



# THE BETA MU REVIEW

PI KAPPA ALPHA • UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS • SPRING 2012

## ACADEMICS, ATHLETICS, AND SERVICE HALLMARKS OF ΠΚΑ UNDERGRADUATES

### Spring 2012 Highlights

Spring 2012 at the University of Texas has been a lively semester for the men of Beta Mu Chapter. We have been very active academically, winning in athletics, volunteering in the Austin community and enjoying our social brotherhood endeavors. We are delighted that nine new members completed pledgship and were initiated May 6. The chapter now numbers 136 active members.

### Intramural Basketball Champions, Champions in the Classroom

Pike won its Greek league basketball intramurals in April, posting a winning 7-0 season and defeating the ZBTs in the championship. Academics are a high priority and Pike's overall G.P.A. (3.189) ranks seventh of 22 fraternities on campus. Three brothers had 4.0s last semester, and 21 earned 3.75 or better. Approximately 65 percent of the Beta Mu brothers carry a 3.0 G.P.A. or higher.

### Pike Committed to Community Service

Our members have been active in philanthropic activities this spring with 25 Pikes supporting the Austin Chapter of Texas Exes "The Project" weekend in March brightening a blighted neighborhood. Sixteen brothers volunteered as route guides and officials in April's Austin Autism Society's annual charity bike ride and race. This is the fourth consecutive year Pikes have supported the autism bike ride. Additionally, Pike's second annual clothing sale with Delta Gamma sorority in May netted \$4,000 for the Austin School for the Blind.

### Matt Dunn '09 and Brady Maus '09 Earn Key Campus Positions

Pikes are active in campus leadership positions, societies, and clubs. **Carson Carruthers '07** is president of the UT chapter of the American Association of Drilling Engineers. We have two New Men in Texas Cowboys and two Rowels in Silver Spurs. Brother **Brady Maus '09** was honored to be elected as one of BEVO's Spurs Handlers and brother **Matt Dunn '09** will serve on the Cowboys' Cannon Crew.

### Summer Rush Kicks Off with Round Up, Rush Recs Welcome

Beta Mu began its recruitment efforts by hosting a successful Round Up weekend in late March with a well-attended rush party headlined by emerging country western star Corey Smith. As summer approaches, Pike's Rush Co-chairmen are rapidly planning to meet prospective members, and we welcome referrals from alumni and friends. Recruitment recommendation forms are on the alumni page of the chapter website and potential members can register by clicking on the site's recruitment tab. Please see page two for more information about our rush captains.

### Founders Day Well Attended by Alumni

The chapter is grateful to our alumni for support and enjoyed a well attended Founders Day barbecue lunch in early March. Beta Mu is doing exceptionally well, and alums are encouraged to become involved in expanded alumni programming. You can stay in touch with Beta

