



THE BETA MU REVIEW

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ALUMNI PROGRAMMING TO EXPAND IN 2021

Pike Legends Alumni Awards Envisioned for Fall 2021

As Beta Mu enters her second century, our alumni efforts are being repurposed to encourage further intra-alumni engagement with one another, as well as to increase support and interaction with the undergraduate chapter.

"We're so pleased to have the new Pike house as a center of brotherhood, athletics and academics for the chapter," Beta Mu Building Co. President **Bert Dement '66** said. "We look forward to the updated, modern property also being enjoyed by our Texas Pike alumni who made the new facility possible."

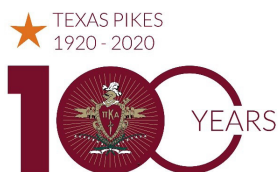
The COVID-19 pandemic and related imposed crowd limitations didn't permit a formal grand opening in 2020, so we look forward to welcoming alumni beginning in fall 2021. Save the date for a football tailgate and tours on October 16, 2021, when the Longhorns play Oklahoma State.

Along with the Beta Mu Building Co. board of directors and Alumni Advisory Board members, Chapter Advisor **Doug Phelan '65** is exploring concepts to support the chapter through a new alumni entity.

The alumni volunteer leaders will work over the course of summer 2021 to announce a new Beta Mu alumni organization in fall 2021 and kick off Beta Mu's new Pike Legends Awards program that honors Pike alumni for business and community leadership. The vision for the Pike Legends Awards includes a posthumous recognition award, an active alumnus award and a younger alumnus under 30 award. Ideas and input from all alumni are welcome as the new alumni initiative is envisioned and developed.

"We're so grateful for the generous alumni contributions to make the new house a possibility," Alumni Advisory Board Chair **Russ Keene '80** said. "Now we will seek more modest funding, with a larger base of donors, to support our alumni programming and chapter support, including possible scholarships. We've observed Fiji, Kappa Sig, Phi Psi and other UT Austin fraternities operating with alumni and parent funded scholarship foundations, adding another benefit to the fraternal experience, and we hope Beta Mu alumni will step up and join this exciting new initiative for Beta Mu."

The new awards program will kick off the alumni weekend on October 16. Stay tuned for announcements on the new alumni programming and membership opportunities. As always, stay in touch with the chapter and alumni programming on our social media channels. Emails can be sent to alumni@texaspike.com.



Pikes Make a Difference During the Pandemic

Undergraduate Brothers Excited About Lifting of COVID-19 Restrictions

Texas Pikes enjoyed the spring 2021 semester working through the disruptions caused by COVID-19. Brothers largely remained in Austin during the spring semester and are excited for what should be a much more normal 2021-22 academic year. The Chapter managed to have an active semester with our usual mix of academic, brotherhood and service events and several smaller gatherings/social events around Austin as circumstances permitted. We were particularly proud to partner with UT Austin's Healthy Horns program and opened the Pike house every Wednesday as an official UT proactive community testing site. Each week, Pikes and many UT student neighbors took advantage of COVID-19 testing.

Pikes remain grateful to the brave medical professionals and first responders who have kept Austin and our home communities safe in this challenging time. We send our best to all Pikes who have been impacted one way or another by the pandemic. We were also honored to play a pivotal role in two IFC-sponsored blood drives for the Central Texas blood bank, We Are Blood, in November 2020 and again in April 2021. IFC VP Philanthropy **Griffin Boutwell '19** helped manage the events.

In March, brothers gathered to celebrate Texas Pike's 101st Founders' Day and enjoyed birthday cake in the new Pike house. While restrictions existed on social gatherings this spring, we made good use of the house. Brothers enjoyed watching March Madness basketball and hosting both a Pike Mother's Club dinner and a Dad's Club casino night.

We are grateful to the many Pike alumni donors who have made the new house possible. We have already created new memories and are proud of 101 uninterrupted years of brotherhood and service in the UT Austin community. We appreciate the support of our alumni and congratulate **Russ Keene '80** who received the UT Dean of Students Office of Sorority and Fraternity Life Volunteer of the Year Award this spring!

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Welcome, Spring New Members!

