



# THE BETA MU REVIEW

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*Rendering of Beta Mu's chapter house from the southeast.*



## REMAINING FAITHFUL IN PIKE Beta Mu Building Co. Files Project Plans with City of Austin

June signifies an important milestone in the *Honoring Our Legacy, Securing Our Future* campaign—plans for the new chapter house will be filed with the City of Austin. As the plans are reviewed, the campaign board is focusing on financing. There is a significant need for continued alumni support as we progress toward demolition in 2019.

To date, we have raised \$4,164,495 toward our \$5 million fundraising goal. In order to properly fund the project, we must reach this benchmark so the chapter does not have to take on additional long-term debt.

### *Fraternity Means Family*

Some of you may question the relevancy of fraternities today, especially amongst the negative media stream regarding Greek life. But I ask you to remain faithful. We need to remember that fraternity is where family is made. How many of us met our best friends, our brothers, at Beta Mu? Chances are a Pike brother has been with you through some of the most significant times of your life. We're more than just brothers through Pike, we are one another's best men, mentors, godparents to our children, and counselors in trying times.

### *Giving Strategies*

I ask that you give to the campaign today in honor of the friendships and family you made in Pike. There are many methods to make your gift: use the enclosed pledge card and mail your check today, or give online at [www.texaspike.com](http://www.texaspike.com).

Through whatever means—whether giving \$50,000, \$5,000, or \$500—we value your gift and your generosity to Beta Mu. Please support your Pike family and show your faith in fraternity by returning your gift today.

Yours in Phi Phi Ka,  
**John A. Rathmell Jr. '76**  
Campaign Chairman



*Rendering of Beta Mu's new chapter house.*

## HELP US UPDATE OUR DATABASE

We are dedicated to keeping our alumni database as up-to-date as possible. You can help us with this endeavor by reaching out to [alumni@texaspike.com](mailto:alumni@texaspike.com) and providing your best email address and cell phone number.

P.S. We make updates, just like you! We'd like to stress our new website is [www.texaspike.com](http://www.texaspike.com) (we dropped the 's') and updated our alumni email to reflect the same change. Be sure to visit the website for all things Beta Mu and don't forget to send us your contact information so we remain in touch!



# THANK YOU, ALUMNI SUPPORTERS

## JOIN OUR LIST OF GENEROUS CONTRIBUTORS TODAY

We are deeply grateful to the following brothers for committing \$4,165,495 to the *Honoring Our Legacy, Securing Our Future* campaign. These individuals recognize the importance of ensuring the future of Beta Mu Chapter and have demonstrated a sense of gratitude for their personal experience by making an investment in the future of Pi Kappa Alpha at the University of Texas. Commitments are still needed from the rest of our alumni to achieve our goal.

All donors contributing \$5,000 or more over a five-year period will be recognized on a prominently displayed plaque. If an error has been made in recording your gift or your name has been listed improperly, we sincerely apologize. Please advise our campaign coordinator at (785) 843-1661.

### **Founders Society** *(\$1,000,000 and above)* Anonymous

### **The Oak Society** *(500,000 to \$999,999)*

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## CAMPAIGN STATUS AT-A-GLANCE

Total Raised as of March 30, 2018: \$4,165,495

Campaign Goal: \$5 Million

Number of Contributors: 192

*Join Beta Mu's list of loyal donors and help our new chapter house become a reality!*

## At 98, Beta Mu's Oldest Living Alumnus, **Jack Meadows '37** Supports Campaign for Beta Mu

During pledge week of 1936, **Jack Meadows '37** visited the Beta Mu house and was immediately impressed with the “nice bunch of fellows” who greeted him. Though finances kept him from initiation until the following year, Jack can still recall many memories from his years as an active brother.



His recollections of roommates are some of his favorite memories and he can remember living with late 1930s fellow members **Pete Durham '41** and **Cliff Carter '40** his senior year. He even went on double dates with Cliff and the ladies that would become their wives. Additionally, Jack helped Pike win the intramural basketball championship, was on a tennis scholarship (which was one brand new racquet and a weekly tennis ball), and played a fair share of nightly ping pong matches.

To support the future success of the Pike house and foster a place where young men can form relationships, Jack supported the Beta Mu capital campaign. His years in Pike offered him a time to associate with many good people and helped him become a more involved member of society and he sees the campaign as a way for alumni to support the chapter as best they can.



*Jack Meadows '37 after graduation in 1941.*

After graduation from UT, Jack served in the U.S. Navy. He was commissioned in 1941 as an engineering officer and was released from service in 1945, but stayed active in the reserve until 1961, where after 20 years, he retired as commander. In 1945, Jack went to work for the Crossett Company in Arkansas as a power plant engineer. Later, Jack became a vice president at Georgia Pacific, and in 1975, he moved to the Portland, Oregon-based Times Mirror Corporation where he was senior vice president until 1985. Today, Jack lives in Fayetteville, Arkansas. During his time with these companies, he also stayed active in the community, serving on the Jaycees for many years, and serving

two terms on the Arkansas State Board of Education. “Do the best you can in your education,” he advises current students. “Get as much education as you can and do the best with what you learn. Do as much in the civic arena as possible.”