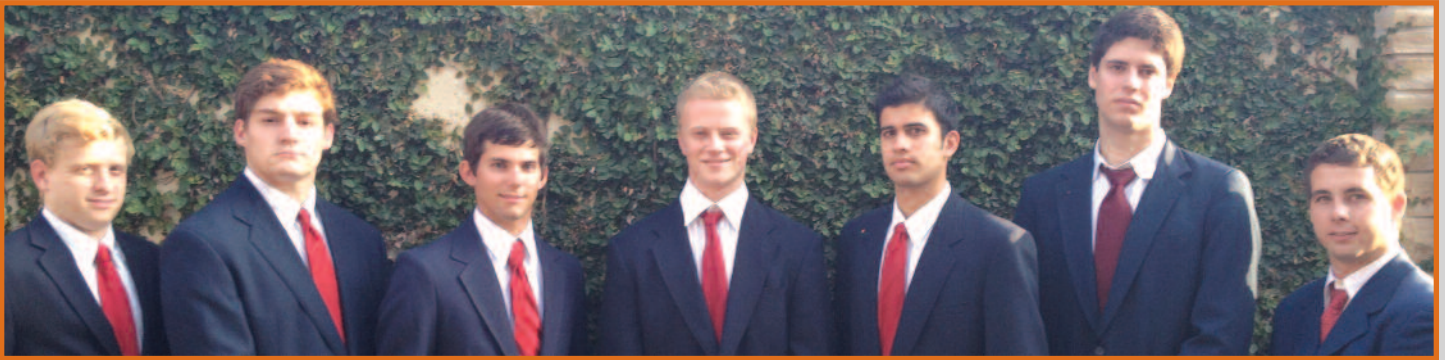


*Pike is well represented in the Texas Cowboys and Silver Spurs, UT's oldest leadership and service organizations. Front row, Spurs' Rowels Paul Campion '10, and Sam Walsh '10, and Cowboys' New Men Andrew Young '10 and Jeff Daugherty '10. Middle row, Kevin Hall '09, Adam Tarlecki '08, Tyler Tucker '09, Austin Shires '08, Matt Dunn '09, Campbell Anderson '09, and Matt Phelan '09. Back row, Trevor Black '08, Zach McFarlane '08, Brady Maus '09, and Todd Janss '09.*



*Pikes have performed more than 600 hours of community service in 2011-12. In February, Tyler Hall '12, Will Scatini '12, Alex Kitterman '12, and Raveen Rathi '12 worked with Texas Exes improving a blighted east Austin neighborhood.*

## WELCOME NEW INITIATES



Matt Wheatley, Patrick Greenfield, Tyler Hall, Will Scattini, Raveen Rath, Sebastien Soudry, and Mark Frye, along with Alex Kitterman and Toby Rosas (not pictured), make up the nine new members for spring 2012. These brothers received Ritual Initiation on Sunday, May 6.

**Mark Frye**

Tomball, Texas  
Tomball High School  
National Honor Society  
varsity soccer captain  
studying petroleum engineering

**Patrick Greenfield\***

Clive, Iowa  
Dowling Catholic High School  
varsity football and tennis  
Eagle Scout  
studying mechanical engineering  
(Father **Jerry Greenfield, Drake '78**)

**Tyler Hall**

Keller, Texas  
Eagle River High School (Alaska)  
varsity baseball and football  
studying petroleum engineering

**Alex Kitterman**

Albuquerque, N.M.  
Albuquerque Academy  
varsity track, basketball, and baseball  
studying advertising/communications

**Toby Rosas**

El Paso, Texas  
El Paso High School  
National Honor Society  
Spanish Honor Society  
varsity tennis  
studying business

**Raveen Rath**

Oak Brook, Ill.  
Hinsdale Central High School  
varsity tennis, Business Club,  
Athletes Committed to Excellence  
studying international relations

**Will Scattini**

Burlingame, Calif.  
Burlingame High School  
Advanced Placement scholar and honor roll  
varsity football and basketball  
studying economics

**Sebastien Soudry\***

Houston, Texas  
Memorial High School  
varsity basketball and rugby  
studying business  
(Father **Robert Green,**  
**Tyler Junior College, Brother**  
**Brandon Green, Columbia '03**)

**Matthew Wheatley\***

Richardson, Texas  
Plano East Senior High School  
National Merit Scholar  
student council  
East Guard  
studying economics  
(Uncle **Bill Wheatley, Florida State '74**)

\*Legacy, relative in parentheses



## Beta Mu Prepares for Summer Rush

Rush remains the lifeblood of our fraternity. Beta Mu's successful Round Up Weekend kicked off the rush season in March, and Pike's five enthusiastic state rush co-chairmen are well positioned to lead a lively summer rush and share the proud story of Texas Pike with rushees. Fall pledge classes typically number 35-40 new members, and the rush team asks alumni to submit recommendations of young men headed to Texas who are interested in fraternity life and unlimited academic, leadership, athletic and social opportunities. Rush recommendation forms are on the Alumni page of [www.texaspikes.com](http://www.texaspikes.com). Rushees can also register at the website on the Rush page or contact the rush co-chairmen through [rush@texaspikes.com](mailto:rush@texaspikes.com).



