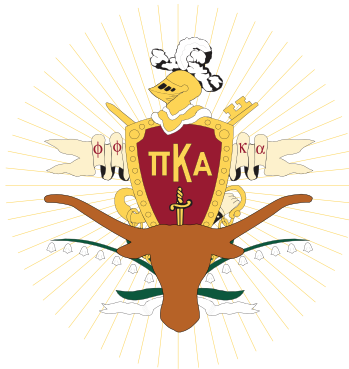


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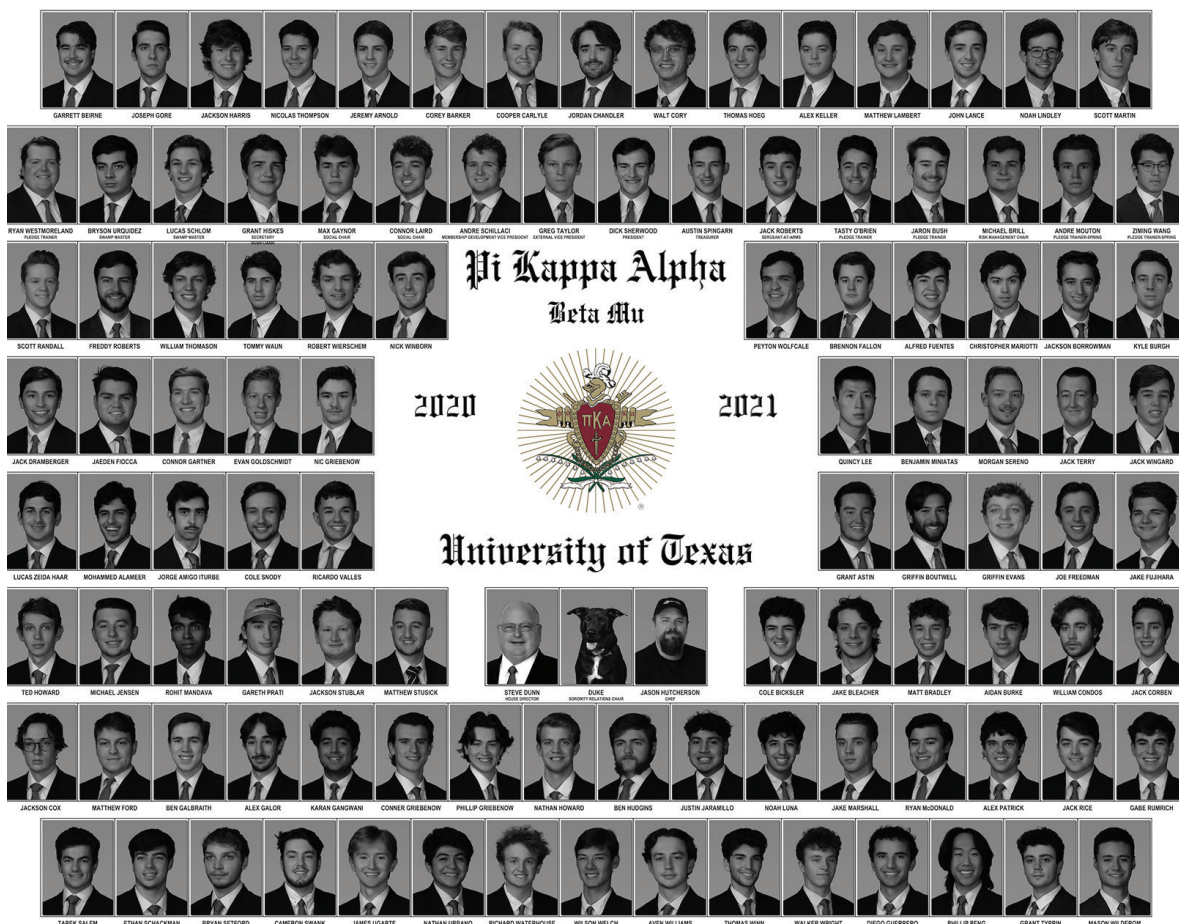
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Welcome to the PIKE House