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We're excited to see how the new chapter house further enhances our strong academic performance. Our fall 2020 pledges carded a recent 3.414 GPA and have been joined by our four spring pledges in making an immediate impact within the chapter. The active chapter's GPA was 3.325, which made Pike one of eight UT fraternities with a GPA of 3.3 or higher last fall. More than one-third of our members hold a 3.75 GPA or higher, and five brothers earned 4.0s for the fall semester.

We're looking forward to building on this success as we work through summer rush. We can't wait to meet more young men who are interested in being a part of Pike's 101 years of Austin traditions. We welcome alumni rush referrals, and interested students can register for rush at texaspike.com. We look forward to a great fall of activities focused on brotherhood, academics, athletics, philanthropy, campus participation and, of course, a fun social schedule.

After graduating this spring, I can speak for fellow officers and seniors that Pike has been an important part of our college experience on The Forty Acres. We are excited to move forward into graduate schools and careers knowing Beta Mu is well positioned in her 101st year. I wish my successor Nathan McDermid and the new officers all the best! There has never been a time to have more pride in being an active or alumnus of Pi Kappa Alpha. We encourage Pikes, parents and friends to visit us when in Austin.

Yours in phi phi ka,
Richard Sherwood '17
Outgoing Chapter President



Grant Typrin, Prosper, Texas
Prosper High School.
National Honor Society; STEM Club.
Major: Business, undeclared.
Parents: Andrew and Leslie Typrin

Diego Guerrero, Austin, Texas
Lake Travis High School.
National Honor Society; Varsity Soccer Captain.
Major: Public Health.
Parents: Jorge Guerrero and Lorena Masferrer

Phillip Peng, Austin, Texas
Lake Travis High School.
State Gold Medalist, Technology Student Association; AP Scholar; Robotics Club.
Major: Electrical and Software Engineering.
Parents: Wuxu Peng and Lin Li

Mason Wilderom, Dallas, Texas
Parish Episcopal High School. All State Academic Golf Award; Varsity Golf Team Captain; Esports Team; Honors Council.
Major: Computer Science.
Parents: Pieter and Deanna Wilderom



2021-2022 CHAPTER OFFICERS

Beta Mu's new leadership team was elected recently and will serve from May 2021 to May 2022. Much appreciation to **Richard Sherwood '17** and the other outgoing officers for their leadership and service this past school year.

President **Nathan McDermid '18**

External VP **Grant Hiskes '19**

Internal VP **Ted Howard '19**

Member Development VP **Nathan Howard '20**

Treasurer **Grant Astin '19**

Secretary **Aven Williams '20**

Social Chairmen **Davis O'Brien '19**,
Wilson Welch '20

Sergeant-at-Arms **Michael Brill '18**

Risk Manager **Jake Fujihara '19**

Right: The Texas Pike 2021-22 executive committee is comprised left to right of Co-Social Chairman Wilson Welch '20, External VP Grant Hiskes '19, President Nathan McDermid '18, Member Development VP Nathan Howard '20, Sergeant-at-Arms Michael Brill '18, Internal VP Ted Howard '19 and Risk Manager Jake Fujihara '19. Not pictured: Treasurer Grant Astin '19, Secretary Aven Williams '20 and Co-Social Chairman Davis O'Brien '19.

Congratulations, Texas Pike Seniors!

31 Brothers Graduate in May 2021

Texas Pike is pleased to salute the 31 brothers who become Longhorn graduates this spring. The group includes two past Pike presidents and a number of other officers and committee chairmen. These men were active across campus in professional societies, founded philanthropy events and produced an award-winning RTF student film. Three of these brothers played Texas club lacrosse and one was a Silver Spur.

Many of the graduates are part of the fall 2017 pledge class, which will be long remembered as scholars, leaders and big contributors to Pike's centennial year. Many of the brothers were in either the Cockrell School of Engineering or the McCombs School of Business. Kudos to **Corey Barker '17** who was Valedictorian of the Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering Department of the Cockrell School! It's a group that includes computer science, economics, RTF, Plan II graduates and many other outstanding scholars. The men are joining companies like American Airlines, Deloitte, DPR Construction and Fidelity Investments, and several of them are headed to law and dental schools. Congratulations, men, and welcome to Texas Exes and Pike alumni status. Hook 'em Horns and SLAG!

