

# NOW & EVER

Phi Chapter of Phi Kappa Tau  
Bethany College

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## Don Dallas Brotherhood Award Fully Funded

At the annual Phi Chapter Graduate Council meeting during Bethany College Homecoming, the Chapter received very special news. Phi Chapter's education endowment, the Harvard Red & Old Gold Club, had launched a fund-raising drive to fully endow its **Don Dallas Leadership Scholarship**, named for the founding president of the Club and set up to send the chapter's recruitment chairman to the annual national Leadership Academy.

Two dear friends of Brother Dallas, **Tim Smith '78** (himself a former HROG president) and his wife **Penny Poirier** (BC ΦΜ '79) made the generous offer to personally match any pledges made to complete the fund during the final fund-raising push. During the Homecoming meeting, Penny proudly presented the matching funds check to HROG President **Mike Holzworth '99** (both pictured, at right) to join with the donations of several other HROG members to contribute \$6,750 and complete the funding of the endowment that will provide for the annual scholarship for years to come.



### Upcoming ΦΚΤ Events

- May 1-3 *Bethany Alumni Weekend*  
Sat May 2 **Harvard Red & Old Gold Club** (Academic Parlor), 10 a.m.  
**Meess Memorial Luncheon** (Wheeling Country Club, cost=\$25), 1 p.m.
- June 4-7 **Phi Kappa Tau Leadership Academy** (Ohio, California, Georgia), [phikappatau.org](http://phikappatau.org)  
July 11-14  
Jul 30-Aug 2
- July 17-18 **Phi Kappa Tau National Conclave**, Oxford, Ohio.  
Information: [phikappatau.org](http://phikappatau.org)
- Sat Sept 12 **Baseball, Buccos & Brothers**, Pirates vs. Brewers with after-game fireworks, PNC Field, Pittsburgh
- Oct 2-3 *Bethany Homecoming*  
Sat Oct 3 **Phi Chapter Grad Council Meeting** (ΦΚΤ House), 10 a.m.  
**Homecoming Tailgate** (Football Field, to follow)

## 2015 Events Calendar

Brothers, your Graduate Council officers continue to operate under **four guiding goals to grow a stronger Phi Chapter:**

- support the Resident Council;
- communicate with alumni;
- partner with Bethany and the National Fraternity; and
- plan and promote events.

**We'll also be finding better ways to keep in touch with you** (including a larger regular newsletter with more photos). And while not abandoning the traditional hard-copy mailed newsletter format, we will continue to use the website ([pktphichapter.org](http://pktphichapter.org)), email, Facebook and other social media as they become useful to reach our brothers.

And finally, we want to make sure you know about the events we have planned so you can make your plans more easily. **At left is our calendar for 2015.** You'll be hearing more about all of these events in the coming weeks and months.

## Chapter Eternal



One of the great elder lions of Phi Chapter, **David S. Cumming Jr. '49** (pictured at right), passed away on Sept. 27, 2013, at age 88. He left a loving family and dear friends, including many Bethanians and Phi Taus from the post-WWII period and afterwards.



His best friend was **Dale Laughner '51**, whose son **Mike '79** tells the story: “Dave Cumming and his family was so much an important part of my family, which is part of Phi Kappa Tau. ... Dave was my dad’s best friend, roommate, and best man at my dad’s wedding. ... Dave’s late wife Katherine “Kitty” was a cheerleader and good friend of my late mom at Crafton High School. Each later married the two best friends who had been at Bethany! You couldn’t script that for a movie.

“Dave had pledged a fraternity at Penn while on a ROTC program prior to Bethany during the war, so he was for decades a “social” member of Phi Tau. But Dave was finally able to be initiated decades later at the chapter’s 80th Anniversary Reunion.

Dave’s grandson (and Phi Grad Council Treasurer) **Scott Berg '05** recommended that a “proper vigil would be to go to your local bar, order the cheapest domestic brew they have on tap and talk with anyone that will listen.”



**Joel Kristan Keppel '83** finished his last race while in hospice care on January 25, 2015, surrounded by his wife Darlene and daughters Meredith and Morgan (pictured at left with Kris) after a long fight with pancreatic cancer.

A longtime teacher, media specialist and coach at Land O Lakes High School in Florida, Kris left an enormously positive legacy in his community both in the classroom and on the running trails, touching the lives of hundreds of young people. As many of his contemporary Phi Taus remember, Kris (or “Joel Buddy”) was passionate and kind as an undergrad, and he carried those qualities through his entire life as a family man and shaper of students. Positive and upbeat until the end, Kris made a courageous decision to go out on his terms, not cancer’s. To quote the late Stuart Scott, “When you die, it does not mean you lose to cancer. You beat cancer by how you live, why you live, and in the manner in which you live.”

## Notable News

At the 2014 Bethany Alumni Weekend last spring, **George Manahan '83**, was honored by the college with the prestigious award for Distinguished Service to Alma Mater. More recently, George stood in for Bethany President Scott Miller to accept a proclamation from the West Virginia Senate celebrating the 175th anniversary of the founding of Bethany College. *George is pictured just to the right of center in the W.Va. Senate chambers.*

**Craig Williams '96** was recently named Chief of Staff to incoming Maryland governor Larry Hogan. According to Len Foxwell, chief of staff to Comptroller Peter Franchot from across the political aisle, “Craig Williams is one of the most effective public servants and one of the most fundamentally decent people I’ve met in this town.” We agree.