Rush Co-chairmen Matt Turinas '10, (Chatham, N.J.), Wesley Murray '11 (Sugarland), Andrew Young '11 (Chicago), Carl Meyertons '11 (Austin), and Maxwell Sellers '10 (Southlake) have the enviable job of promoting Pike throughout Texas and the country this summer.





## Pi Kappa Alpha Wins Over Charlie Beckham '73



### Honorary Initiate Jim Devin '11 Embraces ΠKA

From time to time, with the support of the Beta Mu Alumni Advisory Board and with the concurrence of the International Pike Fraternity, the chapter nominates and conducts a special Ritual Initiation of deserving individuals who exemplify the Pike creed. **Jim Devin '11**, father of recent graduate **Josh Devin '07**, was honorably initiated in Austin on December 4, 2011. Jim is a Southlake businessman and is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. Jim enthusiastically supported the chapter during his son's years at Pike through hosting several Dallas state functions and making other resources available to Beta Mu. We welcome Jim into the Pike brotherhood. Josh served Beta Mu as vice present, recruitment chairman, Honors Council member and a Silver Spur. Josh is now in Dallas working in financial services.

*Above: Honorary initiate Jim Devin '11 and his son, Josh '07, after the honorary initiation.*

Coming from El Paso in far west Texas, **Charlie Beckham '73** was shocked anyone would invite him to a rush party for Pi Kappa Alpha. "I didn't know anyone at the University of Texas, and I was shocked that someone would invite a small-town kid like me to a party," says Charlie. "I jumped at the opportunity. It seemed like a good way to make some friends." Eventually the pledge brothers of Beta Mu would become like a family to him.



Charlie felt instantly connected to his pledge class and many members of the chapter. "I was impressed how nice everyone was, including guys from big cities like Dallas, Houston and Austin, and made me feel welcome." Years after graduation, the same feeling endures. "Pi Kappa Alpha showed me how to become friends with people from all different walks of life and those relationships have survived and flourished. I keep up with many of my Pike friends from college and when the Texas/OU game comes up every October, a group of Pikes always get together to have dinner in Dallas and catch up."

In 2010, Charlie was honored as the Distinguished Law Graduate at St. Mary's University School of Law. At the award dinner, Charlie was able to fill an entire table with Pikes from UT. **John Barclay '73**, **Barry Adkins '73**, **Ben Woodward '73**, **Bruce Bennett '73** and **Greg Powers '72** attended the award dinner in support of their old friend and fraternity brother. Charlie's advice for getting the best experience from Pi Kappa Alpha as possible is to "develop relationships with your brothers through working with them in school and outside of Greek life. Thirty years later, you will find that you still maintain those friendships and some of your fraternity brothers will be your closest and oldest friends."

Today, Charlie is a partner at leading Texas law firm Haynes and Boone, in Houston, specializing in corporate restructuring and bankruptcy. To Charlie's chagrin his son, Trey, and daughter, Cameron, chose to go to college at Ole Miss and Southern California instead of Texas. Charlie enjoyed attending the 2005 National Championship game in Pasadena with Cameron and lots of Pikes. You can reach Charlie at [charles.beckham@haynesboone.com](mailto:charles.beckham@haynesboone.com).

## Congratulations Beta Mu Scholars!

*Chapter G.P. A. Ranks Seventh out of 22 Fraternities on Austin Campus*

Academics are a priority at Pike. Beta Mu's G.P.A. ranks seventh of the 22 IFC fraternities on campus. The chapter's overall G.P.A. is a very respectable 3.189. These brothers all earned 3.75 or greater in the fall 2011. Congratulations to these men.

