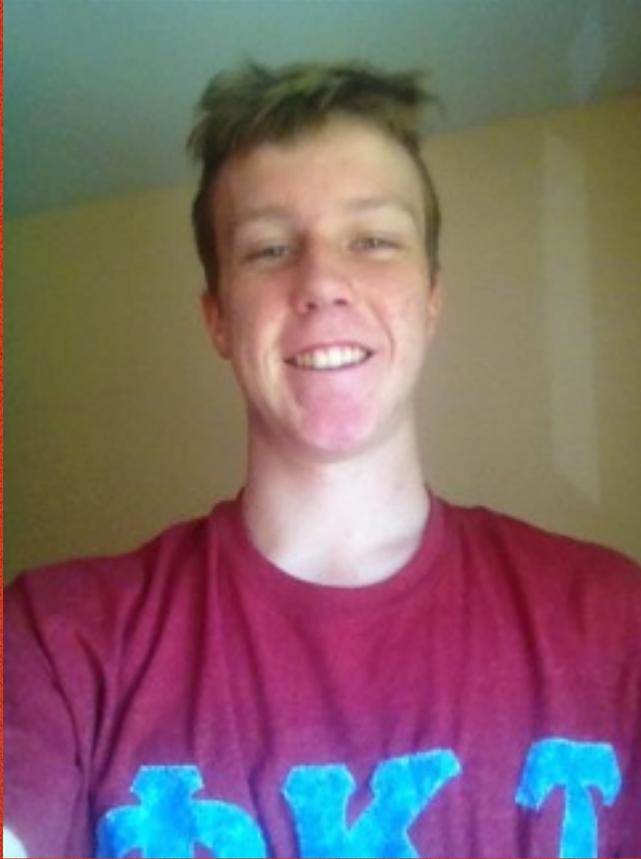


# THE PHOENIX



Just us with our  
House Sweetheart  
Anita Teresia



My name is Nicholas Glenn. I am a freshman Psychology major in the Pre-Physical Therapy track. I am on the soccer team. I am the school's chess champion. I have a passion for snowboarding. I am Australian.

Dear Brother,

Firstly, I would like to personally apologize for the lack of issues of *The Phoenix* that have been produced for you recently. Looking towards the next semester, I can, as your recently elected Vice President of Alumni Relations, guarantee that this will not be an ongoing issue.

For this issue of *The Phoenix*, I would like to showcase the amazing semester that the Resident Council of Phi Chapter has had at Bethany College. For me personally, this college and this chapter have quickly become very special to me. I have just finished my freshman year of college and I have Phi Kappa Tau, Phi Chapter to thank for most of the blessings that have been offered to me. I would like to take a quick moment to thank my new brothers for providing a great atmosphere to grow in. Moreover, I would like to thank every alumnus for their efforts in forging this brotherhood that I have become a part of. I hope to contribute back to Phi Chapter and Phi Kappa Tau as much as I can in my coming years.

Yours in Phi,

Nicholas Glenn  
Vice President of Alumni Relations  
Associate Member Class 91

# INTRODUCING

## AM '91



Cody Bergman is a sophomore psychology major with a minor in criminal justice. He is on the lacrosse team. He is part of the German club. He is the Publicity Chair of SGA as well as Sergeant-at-Arms of Phi Kappa Tau.



Austin Davis is a sophomore sports management major. He runs track and has a passion for soccer. Austin has passions for guitar and Super Smash Bros.



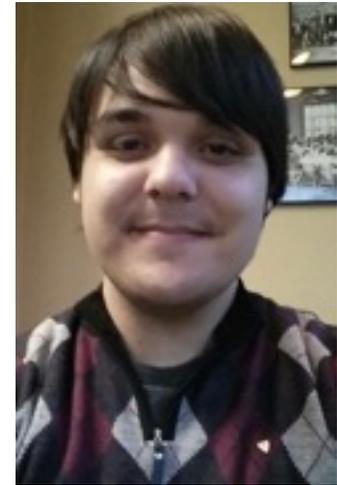
Mike Shenton is a freshman political science major. He is our Associate Member of the Year and is Secretary of Phi Kappa Tau.



David Camacho is a sophomore psychology major. He is a member of the tennis team.



Jake Holland is a sophomore accounting major. He is a captain of the lacrosse team. He is part of the business and accounting club. He is the Recruitment Chair and Public Relations Chair of Phi Kappa Tau.



Caleb Wilson is a freshman communications major. He is the Public Relations Chair of the Japanese Culture Club. He is Historian of Phi Kappa Tau and would like to take this opportunity to thank his new brothers for his evolution into a social butterfly.

