

# SPURS ILLUSTRATED

Silver Spurs Alumni Newsletter  
Fall 2009



## BEVO'S ENDOWMENT MAKES IT ALL POSSIBLE

BEVO XIII saw a lot of ups and downs through his 16 years of service to the University; through it all he recorded more wins than any of his 12 predecessors and enshrined his legacy as arguably our greatest mascot. As stacked as his resume is, BEVO XIV is off to a start that rivals any six year stretch in college football history. His record now stands at 69-8. He's seen our Longhorns win every bowl game since his first season in 2004. XIV kicked things off with back to back Rose Bowl victories, the second of which bringing Texas the 2005 National Championship in what is widely considered the greatest college football game ever played. This January, XIV makes his third trip to Pasadena in six years with every intention of keeping his perfect bowl game record intact.

While BEVO is undoubtedly the face of our organization and the over-arching purpose of the BEVO Endowment, the Silver Spurs continue to set the bar as the top student service organization in the country by contributing so much more; all made possible by your generous (and tax-deductible) financial contributions and the sweat equity of our student leaders.

We are the ONLY student organization to financially support two Teachers of the Year awards annually to non-tenured professors to help the University retain their top talent en route to tenure. In addition to these awards, The BEVO Endowment funds ten annual scholarships to outstanding University of Texas students, assists in financially supporting the Neighborhood Longhorns Program, and FULLY supports the care and transportation of BEVO; providing his truck and trailer, insurance, vet bills, feed, diesel and other travel expenses.

Over 300 of our alumni have donated to the Endowment to date- all of whom are recognized in our Silver Spurs BEVO Center in the east side of DKR Texas-Memorial Stadium as well as on our website. Join them today in giving back to The University of Texas through its most prestigious student service organization and enshrine your name alongside our great legacy. Donations can be made at [www.utsilverspurs.com](http://www.utsilverspurs.com) or by calling 512-471-3822.

### When you think about giving, think about the Spurs.

Hook 'em and Never Say Die,

Dustin Elliott  
Co-President/Alumni Relations  
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BEVO XIV has extended his record to 69 wins & 8 losses.

## ACTIVE SPURS HAVE SUCCESSFUL SEMESTER

Dear Silver Spur Alumni,

I am proud to say that the Silver Spurs have had yet another very successful semester both on and off campus. As I write this letter the active members are making plans for BEVO's trip to Pasadena, which I know will be a successful one.

Under the guidance of the two Rowel trainers, the Rowels have become a very tight knit group of future leaders that have successfully contributed to Silver Spurs great reputation. Looking forward, as the Spring semester approaches, myself and the rest of the executive board will concentrate on the selection of another exceptional Rowel class that will further separate ourselves as the premier organization on campus.

In saying that, I would like to announce that after last years successful BEVO's Birthday Bash we will be, once again, hosting the event in the hope that it will soon, with your support, become the most successful student fundraising event at the University of Texas.

Hopefully I will see all of our alumni, both in Pasadena and at the various events hosted by our Alumni Association.

Hook 'em,

Jonathan Saperstein  
President  
Silver Spurs Active Organization

# WWW.UTSILVERSPURS.COM

Check out the newly re-designed Silver Spurs Alumni Association website.

# AFTER BUSY SEMESTER, BEVO XIV READIES FOR THIRD TRIP TO PASADENA

Dear Silver Spur Alumni,

It has been an exciting and busy year for BEVO and the Handlers. We began the spring semester by celebrating Mack Brown's Coach of the Year Award and attending the U.T. System Board of Regents Reception. Our support of the Texas Exes continued in Dallas and Houston, and we enhanced the University's philanthropic efforts with an appearance during Explore U.T. Furthermore, generous donations to the BEVO Endowment made it possible for BEVO to attend several private events.

The start of the fall semester turned our attention to Longhorn football and the dreams of a National Championship. BEVO was in attendance at every home game, and fans frequently applauded the steer's presence at DKR Memorial Stadium. Friday nights prior to home games BEVO could generally be found at the U.T. Golf Club, and throughout the semester he attended other various University and private functions. Ultimately, BEVO XIV got to watch over his second undefeated season and Big XII Title and earned a third trip to the Pasadena. We will be departing for California in early January, and we hope to see many active and alumni Spurs along the way.