Jeremy Arnold '17
Santa Monica, Calif.
Civil Engineering

Corey Barker '17
Aurora, Ill.
Civil Engineering

John Bush III '17
Austin, Texas
Government

Cooper Carlyle '17
Houston, Texas
Finance

Jordan Chandler '17
Spring, Texas
International Relations

Walt Cory '17
Dallas, Texas
Plan II Honors and
Philosophy

Brennon Fallon '18
Northport, N.Y.
Civil Engineering

Christian Gonzales '17
Houston, Texas
Government

Jackson Harris '16
Prosper, Texas
Accounting

Tom Hoeg '17
Mattituck, N.Y.
Biology

Grayland Jackson '17
Comanche, Texas
Economics

Matthew Lambert '17
Allen, Texas
Mechanical Engineering

John Lance '17
St. Louis Park, Minn.
BBA, Marketing

Noah Lindley '17
Denton, Texas
Computer Science

Christopher Mariotti '18
Spring, Texas
Biomedical Engineering

Scott Martin '17
Houston, Texas
Economics

Rahul Menon '17
Plano, Texas
Finance

Andre Mouton '17
Lafayette, La.
Neuroscience

Scott Randall '17
Barrington, Ill.
Mechanical Engineering

Freddie Roberts '17
Winnetka, Ill.
Economics and
Government

Lucas Schlom '17
Winnetka, Ill.
Civil Engineering

Andre Schillaci '17
Cypress, Texas
Business

Austin Spingarn '17
Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
Finance

Richard Sherwood '17
Tyler, Texas
Mechanical Engineering

Hayden Sutherland '17
Bridgeport, Texas
Economics

Matthew Stusick '19
Denton, Texas
Government

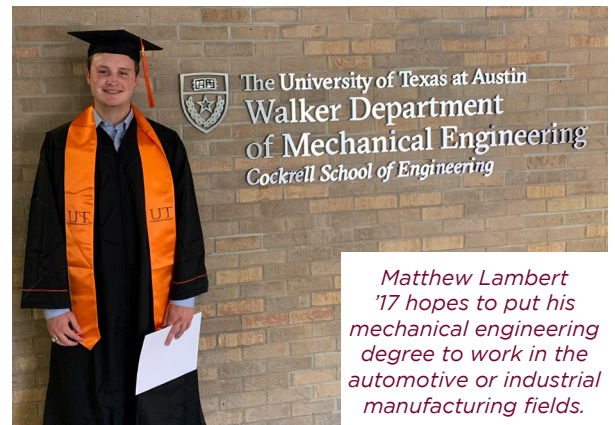
William Thomason '17
Atlanta, Ga.
Radio-Television-Film



Left: Jackson Harris '16 earned the McCombs School's prestigious combined BBA/master of public accounting degree. Jackson has accepted a position with Deloitte's audit practice in Austin. **Middle:** Peyton Wolfcale '17 and Tom Hoeg '17 look forward to dental school. Peyton is heading to Texas A&M's College of Dentistry in Dallas. Tom will attend UT Health San Antonio's School of Dentistry. **Right:** Austin-area alumni hosted the traditional Senior Send-Off Lunch for the graduating seniors in late May. Past presidents Tommy Waun '17 and Richard Sherwood '17 were presented with Pike blankets to thank them for their leadership and commitment over the years.



Matthew Stusick '19, who posed with UT President Jay Hartzell backstage at graduation, earned a government degree and is joining Fidelity Investments in North Texas.



Matthew Lambert '17 hopes to put his mechanical engineering degree to work in the automotive or industrial manufacturing fields.

Nick Thompson '16
Miami, Fla.
Architectural Engineering

Peter Wang '18
Shenzhen, China
Mechanical Engineering

Thomas Waun '17
Austin, Texas
Economics

Peyton Wolfcale '17
Austin, Texas
Biology



BUILDING A STRONG BETA MU NETWORK

Alumni and Undergraduates Connect During Career Advisory Session

Beta Mu's Alumni Advisory Board endeavors to host at least one career advisory session per semester. A big thanks goes to **Jeremy Garner '94** and **Daren Nix '97** for leading a session on preparing for real estate careers on May 4 at the Pike house. Pike undergraduates learned from these experienced industry pros about the retail and industrial sectors and the fundamentals of real estate development, investment and various types of brokerages. Alumni are encouraged to speak to a weekly chapter meeting during the school year or make arrangements to do a career advisory session. If interested send a note to alumni@texaspike.com.



