: National Honor Society, Football, Basketball
Major: Liberal Arts

Jarrold Elmore

Rowlett, Texas
Rowlett High School
Activities: Football, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society
Major: Undeclared

Brantley Evans

Frisco, Texas
Wakeland High School
Activities: Varsity Tennis, National Honor Society, Math Honor Society
Major: Petroleum Engineering

Skyler Frost

Morristown, N.J.
Morristown High School
Activities: National Honor Society, Soccer, Executive Sports Producer for School TV
Major: Radio Television Film

Taylor Golden

Lakeway, Texas
Lake Travis High School
Activities: National Honor Society, Football, DECA
Major: Economics

Arthur Gorling

The Woodlands, Texas
The Woodlands High School
Activities: Baseball, National Honor Society, STEM Society
Founder
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Joseph Gore

Corpus Christi, Texas
Incarnate Word Academy
Activities: Swimming, TAPPS, Boy Scouts
Major: Journalism

Landon Hackley*

Arlington, Texas
Martin High School
Activities: Math Honor Society, Science National Honor Society
Major: Biomedical Engineering
(Brother **Sterling Hackley**,
University of Texas-Austin '13)

Hunter Harmuth

Pilot Point, Texas
Pilot Point High School
Activities: National Honor Society, Football, Golf
Major: Undeclared

Jackson Harris

Prosper, Texas
Prosper High School
Activities: Football, National Honor Society, Ping Pong Club
Major: Business

Cole Huffman

San Antonio, Texas
Johnson High School
Activities: Tennis, National Honor Society, National Science Honor Society
Major: Business

Brad Hunt

Burbank, Calif.
Burbank High School
Activities: Football, Track, Wrestling
Major: Economics

Drew Ikard

Carlsbad, N.M.
Carlsbad High School
Activities: Varsity Football, Wrestling, Golf
Major: Biology

Erik Janssen

Houston, Texas
Strake Jesuit College Preparatory
Activities: Tennis, National Honor Society, Business Club
Major: Petroleum Engineering

John-Carlo Jimenez

San Antonio, Texas
Johnson High School
Activities: Varsity Swimming, National Honor Society, PALS
Major: Business

Will Junk

Dallas, Texas
Parish Episcopal
Activities: Varsity Baseball, National Honor Society, Student Ambassador
Major: Advertising

Cole Martinez

Dallas, Texas
Woodrow Wilson High School
Activities: National Honor Society, Soccer, Football
Major: Economics

Cort McDonough

Philadelphia, Pa.
Harriton High School
Activities: Stock Club, Soccer, National Honor Society
Major: Biochemistry

Greyson Moore

Plano, Texas
Prestonwood Academy
Activities: Football, Student Government, National Honor Society
Major: Petroleum Engineering

Stephen Nutt

Woodlands, Texas
The Woodlands High School
Activities: Marching Band, Art Trust, National Honor Society
Major: Economics

Gage Olfers

Cypress, Texas
Activities: Golf, Football, Church Groups
Major: Business

Jordan Pike

Houston, Texas
Friendswood High School
Activities: PALS, Football, Basketball
Major: Biology

Walker Powers

San Marcos, Texas
San Marcos Academy
Activities: Football, Wrestling
Major: Undeclared

Brady Quade

Dallas, Texas
Woodrow Wilson High School
Activities: Soccer, Basketball, International Baccalaureate
Major: Athletic Training

Oscar Salazar

McKinney, Texas
McKinney High School
Activities: Basketball, Golf, German Club
Major: Geology

Jake Terry

Rowlett, Texas
Rowlett High School
Activities: National Honor Society, Baseball
Major: Undeclared

Nicholas Thompson*

Miami, Fla.
Belen Jesuit Prep
Activities: Rowing/Crew, National Honor Society, Student Council
Major: Mechanical Engineering
(Brother **Tony Thompson**,
University of Maryland '09)

Joe Velasquez

Dallas, Texas
Jesuit College Prep
Activities: Golf, Basketball, For the Love of the Lakes
Major: Communications

*Legacy; relative in parentheses



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ATTENTION: This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending the University of Texas, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records. Thank you.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Glenn Adams '77 has concluded a five-year term as chairman of the National Eagle Scout Association, a period in which this affiliate of the Boy Scouts America enjoyed exponential membership growth. Glenn remains active in the oil and gas sector and resides in Fort Worth. E-mail: glenn@txsgr.com

Mark Bateman '78 recently celebrated his sixth anniversary heading public relations, branding and image for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital, one of the state's oldest charitable children's hospitals in Dallas. E-mail: mark.bateman@tsrh.org

Lee Zieben '96, a member of the Beta Mu Alumni Advisory Board, and his wife, Tricia, welcomed their third daughter, Colette, on October 2 in Houston. E-mail: lee@ziebengroup.com

Preston Huffington '04, a member of the Beta Mu Advisory Board, and his wife, Shauna, were blessed with their first child on September 9, a daughter named Madison, in Austin. E-mail: preston.huffington@gmail.com

Brett Maiolfi '09 has launched and serves as president of pet food company Snapwag, which monitors pet nutrition, food and treat orders combined with just-in-time delivery in Southern California. E-mail: brettmaiolfi@gmail.com

Carl Meyertons '10 has joined Pariveda Solutions, a Dallas-based IT services consultancy. Carl previously spent two years with Quorum Business Solutions. E-mail: carlmeyertons@gmail.com

Sam Walsh '10 recently marked his first-year anniversary on the staff of the National Basketball Association in New York. E-mail: sam.h.walsh@gmail.com

Scott Englar '11 has accepted a position as senior associate for portfolio management on the Sony account at creative media agency UM Worldwide. Scott is based in Los Angeles. E-mail: englarscott@gmail.com

Hire a Pike Summer 2017 Program

Thank you to over 30 alumni who, for the past two summers, have created summer jobs or internships for Pike undergraduates. The chapter is assembling resumes of interested brothers seeking career experience for summer 2017. There is a heavy concentration of Pikes studying various business and engineering disciplines and they will be grateful for experience gained through the Beta Mu alumni network.

Send an e-mail to alumni@texaspikes.com to receive resumes from your city.

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