**David Dyer '08** (4.0 G.P.A.)  
**Andrew Mueller '08** (4.0 G.P.A.)  
**Justin Peden '09** (4.0 G.P.A.)  
**Adam Tarlecki '08**  
**Jay Messer '08**  
**Chris Mackay '08**

**Austin Shires '08**  
**James Showery '08**  
**Jeffrey Blume '09**  
**Matthew Marshall '09**  
**Ben Weinblatt '09**  
**Chris Bigelow '10**

**Jeffrey Daugherty '10**  
**Alex Faust '10**  
**Zach Schaefer '10**  
**Riley Shine '10**  
**Sam Walsh '10**  
**Matthew Bruzzone '11**

**Michael Depinet '11**  
**Mark Izlar '11**  
**Daniel Salzman '11**

## THANK YOU, PI KAPPA ALPHA DONORS

In the fall of 2011, 73 generous brothers donated \$11,037 to support our alumni communications program. We wish to thank these contributors, listed below, for their donations.

### Gold Club

(\$5,000 and above)

Ambassador Stan L. McLelland '64

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Martin W. Dies '67

John A. Barclay III '73

Jon M. Jones '77

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William T. Peterson III '80

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Aaron M. Motsinger '07



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### Diamond Club

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Gilbert C. Ledyard Jr. '41

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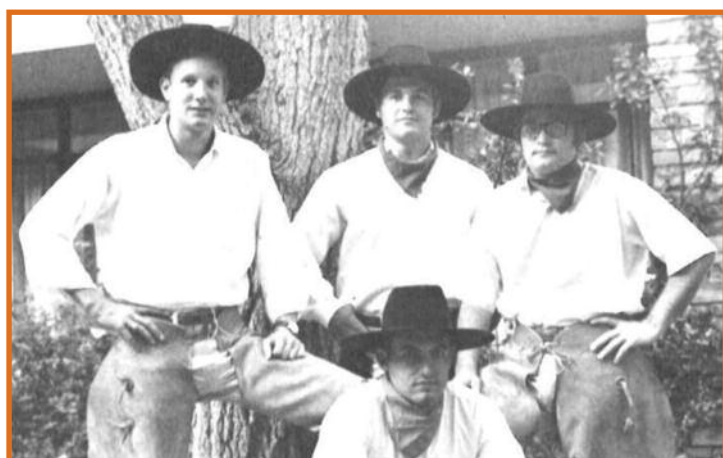
## MARTIN DIES '67 RECEIVES UT'S PRO BENE MERITIS AWARD

**M**artin Dies '67 has been honored as the 2011 Pro Bene Meritis Award recipient. The Pro Bene Meritis Award is the highest honor bestowed by the University of Texas at Austin's College of Liberal Arts each year in recognition of alumni who have made outstanding contributions in professional or philanthropic pursuits.

Martin received his degree from the College of Liberal Arts and used his critical thinking and problem-solving skills to later earn a law degree. He chairs UT's College of Liberal Arts Development Council and is part of the steering committee for the construction of the new liberal arts building. Also a member of the Texas Exes Scholarship Foundation Board, Martin assisted in the creation of the Texas Exes 40 Acres Scholarships.

Martin was nominated for the Pro Bene Meritis Award because of his quiet and effective leadership. While an undergraduate at Pike, Martin served as secretary and state-wide rush captain. He also served the university as a freshman orientation advisor, freshman council advisor, Texas Union Committee member and Texas Cowboys.

Martin is an attorney in Austin. He can be reached at [mwdies@aol.com](mailto:mwdies@aol.com)



*In addition to several leadership positions, Martin (left) was also a Texas Cowboy with fellow members Steve Ray '69, Pat Hodges '68, and (kneeling) W. D. Hilton '66.*



*Martin as an undergraduate member of PIKA in 1970.*

## CHAPTER ETERNAL

**Joseph L. Dunlap '48** entered Chapter Eternal November 27, 2011. Joe lived with integrity, kindness, love, joy, compassion, and deep faith in God. He was a graduate of the University of Texas and SMU and was a successful businessman in the Dallas area.