Jack, now aged, was married to Jane Duls for 70 years and dated for seven years before they wed. Jane passed away in 2014, leaving Jack with their four children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Two of Jack's sons, Jack Jr. and William (deceased), were Pikes at the University of Arkansas.

Gary S. May '73  
 Randy Randolph '73  
 Gary S. Rinn '73  
 James R. Foster '75  
 James L. Mertz Jr. '75  
 Jeff H. Selig '75  
 David P. Haynie '76  
 Jay R. Lucas '76  
 Dr. James L. Smith '76  
 John C. Rutherford '77  
 S. Meade Bauer '78  
 John H. Gibson II '78  
 J. Andrew Kerner '79  
 Mark W. Bauer '80  
 James Walsdorf '82  
 Frederick M. Jackson III '86  
 In memory of  
 Lee Warren '83  
 R. Brant Bousquet Sr. '84  
 Dr. Marc L. Boom '85  
 Jeff Michael French '92  
 Tom Walsh '93  
 John W. Franklin Jr. '94  
 Scot Clinton '96  
 Jeffery A. Hickl '98  
 Clint Wood '00  
 In honor of  
 the Fall '99 Pledge Class  
 W. Lee Chenault '02  
 Stratton L. Borchers '07

**Contributor**  
**(\$2,500 to \$4,999)**  
 Anonymous  
 Walter D. Campbell '54  
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 Michael S. Waltrip '85  
 Carson Carruthers '07  
 John Colwell '07  
 Josh Devin '07  
 Zachary P. McFarlane '08  
 John W. Woodiel III '10

† Deceased



**Left:** Graduating Pike Texas Cowboys Eric Cruz '14, Lucas Anderson '14, and Derek Camazine '14 were leaders in the Pike house and across The Forty Acres. We wish these men well starting careers with ExxonMobil, Raymond James Energy Bank and Dell, respectively. **Right:** Several of the May 2018 Pike graduates attending the May 16 Senior Sendoff lunch in their honor hosted by the Beta Mu Alumni Fund.



## BETA MU GRADUATES 23 SENIORS IN MAY 2018

**T**wenty-three Beta Mu men are now Texas Exes and Pike alumni following completion of their UT Austin undergraduate work in May 2018. Congratulations and best wishes to these men, all of whom were initiated in fall 2014 or spring 2015. These men are joining companies like Dell, ExxonMobil, Mercer Consulting, staffing in the U.S. Senate and several are heading to business and medical school. Well done, gentlemen! Degrees, new jobs or graduate school are noted where provided. Past Beta Mu offices held are noted in italics.

**Lucas Anderson:** B.B.A., finance; joining Raymond James Energy Investment Bank, Houston. *President, Texas Cowboys*

**Austin Burcham:** B.B.A., accounting, continuing through May 2019 to complete master's in public accounting; accepted position with PwC as an assurance associate. *Social Chair, Silver Spurs*

**Deryk Camazine:** B.B.A., finance; joining Dell as a financial analyst, Austin. *Vice President, Social Chair, Silver Spurs*

**Eric Cruz:** B.S., computer and electrical engineering; joining ExxonMobil, Baton Rouge, LA. *Social Chair, Rush Captain, Pledge Trainer, Texas Cowboys*

**Wade Cope:** B.A., government, minor in computer science; managing libertarian candidate for Texas Governor Mark Tippetts' campaign. *House Manager*

**Tyler Dial:** B.S., marketing; embarking on country music singing/songwriting career. *Pledge Class Social Chair*

**Hugo Eichner:** B.S., chemistry, and B.A., economics; applying to business school.

**Levi Kaip:** B.S., chemical engineering; seeking chemical and energy sector positions in Houston, considering business school. *Risk Management Committee*

**Emmett Kennady:** B.S., computational chemistry; accepted to University of Texas Health Science Center McGovern School of Medicine, Houston. *Academics Committee*

**Alex Knott:** B.S., honors civil engineering; attending University of California-Berkeley for master's in structural engineering. *Pledge Trainer*

**Kris Kubin:** B.A., economics. *Rush Chairman, Silver Spurs*

**Brian Lenert:** B.S., mathematics and actuarial science; attending the University of Virginia for a master's in commerce. *Academics Committee*

**Adam Lewis:** B.B.A., finance; joining wealth management firm CEERA Investments as an investment research analyst in Houston. *Alumni Relations Committee*

**Kyle Logan:** B.B.A., accounting, continuing through May 2019 to complete master's in public accounting; accepted position with Deloitte's

Tech Risk Advisory group. *Internal Vice President*  
**Tom McNamara:** B.B.A., accounting, continuing through May 2019 to complete master's in public accounting. *Pledge Trainer, Rush Captain, Texas Cowboys*

**Brady Pere:** B.S., mechanical engineering. *Risk Management Committee*

**Ryan Rendon:** B.S., mechanical engineering. *Athletics Committee*

**Justin Smith:** B.S., mechanical engineering. *Philanthropy Chairman*

**Blake Steines:** B.S., biomedical engineering; joining Mercer Consulting as an actuarial analyst, Houston. *Continuing Education Chairman*

**Brad Swanson:** B.A., economics. *Silver Spurs*

**Brandon Vasquez:** B.A., economics

**Matthew Wills:** B.A., government; joining the Washington, D.C., office of Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet.

