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Pikefest raises money for leukemia

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It's that time of year again. The temperature is falling, the leaves are changing, and the rainy season has begun. With all this comes the annual Pikefest.

Pikefest did have the prerequisite barbecue, as well as a Thursday night sorority dance competition, Friday campus golf and powderpuff football on Saturday.

The barbecue, held last Monday night, brought in about 300 people.

"The barbecue was delightful," said junior Susie Robinett. "It was really nice and everybody was there. And the hamburgers were delicious."

At the dance competition, sororities competed for dance prestige. After much bumping and grinding, the Tri-Delts and the Chi-O's tied for first place. The Tri-Delts "had an MTV theme," stated Anna Lamers, who was there to cheer on her team. Robinett added, "It was a pop medley." The Chi-O's adopted a Latin theme to help them get the tie.

Campus Golf, despite the rain, was an exciting activity for all. For \$20 per team, groups of two used clubs and tennis balls to play the course as set up by the Pikes. Each pair had a Pike caddy to guide them through the course.

"We had 50-70 people play campus golf," said junior Keith Nodskov, chair of the event. "Overall it was a good turnout."

On Saturday, the powderpuff football game came down to the GDI's and the Tri-Delts in the final. In the end, though, the Tri-Delts prevailed to claim the Powderpuff title.

All of the fun, of course, was not for nothing. For the second year in a row, the Pikes have chosen to donate their funds to the Ryan Gibson Foundation. According to Nodskov, Ryan Gibson was a Pike at SMU with a lot of academic potential. Unfortunately, he was diagnosed with Leukemia and died before a cure could be found. The foundation set up in his name is seeking to find a cure. The Pikes found out about the foundation because Gibson had ties to current Pike Andy Shank's hometown of Springdale, Arkansas.

Robinett felt her participation in Pikefest was time well spent.

"It's a good opportunity to do something good. It's really great for the Ryan Gibson Foundation, plus it's a lot of fun."

With the \$4800 that the Pikes raised for the foundation, Nodskov felt that the goals of the week were accomplished.

"I think the week was a success. The campus golf went well and the dance competition was excellent. We got the campus involved and it was a good time."

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