**George R. Adams Sr. '52** entered Chapter Eternal on July 3, 2011. George was born in Alice, Texas, September 28, 1932. The youngest of four brothers, George followed his older brothers by graduating from William Adams High School, attending the University of Texas, and enlisting in the United States Air Force. George served in the Air Force reserves until 1963 and completed his law degree in 1962 at St. Mary's University. He practiced law for many years and led a long, happy life.

**John W. Alvis '67** entered Chapter Eternal on November 19, 2011, after a brief, but intense, battle with pancreatic cancer. John graduated from Austin's McCallum High School and the University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor's degree in history. He received his juris

doctor from the University of Texas School of Law in 1970. Following his education, John served as a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and later began his own law firm in Austin.

**R. Harvey Neuman '71** entered Chapter Eternal on January 10, 2012. He was born October 25, 1952, in Fort Worth. He graduated from Western Hills High School and then attended the University of Texas and Texas Wesleyan University. Harvey started a family accounting firm 28 years ago. Harvey had a passion for his four boys and anyone they called a friend. He never missed his sons' ballgames and no matter when or where, he could be seen roaming the stands looking for the best view of his boys. He volunteered his time to many charities and organizations.

**Daniel R. Driver '73** entered Chapter Eternal on December 31, 2011. He graduated from UT with a degree in civil engineering and received his MBA from Boise State. He had a very successful career in construction, finishing with Kiewit Power in Lenexa, Kan.



## BETA MU CHAPTER HISTORY— 92 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE AT UT

In December of 1919, eight University of Texas students, all members of Pi Kappa Alpha from other colleges, formed the PKA Club in order to work in unison toward procuring a charter for a chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha at the University of Texas at Austin.

A petition was formally made to the Grand Council and the charter was quickly granted. **George B. Marsh**, *Southwestern University 1910*, the regional Pike vice president, presided over the installation ceremony, and Beta Mu was formally ushered in on March 20, 1920. The following men comprised the charter membership: **Howard C. Buckley**, **Ruben W. Gray**, **Bertram Hedick**, **Caradine R. Hooton**, **Frank H. Lancaster**, **John L. McCollough**, **D.H. Meek**, and **H. Bascom Thomas Jr.** They will be forever remembered as the founders of Beta Mu.

At the time of the chartering of Beta Mu, two University of Texas faculty members, who were alumni of Pi Kappa Alpha, served as early chapter advisors: **Dr. Leonidas W. Payne Jr.**, *Auburn 1895*, professor of English, and **L. Theo Bellmont**, *Tennessee 1905*, director of athletics. Dr. Payne was an English professor at the University of Texas from 1906 to 1943. He was a prolific writer and a personal friend of the poets Robert Frost and Carl Sandburg.

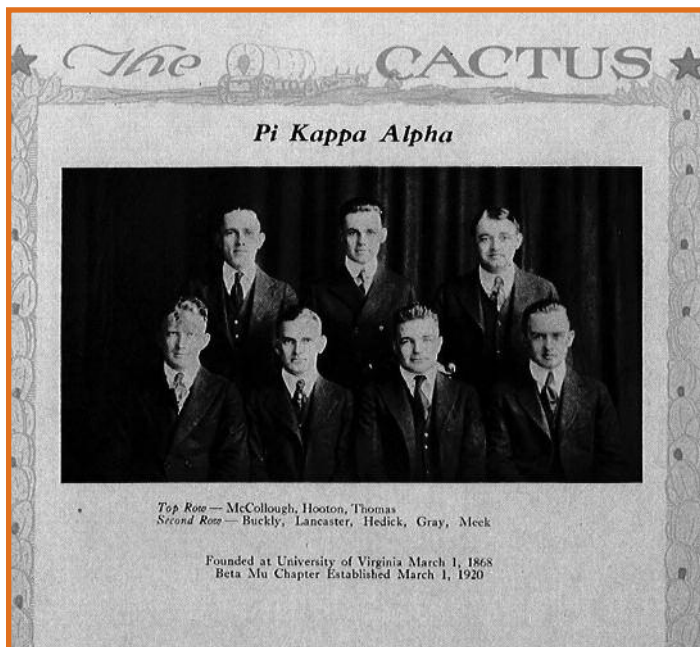
As a professor, he mentored the esteemed Texas writer J. Frank Dobie. Brother Payne's son, **Bledsoe Payne '20**, would become Beta Mu's first pledge and, along with two other pledges, was initiated in May 1920.