Welcome to the Beta Mu Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha (commonly known as PIKE). Pike is celebrating its 102nd year at The University of Texas at Austin in 2022. Pike academic rankings continue to be the upper tier of the Greek System, Pikes enjoy leadership positions in campus organizations like Silver Spurs and the Interfraternity Council, our philanthropic commitment is continuously expanding, and we possess one of the strongest alumni bases at the university. Pikes have fun on the athletic fields and courts as well. We won our division of the 2022 UT Intramurals Greek Softball League Championship, and our own “Pike Basketball Association” teams and games are legendary, on the house’s sports court!

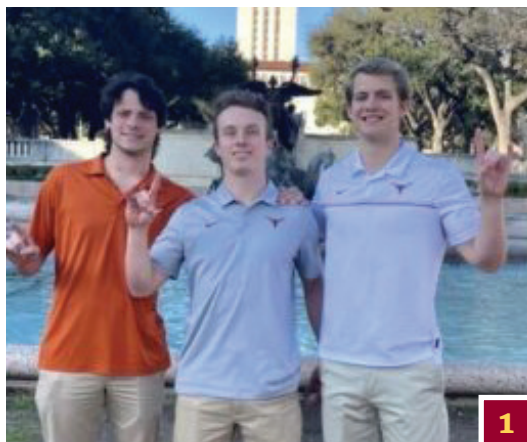
Academics remain a priority at the Pike House. This showed at the 2022 Pike Convention in Louisville, where Beta Mu won the Scholarship Award for outstanding academic performance with a 3.45 cumulative GPA. Additionally at the Convention, we received the top award for alumni advising in the country, the one-hundred man chapter award, and the Raymond Orians Chapter Excellence Award, which is awarded to the top 20 percent of the high performing Pike chapters.

The PIKE Vision:

Pi Kappa Alpha will set the standard of integrity, intellect, and achievement for our members, host institutions, and the communities in which we live.

PIKE Recruitment

Meet the Rush Team



1 (l-r) **Jake Bleacher** out of state rush lead, rush chair **Walker Wright** and president **Nathan Howard** are excited about summer rush and building the next generation of Beta Mu men.

Rush Registration

To register for Pike rush or if you have any questions send a note to:

Rush@TexasPike.com

or call/text Pike State Rush Chair **Walker Wright** at:
(817) 262-3408

or Pike President **Nathan Howard**:
(817) 713-6035

Learn more about Rush and view our event calendar at **TexasPike.com**

Thanks for considering being a part of the UT Fraternity system and allowing us to introduce Pi Kappa Alpha. As with most fraternities at Texas, we recruit new members or “rush” in the summer for our traditional Fall new member class. This year we expect to have 45-50 new members pledge Pike, usually composed of freshmen and sophomore students. Our summer activities traditionally include dinners and outings, major “state rush” parties in Dallas, Houston and Austin over the course of the summer and Formal Rush takes place the first two weeks of school. Texas Pike also usually has a smaller Spring rush for transferring students or those that weren’t ready for a fraternity during the first semester of college.

Pike has been on the UT campus since 1920 and we have initiated almost 3,000 men in our Chapter since our founding in Austin. You (and your families) should know we are completely committed to our incoming members by promoting four main characteristics: scholarship, leadership, being a gentlemen, and athletics. Pike offers an environment where one cannot only excel academically, but also make lifetime friends in a social setting. There are 21 fraternities at Texas. Your choice of a fraternity is not only important as it becomes your “home base” during college, but it is a lifelong decision too, as you enter Pike’s 154 year-old brotherhood with alumni the world over. We look forward to getting to know you through the rush process and ensuring you and your family understand and are comfortable with Texas Pike’s 102-year-old culture of social, brotherhood, academic and philanthropic pursuits at UT.