## President Jesse Lathrop reflects on the semester and his time with Phi Kappa Tau

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As the semester comes to a close and the house gradually becomes emptier, it has become apparent that my Bethany career has officially met its halfway point. Whenever the paddles and composites come down and the cubes begin to accumulate suitcases and folded clothes of brothers about to depart, there always seems to be a moment of reflection not far behind. It wasn't a year and a half ago that I was anxiously navigating the winding roads towards Bethany for the first time, borderline terrified to start my new life in a place I've never been to, with people I've never met. I was extremely shy when I arrived here, and for my first few weeks or so I went to class and lunch and returned to my room to message my friends from home and hide from the newfound campus outside my door. It wasn't long after however that I met a Phi Tau for the first time: two of them, actually. At the activities fair in the fall of my freshman year, Flynn Pollard ('14) and Kelvin Thomas ('14), both



working a booth for the ultimate Frisbee club, called me over to ask my name and see if I had any interest in disc. I didn't. I hated ultimate Frisbee, but the two of them were kind enough to introduce themselves and take the time to pitch their club to me, so I thought "why not? May as well join." Little did I know, that like many Phi Chapter Phi Taus before me, that game of disc was going to be what introduced me to brother upon brother, and eventually, after a countless amount of games I found myself coming to the house more and more frequently.

Next thing I knew I was walking out of Morlan as the Dean of Students announced the 2014 pledge class of Phi Kappa Tau, and sprinting up the icy Greek Hill stairs with my future pledge brothers around me.

Time goes quickly once you move up to the house, and before I knew it, I was a fully integrated member of the chapter. There's a particular feeling of fulfillment when you see your associate member class working to recruit new men when you had just been recruited only months before. We were still fresh to the house, but we were no longer the new guys and it felt great. As the rest of my sophomore year unfolded, the intensity of pride I felt for the house only increased, and today, as current President of the resident council, there is an unexplainable feeling I get when I see our brotherhood in action. Events such as bid night or senior roast, when the entire house is together and in good spirits, there's a sense of joy and pride shrouding the house that is entirely indescribable. It's a feeling that propels us all to do our best, whether it be our grades, our behavior, or our house position, we're all gifted that sense of pride when we receive our associate member badge. As I round the half way point of my Bethany career, I can't help but reflect on this and allow it to guide me through what's left to unfold.



Jesse Lathrop  
Associate Member Class 90



## GREEK WEEK!

Greek Week, as per usual, granted an opportunity for each Greek house to bond within themselves but to also compete against and socialize with other Greek houses. Phi Kappa Tau embodied the spirit of Greek Week throughout. We competed our hearts out, cooperated, and came together as a brotherhood.



We amazed crowds with our punctuality of creating signs. We dazzled onlookers with our spectacular swimming bodies. We (genuinely) dominated trivia about all things Survivor: this year's theme. Perhaps our most amazing accomplishment was fulfilling the lifelong dream of a crazy Australian boy: to mount a human pyramid!

We grew stronger and tighter as a brotherhood whilst having a blast!

# PHILANTHROPY <sup>6</sup>

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## HIGHLIGHT

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The brothers of Phi Kappa Tau, Phi Chapter had a great semester in terms of their philanthropy effort. The Relay For Life event, our annual Spaghetti Dinner, the Football FrenXi, and our clothing drive were all events that brothers participated in, raising money not only for SeriousFun Children's Network but also Autism Speaks and Relay For Life.



### RELAY FOR LIFE

Over the period of the 27th to the 28th of February from 8pm to 6:30am, the brothers of Phi Kappa Tau joined other participants from the college to participate in Relay for Life. The event was organized by Rhianna Petrone from Zeta Tau Alpha. 14 brothers participated, contributing a total of over 70 hours of philanthropy. Approximately \$5000 was raised towards Relay for Life that weekend.

# PHILANTHROPY <sup>7</sup>

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### SPAGHETTI DINNER

Phi Kappa Tau, Phi Chapter has held the annual spaghetti dinner for many years. The brothers this year held the event on April 18th from the hours of 3 to 7 pm. Once again, the Bethany Memorial Church was gracious enough to let us use their facilities to host the

event. We are sorry to report that we did not have any alumni attend the event, but a few parents, including Brother Matthew Sipos', were able to visit. Bethany College staff and faculty members, including Phi Kappa Tau advisors Dr. Harald Menz and, newly initiated, Brother Samuel Goodge, assisted with the chapter's annual fundraiser for SeriousFun Children's Network (née the Hole in the Wall Gang Camps), and representatives from various other Greek organizations also contributed to the Chapter's \$216.00 profit.