L. Theo Bellmont was a professor of Health and Education and became UT's first director of athletics in 1913. He started the Cotton Bowl game with Oklahoma University, organized the Southwest Conference in 1915, was the visionary for the Texas Relays, and organized the funding for Memorial Stadium in 1923. He served as director of athletics from 1913 to 1929 and continued to serve on the UT faculty in the College of Arts & Sciences until 1952. Bellmont Hall was named in his honor in 1973.



*Pike pledge class in 1957.*

Founded just after the conclusion of World War I, Beta Mu Chapter has endured through the Great Depression and through World War II. The fraternity grew in the 1950s when it dedicated the current chapter house. The 1960s and 70s were a tumultuous time in the nation's history, but the culture of Beta Mu persevered and thrived. Beta Mu celebrates 92 years at UT in 2012. With new, committed members and loyal alumni, it will remain forever strong.



*Brother Phil Kendrick '49 secured several editions of UT's yearbook The Cactus, from the early 1920s for Beta Mu's archives. The Beta Mu Chapter's membership page from the 1920 The Cactus is pictured above, noting our chapter's founders and early members.*



*Beta Mu members in 1934 at the chapter house on 2504 Rio Grande.*



*The current Pike house at 2400 Leon was dedicated in March 1952. The home was expanded in 1957 to include the back wing—today's upstairs short hall sleeping rooms and chapter room.*

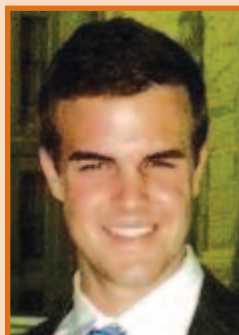
## ΠKA Recent Graduates

The *Beta Mu Review* begins a new profile of recent graduates in this issue. Beta Mu is very proud of these graduates who embody Pike scholarship and leadership. Congratulations on your achievements, gentlemen.



### Chad Smith '04

Chad earned undergraduate degrees in philosophy and government from UT, as well as graduating from UT Law School, where he was editor of its *Oil, Gas, and Energy Law Journal*. Chad was in Silver Spurs and served as vice president, social chairman and pledge trainer of Pike. Originally from Mesquite, he resides in Fort Worth where he is an attorney with Kelly, Hart & Hallman LLP.



### Austin Walsh '07

Austin earned a B.B.A. in finance with a minor in accounting from UT's McCombs School. Austin was social chairman and pledge class president during his Beta Mu days. He was New Man class president and on the selections committee of Texas Cowboys. Austin is a member of the mergers and acquisitions group at investment bank Jefferies & Company in New York. He is originally from Austin.



### Jonathan Saperstein '06

Jon earned a B.A. in history at Texas. Originally from Los Angeles, Jon served Pike as pledge class treasurer, pledge educator and internal vice president. He was also president of Silver Spurs. Jon serves on Beta Mu's Alumni Advisory Board. He is president and COO of Treetown USA based in Houston.



*Relaxing in the San Antonio Room are Robert Forrester '61 and Bob Cotter '61 (seated), and Dr. Bill McCaleb '59, Buddy Boudloche '61, and Dick Chote '59.*



### Will Jones '07

Will, originally from Dallas, earned a B.S. in electrical engineering at Texas. During his Pike days, he served as house manager and IFC representative. Today, he lives in Boston, where he is an infrastructure solutions analyst with Cognizant Technology Solutions. Will is the son of **Jon Jones '77**, who serves on Beta Mu's Alumni Advisory Board.