We would like to thank the generous donations to the BEVO Endowment which make our care and handling of the steer possible. The Endowment allows us to follow the Longhorn fans to important football games, and a new truck and trailer have made it easy to showcase one of the most recognized mascots in the country. The support of the alumni truly makes this a prestigious organization that the University can be proud of.

Hook 'em and Never Say Die,

2009 Silver Spur Handlers;  
 Lee Cavender, lcavender@mail.utexas.edu  
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Spurs Will Gilbert, Jack Adams, Active President Jonathan Saperstein, Robert Vaughn and Handler Lee Cavender pictured with the 2005 National Championship trophy during a home game this season.

## BEVO XIV's bowl record: 5-0

<u>Game</u>	<u>Season</u>
Rose Bowl	2004
Rose Bowl	2005
Alamo Bowl	2006
Holiday Bowl	2007
Fiesta Bowl	2008

## Championship BEVOS:

<u>BEVO</u>	<u>Season</u>
BEVO VII	1963
BEVO IX	1969
BEVO IX	1970
BEVO XIV	2005

## SPURS SCHOLARSHIPS APPRECIATED



*When I sat down to write the spurs scholarship essay, I smiled the whole way through. It was a chance to reflect on the essence of UT and how lucky we are to be part of this community. Silver Spurs, and groups like you keep the spirit thriving, and help us to appreciate this time while we have it. Your scholarship was at an hour which allowed and inspired me to plug even deeper into all that is The University of Texas, and I thank you, with my hook 'em held high and proud.*

*Through efforts such as this, you finally see that the greatest and most deeply-rooted tradition which gives life to our university community is the support which backs us. Contributions large and small have cumulative impacts which extend beyond the recipient, and beyond their time at UT.*

**-Colby Hanks, Texas Pom 2004, Silver Spurs Scholarship Award Winner**

# HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

This fall the Silver Spurs Alumni Association was honored to induct three of our most prestigious members into our Hall of Fame. From left to right are 2009 inductees; Ray Farabee, Tommy Harmon, and Greg Swindell.

Farabee is a former UT student body President, a former Texas State Senator, and former Vice Chancellor and Legal Counsel to the UT System.

Harmon is a former outstanding UT catcher in his 21st year with UT Baseball, and currently is the Associate Head Coach.

Swindell is a former outstanding UT pitcher, a member of the College Baseball Hall of Fame, and a MLB World Series Champion.



## BEVO XIV HAS A BIG HEART

FRANK W. SEILER

November 24, 2009

Mr. Ricky Brennes  
KVET-AM The Zone  
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Building F  
Austin, Texas 78704

University of Texas Football Office  
and Bevo XIV  
2012 Robert Dedman Drive  
Austin, Texas 78712

Dear Friends:

I have provided and raised the Georgia Bulldog Mascots for 54 years. The death of Uga VII was unexpected and a shock to our fans, students and the team. He will be missed.

I am writing to express our sincere thanks for the beautiful flowers you sent to Athens in memory of Uga VII. They were lovingly placed on his tomb at Sanford Stadium following the ceremonies on Saturday, November 21, 2009.

We value the mutual respect and sportsmanship that exists between our fine schools. The University and my family sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank W. Seiler".

Frank W. Seiler

College Sports lost one of its beloved live mascots on November 12 with the passing of Uga VII, the University of Georgia's bulldog. Only four years old and two years into the job, the death came as a surprise to most.

Upon hearing the news, The Silver Spurs Alumni Association sent flowers on behalf of BEVO XIV to the University expressing our sympathy and sorrow.

The flowers found their way to Mr. Frank Seiler, whose family has owned all Uga mascots, starting with Uga I in 1956.

Mr. Seiler contacted the University of Texas Athletics Department to inquire as to who sent the flowers on behalf of BEVO XIV.

To the left is the letter he sent Alumni Association Co-President Ricky Brennes.