**Noel Zapata:** B.S., actuarial science

## Meet Texas Pike's Spring Initiates

Beta Mu Chapter initiated five undergraduate spring pledges into the brotherhood on April 29.

The five newly initiated members, all freshmen, are:

- **Brennon Fallon** of North Richland Hills, Texas, majoring in civil engineering.
- **Alfred Fuentes** of Boerne, Texas, majoring in undergraduate studies/undeclared.
- **Christopher Mariotti** of Houston, Texas, majoring in biomedical engineering.
- **Gustavo Santos** of Exeter, N.H., majoring in architecture.
- **Peter Wang** of Sheuzhen, Hong Kong, majoring in mechanical engineering.



Spring 2018 initiates Peter Wang, Alfred Fuentes, Brennon Fallon, and Chris Mariotti receive Pike neckties, the traditional welcoming gift following initiation from the Beta Mu Alumni Fund. (Not pictured: Gustavo Santos)

## Beta Mu Chapter Receives Top Ranking in National Pike Review

The International Pike Fraternity evaluates all 280 chapter and colonies with a professional staff visit annually. In Beta Mu's most recent evaluation, in fall 2017, the Chapter earned a report card score of 84.3 out of a possible 100. Pike earned perfect 100s in the health and safety/risk management, financial management and alumni relations areas. Our men scored very highly in the 90s in scholarship, service, leadership, ritual and public relations.



Chapter President **Garrett Beirne '16** said, "Our men strive to maintain Beta Mu's legacy of leadership. We have received the Raymond Orians Chapter Excellence Award (given to 20 top performing chapters) at five successive national conventions and we expect do so again at Pike's 150th Annual Convention in Richmond in July. There is always room for improvement in any organization and we continue to strive for excellence as a high performing chapter."

The national scorecard penalizes Beta Mu as UT Greeks do not participate in intramurals as they once did (hosting intra-Greek only games), and even though our recruitment/rush process works well, our ideal pledge class size of 35-40 falls lower than some other larger chapters penalizing us. Beta Mu's lowest score was in housing, with our dated facility rated a 65.

Of the 12 active Pike chapters in Texas, Beta Mu was surpassed only by UT-Arlington which carded a 95. The other ten Texas Pike chapters scored in the 70s or lower.

## CHAPTER ETERNAL

**Richard H. Moore Jr. '42** entered Chapter Eternal on March 9 at the age of 95. Dick joined the Army Air Corps in 1943 and served as chief gunner on a B29 plane. He was awarded the Air Medal five times and was awarded the Flying Cross. After his service, he attended the North Texas Agricultural College and UT, where he completed his law degree. Dick then practiced law for 60 years. He lived in Fort Worth.

**Charles R. Morgan Jr. '53** entered Chapter Eternal on November 17, 2017, at the age of 85. Chuck and his wife of 55 years, Jeanie, had one daughter, Jill. His early years were spent in Texas, followed by Fairbanks, Alaska, for 42 years. While working at Design Alaska, he worked on the Akiuk Memorial School and the North Pole High School. Chuck loved fishing and sports and had a badminton tournament named in his honor in 2003.

**James E. Alvis '61** entered Chapter Eternal on March 25, three days shy of his 76th birthday, after losing a 16-year battle with multiple myeloma. Jim graduated from UT with degrees in history and anthropology. In 1970, Jim was awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to document/photograph the transformation of Texas from a rural culture to urban state. Shortly before his death, Jim created a collection of these black and white photos into a book, *Texas Past a Fading Rural Heritage*. Jim shared his life with Sharon, his partner of 24 years. He is survived by Sharon and their three children.

**Russel L. Farabee '74** entered Chapter Eternal on December 30, 2017, at the age of 62. Rusty first attended the University of North Carolina to play football for the Tarheels and later transferred to UT and completed law school at SMU. He practiced real estate law in the Dallas area for more than 30 years, had a deep love for animals, and loved discussing politics, reading science fiction and singing. He is survived by his daughters, Valerie and Elizabeth.



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## 2018-19 CHAPTER OFFICERS

Beta Mu's new officers assumed their roles in late May and will serve until May 2019. The Chapter thanks the outgoing officers for their service to the Chapter this past year.

President  
**Garrett Beirne**  
Rising junior  
Lake Travis

Co-Social Chairman  
**Walt Cory**  
Rising sophomore  
Highland Park

External VP  
**Taylor Golden**  
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Fort Worth

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Dallas

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**Will Junk**  
Rising junior  
Coppell

Risk Manager  
**Lee Cohen**  
Rising Junior  
Chicago



*More than 50 DFW-area alumni joined the #Pike150 Dallas Founders' Day event hosted by Dana and John Rowlett '83 at the Brook Hollow Golf Club. Alumni from the early 1960s to the early 2000s were present at the event.*

## Connect with Beta Mu Online

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