*Membership Development
VP Nathan Howard '20
presents Jeremy Garner
'94 and Daren Nix '97 with
Pike thank-you gifts on
behalf of the chapter.*



Pike Parents Celebrated

This spring, the chapter hosted parents at two events. Dad's Weekend was held March 6 and 7. The weekend consisted of watching March Madness matchups together, a casino party, a sunny afternoon rooftop reception and small dinners around Austin. In April, the moms got their own weekend of fun in Austin April 9 and 10. Friday night dinner was served at the Pike house, lunch on the town Saturday in small groups and Saturday afternoon included the traditional Lady Bird Lake sunset boat cruise. A good time was had by all and we appreciate and the many parents who make so much possible for Beta Mu Chapter.



*Mr. Griebenow was in from
Plano to see his boys.*



*Mr. Salem traveled in from
Denver to see Tarek.*



*Jackson Stublar and Jack Terry with
their moms on the boat cruise.*



*Wilson Welch and his father,
a Pike alum from Texas Tech,
enjoyed the Dad's Weekend.*



*PC 19 pledge brothers and all active chapter
leaders Ted, Jake, Jackson and Griffin
during Mom's Weekend.*

CHAPTER ETERNAL



James R. Moffett Sr. '57 entered Chapter Eternal on January 8, 2021, at 82 at Seton Memorial Hospital in Austin, Texas, from complications from COVID-19. Jim Bob is survived by his

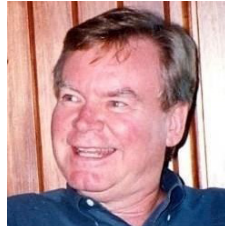
wife, Laurée Zachariah Moffett, and their four children and six grandchildren. He received a football and academic scholarship from the University of Texas at Austin and graduated in 1961 with an award for excellence in geology. After college, Jim Bob continued his close relationship with renowned coach and mentor Darrell Royal until Darrell's death in 2012. Jim Bob received the UT Distinguished Alumni award in 1981 and remained one of the school's most notable supporters.

He began his oil exploration career as a bottom-rung roustabout in the rough-and-tumble Louisiana oil fields by lugging pipe, unclogging pumps and digging ditches. By 1969, he formed an exploration company with two partners, W. K. McWilliams Jr. and B.M. Rankin Jr. They took the first two-three letters of each of their last names and called it the McMoRan Oil & Gas Co. In 1981, with Jim Bob as chairman and CEO, McMoRan Oil & Gas merged with Freeport Minerals Co. to form Freeport-McMoRan Inc., a Fortune 500 company. At the time, it was one of the largest mergers in Wall Street history. In 1988, under Jim Bob's leadership, Freeport-McMoRan discovered the Grasberg mine in Indonesia, which is considered one of the largest copper and gold mines in the world. Jim Bob also sat on several nonprofit boards over the years.

Neill Walsdorf Sr. '57 peacefully entered Chapter Eternal on July 22, 2020, at 83. He and his high school sweetheart, Beverly, celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on July 8, 2020. They had three children, **Neill, Jr. "Gobie" '79** and **Jimmy "Bear" '82**, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Neill was an avid sailor, tennis player, chef, wine enthusiast, philanthropist and, most of all, a musician. His clarinet went everywhere he went. He was part of the Band Aid Jazz Band, which played charitable events for more than 40 years. In 1972, he took over his family business upon

the death of his father. Neill served as president and CEO of Mission Pharmacal Company and remained active in the business until his death. He was a member of the Argyle, Club Giraud, Horseshoe Bay Yacht Club, Chaîne des Rotisseurs, the University of Texas Pharmacy Advisory Board, the University of Texas Nursing Advisory Board and a founding member of Lake Canyon Yacht Club.