# WELCOME FALL '09 ROWELS

This semester Silver Spurs brought in a Rowel class of 23 gentlemen who have exhibited leadership in their respective organizations and on campus.

The new Rowel class includes rowels from the UT golf and baseball teams as well as 11 different fraternities.

Their rowelship period included them tending to BEVO out at Sunrise Ranch as well as general upkeep of the Spurs truck and trailer. The rowels were educated on the history of the organization and participated in spirit activities during UT football practices.

Throughout the semester the rowel class hosted several social events with the Silver Spurs Sweethearts and sororities of UT. On December 7<sup>th</sup> the Rowels were initiated as Silver Spurs actives during our annual PicNic.

As always community service was an extensive part of Rowelship with the rowels participating in numerous events in the community.

All of the rowels participated in the Neighborhood Longhorns program throughout the semester. Through Neighborhood Longhorns each rowel tutored under-privileged students in East Austin elementary schools at least once a week.

Along with the Neighborhood Longhorns program the rowels helped work La Dolce Vita (a fundraiser for the Austin Museum of Art), National Night Out, and the Casis Carnival.

Hook'em,

Brandon Thompson &  
Mark Eberhard  
Rowel Trainers Fall 2009

**James Bayless**  
Abilene, TX  
Mechanical Engineering  
Kappa Alpha Order, American Society of Mechanical Engineers

**Brett Bergman**  
Midland, TX  
Economics  
Sigma Alpha Epsilon,  
College Republicans

**Adam Bridgman**  
San Antonio, TX  
MPA  
Phi Gamma Delta,  
Society of Leadership and Success

**Sam Boyar**  
Houston, TX  
General Geology  
Kappa Alpha Order, Campus Environmental Center, American Association of Petroleum Geologists,  
UT Undergraduate Geology Society

**John Buckley**  
Las Vegas, NV  
MPA  
Kappa Sigma, Texas Outdoors

**Chris Causey**  
The Woodlands, TX  
MPA  
UT Golf Team

**Alex Cernoch**  
Houston, TX  
Mechanical Engineering  
Sigma Phi Epsilon, American Society of Mechanical Engineers

**Chase Clarey**  
Humble, TX  
Energy Finance  
University Finance Association,  
Greeks in Business,  
University Investors Association

**Taylor Cotton**  
Houston, TX  
Petroleum Engineering  
Phi Gamma Delta,  
Society of Petroleum Engineers

**Mike Galland**  
Kingwood, TX  
MPA  
Phi Kappa Psi, Ducks Unlimited,  
Texas Analyst Assistant

**Elliot Gerson**  
Houston, TX  
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Sigma Alpha Epsilon

**Steven Geuther**  
The Woodlands, TX  
Finance  
Sigma Phi Epsilon,  
BBA Energy Finance Group

**Will Hall**  
San Antonio, TX  
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Phi Alpha Delta Pre Law

**Travis Hormuth**  
Boerne, TX  
Biology, Pre-Med  
Pi Kappa Alpha

**Daniel Levitt**  
Dallas, TX  
Urban Studies  
Zeta Beta Tau, Urban Development Society, Interfraternity Council,

**Brian McDonald**  
Memphis, TN  
Mechanical Engineering Honors and Plan 2  
Society of Mechanical Engineers,  
National Society of Collegiate Scholars

**Jace Kotowych**  
Humble, TX  
Corporate Communications  
Delta Tau Delta, Texas Eyes,  
Greeks in Business

**Jay Heller**  
Marietta, GA  
Communication Studies  
Sigma Alpha Mu

**Andrew Phillips**  
Dallas, TX  
Human Biology, Pre-Med  
Zeta Beta Tau,  
Tribeta Biological Honor Society

**Taylor Randazzo**  
Dallas, TX  
Psychology B.A.  
Pi Kappa Alpha

**Cameron Rupp**  
Plano, TX  
Youth and Community Studies  
UT Baseball

**Steffan Schmieding**  
Austin, TX  
Business  
UT Golf

**Mason White**  
Amarillo, TX,  
Government  
Alpha Tau Omega