# PHILANTHROPY

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# HIGHLIGHT

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On Sunday April 26, the lovely sisters of Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Chapter once again held their annual (flag) Football Frenxi, raising money and awareness for their philanthropy Autism Speaks. The brothers of Phi Kappa Tau, Phi Chapter were up for the contest and also in the mood for a few fun games of football. In this editor's opinion, the rules seemed made up; there were no goal posts like real (European) football nor did it follow the "you-can-only-pass-backwards" rule of the respectable sport of rugby. Nonetheless, the boys played on, determined to conquer the field despite strong competition. Under the leadership of widely acclaimed football coach/college lacrosse player Grant Delaney, we won our first game against Beta Theta Pi. Despite early success in the tournament, we unfortunately capitulated and lost to Alpha Sigma Phi by one point. However, their team was composed of people who actually play football.



**“Nick! Stop using your feet; you can catch the ball...”**

**- Grant Delaney**

The day was a success for Autism Speaks as well as for our brotherhood coming together yet again. MVP was a toss-up between star quarterback/college lacrosse player Cody Bergman and the delicious energy food (hot dogs) provided. Rumors are that flag rugby will be added to the event in the coming years, in which case Phi Kappa Tau will have the edge with their resident foreigner.

# KELLY GOES TO FLORIDA



Kelly Faralla  
Associate Member Class 90

Earlier this year, I was asked by our college's athletic director Brian Rose if I wanted to represent Bethany College at the 2015 Student Athlete Leadership Forum. I couldn't imagine it doing anything but help enhance my leadership development skills. I humbly accepted this opportunity, with the agreement that I would be getting out of my comfort zone and engage with the experience; along with bringing new tools and experiences back to college that I can use. The program promised to be filled with a variety of activities to help enhance one's leadership skills and to address an important component of the Division III strategic plan such as enhancing student-athlete well-being.

This program was unlike anything I have ever experienced before. We were brought to an exotic location of Orlando Florida in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, which was probably the largest and most extraordinary hotel I have ever stayed at. The Leadership Forum had 300 other student athletes across all three divisions and the eastern part of the united states. We were set in an

environment to engage with everyone around us, make new friends, discuss ideas, and most importantly getting out of your comfort zone. One of my favorite parts of the program was that we would be split up into random groups of 30 student athletes and make them color groups. My color was purple and I knew within the first hour of activities and conversations that I would really like this group of people. I learned that I should not be afraid to take new risks, such as implementing a new strategy towards a common goal. This includes both worlds of being an athlete on the swim team and being a fraternity man of Phi Kappa Tau.

What do I plan to do with the fellowships I have made and the knowledge I have learned, and the truth that I found in myself? I plan to keep in contact with all of the connections and friendships I have made. With the knowledge and strategies that I have learned I strive to improve the experiences of the student athletic advisory committee. This includes getting everyone to engage more and implement strategies to help other people out with leadership experience. I also plan on making a connection with a new community service opportunity for SAAC, such as the special olympics. Finally with the truth that I found in myself, I now feel that I have the confidence to be a leader and stand up for myself, my team, my friends, and my brothers. Shoo shoo!

# Lavalier!

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On Saturday April 25, senior brother Kyle Lehosit surprised his girlfriend Haley Sommerville by lavaliering her into Phi Kappa Tau. It was a very special day for both of them and it was great to see my Big so happy. The members of the Sons of God dunked them both into the freezing Bethany River twice in the name of Phi, Kappa, and Tau. Later, at the house, the entire brotherhood sang "Wagon Wheel" to Haley while Kyle played the tune on guitar. She is a great addition and we all love her, like a brother!



The Sons of God dunking Kyle and Haley



**"Being lavaliered was an amazing and special experience for me, and I'm very lucky to have become part of such a great group of guys."**



**"The lavalier was an incredible ceremony. It allowed for Haley to finally become a part of what she's seen me being a part of since we started dating. Now the two most important things in my life have become one."**

*- Kyle*

**Congratulations Haley & Kyle!!!**

# CONGRATULATIONS

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*Congratulations to all our seniors who passed comprehensive exams this semester including brother Kyle Lehosit and brother Sam Duvall who passed with Distinction!*

*Congratulations also to brother Andrew Parsons who was elected president of the Student Government Association and became part of the presidential search committee.*

*We wish him well in the position!*

*\*ALUMNI\**

*If there is anything you would like included in future editions of The Phoenix, please don't hesitate to ask and contact me at:*

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