Scholars, Leaders, Athletes and Gentlemen

Pike's social calendar is robust with Fall semester pre-football game tailgates, our traditional SWAMP party, a fun travel weekend to Dallas for Texas-Oklahoma football game and Winter Formal. The Spring semester includes Pikes Peak, Round-up Weekend and the Spring Formal. Throughout the year there are smaller sorority mixers and casual parties. We host a Parents Weekend in the Fall and two separate Moms and Dads Weekends in the Spring. Academics and philanthropy are also Pike priorities. Get to know Texas Pikes!



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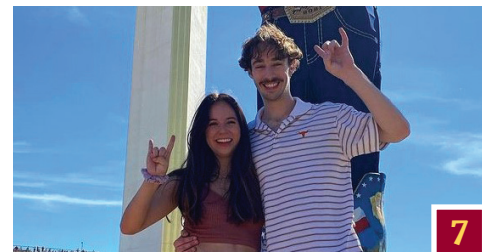
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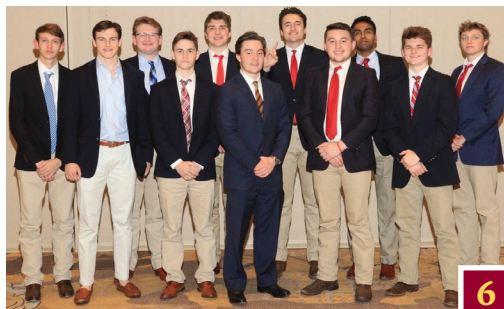
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- 1 Round-up weekend is always a blast every Spring. This year we partnered with our neighboring fraternity Sammy for a memorable event. The entertainer was Carnage.
- 2 **Matt, Thomas, Ethan and Bryan** and many other Pikes enjoy attending ACL Fest weekends.
- 3 **Joe** and his date are rocking at the 74th annual Pike Swamp party.
- 4 Newly initiated Pike members looking sharp in their official Pike neckties. Congrats guys.

- 5 The Pike brotherhood is strong and lifelong!

- 6 A group of Texas Pikes attends PIKE University every February in Plano. Pike U brings together Pikes from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and New Mexico to learn best practices on chapter management and the fraternity history.
- 7 **Alex** and his date on the midway at the Texas State Fair in front of Big Tex during Texas/Oklahoma weekend in Dallas.

Scholars, Leaders, Athletes and Gentlemen

1 It's always fun to see Pikes graduate and move into careers and graduate schools. In May 2022, we had 22 men receive their UT degrees.



2 Aven, Jack and their dates enjoyed being on San Antonio's Riverwalk during Winter Formal.



3 This crew had a great time during Spring Formal in Austin.



4 Pikes host two pancake suppers per year, one each semester for TexasThon the official UT student philanthropy. We're thrilled that more than 1,000 guests come through each Pancake Night raising more than \$10,000 for Dell Children's Hospital.



5,6 We always look forward to welcoming Pike parents to Austin for Fall Parents Weekend as well as Spring Moms and Dads Weekends. Always a good time!



7 Pike elects 15-20 "Sweethearts" every year. We appreciate these great friends from numerous sororities.

Texas PIKE Alumni Engaged with UT and the Chapter

Mac Tichenor '74, Dallas, is a distinguished alum of the McCombs School of Business and a lifetime member of the school's Advisory Board.

Kyle Parks '90, Austin, is a member of the McCombs School's Department of Accounting Advisory Council.

Bill Peterson '80, Austin, is an Adjunct Professor of Marketing in the McCombs School of Business.

Jeff Hinson '74, Dallas, and **Neill Walsdorf** '79, San Antonio, are members of the Moody College of Communication Advisory Board.

Bill Davidson '57, Austin and **Richard Vigness**, M.D. '74, Fort Worth, serve on the College of Liberal Arts Advisory Council.

Bob Dedman '78, Dallas, and **Martin Dies III** '67, Austin, are both recent *Pro Bene Meritis Award* recipients of the College of Liberal Arts.

Ricky Brennes '97 Austin, serves as executive director of the Silver Spurs Alumni Association which is housed within UT's Longhorn Foundation.

Sam Dawson '80, San Antonio, is past Chairman of the Cockrell School of Engineering's Advisory Board.

Ward Sheffield '84, Houston, serves on the Advisory Council of the School of Undergraduate Studies.