Elmer "Buddy" Nelson Jr. '59 entered Chapter Eternal on December 3, 2020, at 84 following a three-year battle with pulmonary fibrosis. He had a long and successful career as a jewelry and watch salesman for Omega watches from the 1960s to the 1980s and then for SB&T Imports in Houston through the early 2000s. Buddy was also a Freemason, member of the Lions Club in Conroe, Texas, and an active member in his church. He enjoyed working at his ranch, hunting, and spending time with family and friends. Buddy leaves behind three daughters and five grandchildren.



Stan McLelland '64 entered Chapter Eternal on November 12, 2020, at 75 after a long battle with dementia. Along with his lifelong commitment to Pi Kappa Alpha at UT, Stan

was admitted into the prestigious Friar Society and graduated with a multi-disciplinary Plan II Honors Degree in 1967. During this time, he met the up-and-coming state representative Barbara Jordan, sparking a lifelong friendship. Stan attended the University of Texas Law School, where he was voted Outstanding Mid-Law Student by the faculty.

In 1970, Stan was recruited by the distinguished Houston law firm Baker Botts. His work there would lead to a successful private practice in Austin. In 1982, he joined Valero Energy in San Antonio where he worked for 16 years, first as an executive and later as general counsel and vice president. Probably the greatest honor and adventure of his life was when he was appointed by President Bill Clinton to become the United States Ambassador to Jamaica. He fell in love with the island and its people and worked tirelessly to improve trade relations with the U.S. In Jamaica, he is best known for lifting a

25-year ban on the importation of the ackee fruit, a move that was a huge benefit to the local farmers and economy. Stan was also an avid golfer and runner, playing on several prestigious golf courses and competing in many well-known marathons.

Mark Lesher '65 entered Chapter Eternal on January 30, 2021, due to complications from COVID-19. He served as Beta Mu's chapter president when he was a UT undergraduate. Mark graduated with a pharmacy degree in 1969 and a law degree in 1972. He began his law career as an assistant district attorney in Bowie County in 1973 and went into private practice in 1975. His practice focused on medical malpractice, personal injury and criminal defense cases. Mark achieved several multi-million-dollar settlements, as well as 10 not guilty verdicts for clients. He also co-founded a medical device manufacturing business that developed and sold a state-of-the-art auto injector.

Mark practiced law in Texarkana for 20 years before moving to Red River County in 1996 and opening a second law office in Clarksville. There, he met Rhonda Long, and they were married in 2003 at their ranch. Mark and Rhonda had three children and five grandchildren, including Mark's son **Clayton Lesher '97**, **Randy Woodard '68** and **Kent Woodard '69** were related to Mark by marriage. They enjoyed traveling to Central America, particularly Costa Rica. In 2009, they moved to Titus County and he opened a third law office in Mt. Pleasant. Mark was an avid reader and consumer of news and actively participated in politics at the local, state, and national levels. He was a baseball enthusiast and attended Whitey Ford's Fantasy Camp. His hand-eye coordination was excellent, and he enjoyed hunting and golf. Mark also seemingly knew how to play any kind of game and handily beat others at dominoes, cards, dice or ping pong.

Jordan Pike '16 entered Chapter Eternal on November 5, 2020, at 25. He was a protective brother, witty instigator and a gifted student. Jordan could juggle, loved Eminem and his idol was Michael Jordan. He was someone that everyone wanted to be around because he was always happy, friendly and would go to the greatest extents to make anyone laugh. Jordan is survived by his parents, sisters, grandparents and cousins.



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Beta Mu Alumni Association Legends Awards

Celebrate with fellow alumni and families, tour the
new Pike House

Go Longhorns, Beat the Oklahoma State Cowboys!

Event Details provided when game time is
announced. For info, watch **texaspike.com** or
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*Beta Mu Texas Cowboys and Silver Spurs at Tap-In in spring 1986.
Row One: Ward Sheffield '85, John Drouilhet '85 (deceased),
Greg Wright '85, Pat Drouilhet '85. Row Two: Lyle Martin '83,
Ken McFarland '83, Joe Mooney '83, George Dutter '83,
Rick Jackson '83. Row Three: John Gay '83, Matt Childs '84,
Scott Johnson '84 and Bob McKinney '84.*