# The Word From Harvard Red & Old Gold

**Helping Defray the Costs of Brotherhood**

**Annual Meeting May 2, 10 a.m.**

Brothers, greetings from the Harvard Red and Old Gold Club. As you know, the Club is continuing its mission to support the education and development of our Resident Council. Through this effort, we help to develop future leaders for the benefit of our chapter, our college, and the community at large. **In the words of our founder Don Dallas, we strive to “Make Good Men Better.”**

Last year was a great year for HROG. Since our last membership meeting, we have welcomed three new members into the club and three members have fully paid their \$1,000 commitment. I would like to thank these men for their dedication in supporting our undergraduate brothers. Through support like this, we can sponsor educational opportunities such as the Building Men of Character Weekends, national and regional workshops, leadership academies, and conventions.

I am also extremely happy to announce that the club has fully funded the Don Dallas Leadership Fund (see cover story). In 2011, we began our effort to fully endow three standing HROG scholarships. The **WWII Memorial Scholarship** was fully endowed in 2012, the **Dick Meess Brotherhood Award** was funded in 2013, and in 2014 we completed the **Don Dallas Leadership Scholarship**. Three Funds in three years and more than \$25,000 raised to support our brothers.

I want to say **THANK YOU** again to the 142 members of the Harvard Red and Old Gold Club for your generous support. You continue to have a positive impact on our undergraduates, chapter, college and community.

**I hope you can all join us at our annual meeting in Bethany at 10 a.m. on May 2.** On this year’s agenda, we will hold our biannual officer elections and discuss plans for expanding our support for our undergraduate brothers. Please come to the meeting to connect with your brothers and give us your feedback on the direction of the club.

I hope you all have a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2015.

## HROG By the Numbers, 2015

Phi educational expenses..... \$2,550  
 Projected for rest of year .... \$3,500

New Members .....3  
*Sam Duvall  
 Taylor Chmel  
 Flynn Pollard*

Members who completed their \$1,000 commitment..... 3  
*Charles King  
 Adam Kradel  
 Charles Drubel*

Amount contributed to Don Dallas Fund, now fully endowed..... \$6,750  
 Amount paid by Club members towards pledge goals so far in FY2015 ..... \$3,100

Yours in Phi,  
 Mike Holzworth ‘99  
 President, Harvard Red & Old Gold Club

## Pay Your Dues!

**Online Paying Option At Web Site**

**Time to pay your annual Phi Chapter Graduate Council dues.** We ask for \$25 each year to help defray the costs of running our alumni operation. We use these funds for social events at Homecoming, publishing this newsletter, running the website, and helping out the student chapter. While Harvard Red and Old Gold can only fund specific educational expenses, Grad Council can help pick up the slack in operational areas.

Since no organization can grow and thrive without regular fund-raising efforts, **please fill out the enclosed card and return with your payment today!** Or, **pay your dues online at [pktphichapter.org](http://pktphichapter.org).** You can pay for one year, or set up an automatic system that will take care of your dues payment each year. Either way, **please pay today!**

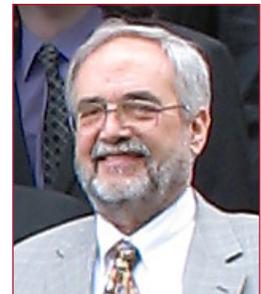
## Welcome Associates

Welcome to the spring 2015 associate member class, from left: Spencer Patterson (Pittsburgh PA), Jake Holland (Canton OH), Michael Shenton (Chester WV), Nick Glenn (Sydney, Australia), Caleb Wilson (Graysville PA), Austin Davis (Honolulu HI), David Camacho (Corpus Christi TX), and Cody Bergman (Butler PA).



## Join the Effort for the Jay Buckelew Fund

As many of you know, we started a fund-raising drive in the summer of 2011 for an endowment in the name of a devoted professor, mentor, brother and advisor to Phi Chapter—**Dr. Albert R. Buckelew**. Not only has Bucky been the longest-serving advisor in Phi Chapter history (1976–2011), his list of achievements with Phi Kappa Tau includes the Brandon Award as National Fraternity Advisor of the Year, the Phi Award, the National Phi Kappa Tau award for service to Phi Chapter, and an honored spot in the national Phi Kappa Tau Hall of Fame.



Many of Bucky's students over the years have joined to fund an endowment in Dr. Buckelew's honor. This fund will carry forward his legacy of teaching, scholarship and service for generations to come. To date, we have raised nearly \$60,000 on our way to our goal of \$100,000. Given Bucky's dedicated and selfless service to the Chapter, our goal is to have the members of Phi Chapter be recognized as the highest contributors to this fund. If each brother of Phi contributes \$100, we will exceed our goal!

Please join your fellow brothers and your fellow Bethany alumni in continuing his legacy through the Jay Buckelew Endowed Fund. **Your check, payable to Bethany College and earmarked for the Buckelew Fund, can be sent directly to Bethany College, PO Box 419, Bethany WV 26032.** Please note, these contributions are tax deductible.

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