Glenn Adams '77, Fort Worth, serves on the Board of Visitors of the McDonald Observatory/Department of Astronomy.

George C. Chapman '57, Dallas, is a Trustee Emeritus of the UT Law School Foundation.

Russ Keene '80, Austin, **Randy Rapp** '83, and **John Scott** '82, Fort Worth; are members of the Longhorn Foundation Advisory Council.

Meade Bauer '78, **John Barclay** '73, **Charlie Beckham** '73, **George C. Chapman** '57, **Sam Dawson** '80, **Chuck Edwards** '78, **Todd Hasie** '81, **Paul Heath** '80, **Robert Howden** '80, **Russ Keene** '80, **Jeff Kuhn** '74, **Kyle Parks** '90, **Tom Peel** '73, **Eric Pitcher** '79, **Ward Sheffield** '84, **Rusty Tamlyn** '75, **Mac Tichenor** '74, and **Reed Wood** '66, serve on the Executive Committee of the U.T. System's Chancellors Council. **John Rathmell** '76 and **Frank Alexander DDS** '70, Arlington, are past Chairmen.



Pike was a founding member of FACT in 2017. The organization brings together all volunteer chapter advisers as a unified voice on health and safety and other community matters.



1 Alumni working at Facebook/Meta and Oracle met with Pikes interested in the technology sector. Our alumni host at least one Career Advisory Session per semester.



2 Pledge brothers **Randy Rapp** (a banker in Dallas) '83, and **Brad Peterson** '83 (a banker in Chicago) and their wives, like many Pike alums, return to almost every home football game and celebrate at Pike tailgates.

Engaged Alumni Make a Difference

Successful undergraduate chapters are supported by loyal alumni. Beta Mu Alums have consistently stepped up over the years to strengthen the life-long, intra-alumni relationships and to support the collegiate chapter. As we enter Beta Mu's 102nd year, our Alumni entities could not be more organized and productive. Alumni managed a successful campaign to replace our fraternity house in 2020 as part of Beta Mu's Centennial celebration for which generations of future Pikes are grateful. We are grateful to Beta Mu's volunteers on the Advisory Board, Alumni Association and Building Company for all of their support!



1 The new Centennial Pike House began construction in May 2019 and was delivered early to the chapter in July 2020. The modern and functional fraternity house is one of the most recognizable on campus.



2 Houston area alumni played a key role in the 2020 house capital campaign. **John Rathmell, Jr.** '76 (3rd from right) was the campaign's finance chair.



3 **Martha and Keith Griffith** '66 enjoying the fall alumni football weekend party.



4 Early 1970s initiates **Bill Gump and Randy Stout** with their wives at the fall alumni football weekend.



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5 Our Alumni Association provides gifts at a Senior's Sendoff luncheon every December and May for Pike graduates. Well done guys!



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7 This group of late 1970s initiates gathers every year during the Texas/Oklahoma weekend in Dallas.

8 This group of 2005-07 brothers have been fast friends for 15 years now.



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6 Early 1990s initiates **Todd Stanley, Baret Meazell and Tom Walsh** dropped by the Pike House after a football game. **Baret** chairs the Alumni Association and **Tom** is finance liaison on the Alumni Advisory Board.

Rush Pike 2022

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Fast Facts

- ♦ Pike was founded at The University of Virginia in 1868.
- ♦ International Fraternity has more than 200 chapters and colonies with more than 320,000 members initiated and 14,000 undergraduate members, making it the 5th largest fraternity nationally.
- ♦ Beta Mu Chapter, University of Texas was founded in 1920.
- ♦ Beta Mu Chapter has initiated almost 3,000 members since its founding.
- ♦ Beta Mu Chapter has 110 active members, following May 2022 graduation of 22 seniors.
- ♦ Beta Mu Chapter supports a number of philanthropies, including raising over \$20,000 annually for The Austin Fire Department, Autism Speaks, Capitol Area Food Bank, leukemia research, and pediatric cancer research in recent years. Our Texas THON Pancake Nights raise \$10,000 annually.

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