### Cullen Ryburn '07

Cullen, originally from Lubbock, is a first-year medical student at the Texas Tech Health Science Center in El Paso. At UT, he earned a B.S. in cell and molecular biology and was a member of the club tennis team. He served on Pike's Honors Council.

## ALUMNI VISIT PIKE DURING TEXAS EXES REUNION WEEKEND

Several 1959 and 1961 initiates gathered in Austin surrounding the UT Class of 1962's 50th Anniversary celebration in mid-April. The brothers, organized by **Bill McCaleb '59**, put a visit to 2400 Leon on their reunion agenda. **Buddy Boudloche '61**, **Dick Chote '59**, **Bob Cotter '61**, and **Robert Forrester '61** visited the Pike house and met with several of today's active members and toured the house. This accomplished and recently retired group includes a physician, a CPA, a pharmacist, and two attorneys. Moreover, Dick, Robert, and Buddy were each Beta Mu presidents and Bob was treasurer. Dick and Buddy reminisced about being Texas Cowboys together, as well. Robert lives in Amarillo, and the other gents reside in Austin. The brothers are all active in retirement, managing investments, seeing grandchildren, and rooting for the Texas Longhorns football squad.

All alumni passing through Austin are encouraged to drop in and visit.



# SAVE THE DATE

## Fort Worth Area Alumni Summer Reception

Fort Worth Club  
Thursday, June 14 5:30-7:00 p.m.  
Other cities TBD  
E-mail [alumni@texaspikes.com](mailto:alumni@texaspikes.com)  
for info on your city

## Highlights of the Semester



Kirk Tate '72 and Michelle Ottis, guest of Lindsey Thompson '69, at Beta Mu's March Founders Day lunch.



It's "Horns Up" for Will Hall '11 and Will Brown '11 with UT President Bill Powers at a campus event in April 2012.



Beta Mu won its rec sports Greek basketball intramural league completing a 7-0 season, defeating the ZBTs in the Greek final.



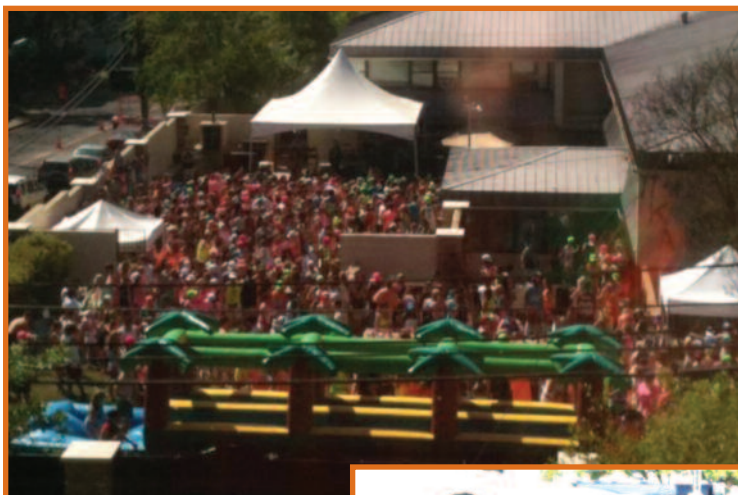
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**ATTENTION:** This newsletter is intended for alumni and parents. If your son is still attending the University of Texas, he will receive a copy at the chapter house. If he has graduated, please send us his permanent address to update our records.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



(Left) An aerial view of the chapter house shows the 900 guests that attended the 2012 Round Up event.

Round Up Weekend continues to be a major Greek event at the University. Pikes hosted a tremendous series of Round-Up events March 30-31, entertaining more than 60 prospective rushees from around the state and nation. The Saturday party was headlined by emerging country western star Corey Smith (right), attracting more than 900 guests to the Pike house concert.

