

Phi Chapter presents:

The Phoenix



FALL SEMESTER 2016 EDITION

A Message from the Editor

The 2016 Fall Semester has come and gone, which means it's time for the VPAR to create yet another haphazardly edited issue of the Phoenix! Over the course of the semester, we've recruited and initiated a new associate member class, drastically increased our chapter's average philanthropy hours, and revitalized our chapters efforts to boost our overall grade point average.

Throughout this issue of the Phoenix, you will read the experiences of various members of the resident council, and I hope it will provide you, the alumni, a sense of familiarity with the current brothers residing in the Phi Chapter house.

Beyond what's going on with the resident council, I would like to emphasize that we would like to hear from you just the same. If you have any stories, pictures, or experiences you would like to share with the resident council, feel more than free to reach me via Facebook, or email.

Thank you for your time and interest in the resident council. I hope you will enjoy the latest issue of the Phoenix.

Yours in Phi,

Brother Jesse Lathrop
A.M 90



Jesse Lathrop
A.M 90

Leadership Academy

Every year, Phi Chapter sends a number of associate members to leadership academy to harness and develop their leadership abilities. This summer, brothers Brian Weakliem and Tyler Mikita attended the session in Oregonia, Ohio.

I feel that this experience has helped me to grow as an individual. I learned that you don't need to hold a position in your house to be a leader. Being a leader can mean taking an active role in areas of the chapter such as recruitment, or philanthropy. Leadership Academy also made me really think about things such as the creed. We broke down the creed and analyzed what each line means and how we as members of Phi Kappa Tau should try our best to follow that creed. The best part was making connections with brothers from different chapters, hearing strategies that they use for rush week, and exchanging ideas for Philanthropy events I was also glad that I had the opportunity to get to know brothers from other chapters.



Brian Weakliem
A.M 92



Tyler Mikita
A.M 92

My time at leadership academy was amazing leadership academy taught me what it really means to be a Phi Tau and helped me create lifelong friendships with people from all over the country. If I could do it all over again I would because just hearing everyone's stories it just made me realize that everyone that joins this fraternity is the same no matter where you come from we are all the same. And going changed me in a lot of ways and it helped me change for the better.

Meet Associate Member Class 93!

This semester, Phi Chapter initiated six great young men into our brotherhood. Here's your chance to get to know A.M 93!



Name: Marcus Mason
Hometown: Parsons, WV
Major: Accounting
Family: Team Wiggly
Big Brother: Jesse Lathrop



Name: Daniel Crowell
Hometown: Cecil, PA
Major: Pre-Engineering
Family: Q's
Big Brother: Eric Miller



Name: Thomas Lane
Hometown: Baltimore, MD
Major: English
Family: Team Wiggly
Big Brother: Alex Milenko



Name: Jake Gerber
Hometown: Baltimore, MD
Major: Education
Family: Nighthawks
Big Brother: Jake Holland



Name: Issiah Gossett
Hometown: Parkersburg, WV
Major: Chemistry
Family: Team Wiggly
Big Brother: Drake Berlin



Name: Caleb Staudenbaur
Hometown: Bainbridge, OH
Major: Psychology
Family: Sons of God
Big Brother: Nick Glenn

Interning with Nationals

This summer, brother Andrew Parsons had the opportunity to intern at the Phi Kappa Tau national headquarters. He reflects upon finishing his internship.



Andrew Parsons
A.M 90

Spending the summer as the Programming Intern for Phi Kappa Tau allowed me to experience more than I could have imagined. When I accepted the position I did so with the intention of using it to bolster my resume; outside of the progression of my career path, I did not intend to gain much, let alone a newfound passion for my fraternity in the process. As the programming intern I was tasked with assisting Dustin Brown in organizing our three leadership academies. Through the process of calling/emailing 150+ undergraduate members, I formed bonds that were only strengthened once I could put a face to a name at the events we organized. If I took away anything from these academies, outside of the material the executive office staff was instilling into these gentlemen, it was that all men of Phi Kappa Tau have relatively the same characteristics. Men from all over the country who have never met one another gathered at these events under the same fraternity because they are nationally mandated, yet after one day of introductions and ice-breakers one would think these men are all from the same chapter. The comradery, the chemistry, and the excitement was like that of my own chapter after a summer break. After spending a summer witnessing these relationships form amongst men who will never all be in the same room again, it put into perspective the power that Phi Kappa Tau holds. My internship with Phi Kappa Tau taught me numerous lessons that I will hold dear for a lifetime, but the message I want to share today is that even through our differences, men of Phi Kappa Tau were all chosen under the same set of principles, ideals, and actions. We are all men who were admitted to the same membership, conferred upon with the same marks of distinction, and equally share the same just pride; we are all men of Phi Kappa Tau, and every so often it's nice to be reminded why this is such a just privilege.

Reflections from a Senior

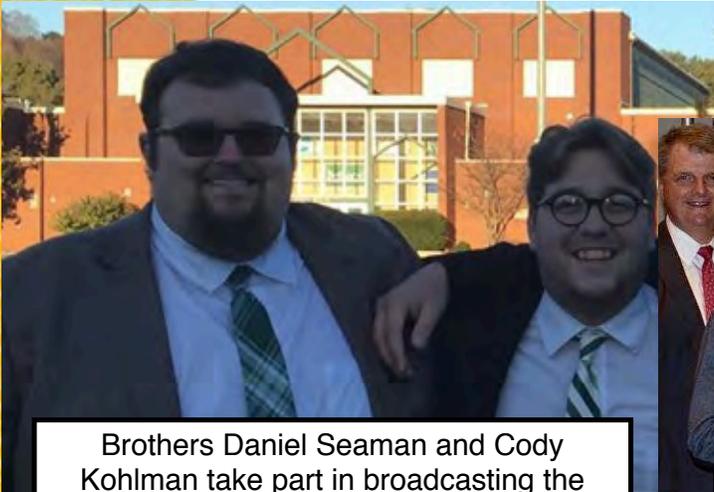
Brother Kelly Faralla reflects on his past four years within the chapter



Kelly Faralla
A.M 90

Being in my senior year at phi chapter, I've really been able to watch myself mature and grow up. I can't imagine where I would be at now if I never found phi chapter of Phi Kappa Tau. Through out the years I've noticed the Fraternity's experience has helped mold and shape the person who I am today. Like being diligent and being on top of academic studies. It also helped me to develop the work ethic that I have now, which I know will lead me to the path of success. It's also opened up many doors to me that may not have been there otherwise. Such as having alumni relations through Bethany College and elsewhere. Being a senior and living in the house is all so bittersweet. It's my last year to be productive and to make the most of it. While also to have fun with people I call my brothers.

The Semester in Pictures



Brothers Daniel Seaman and Cody Kohlman take part in broadcasting the Bison football game



Alumni and Resident Council Phi Guys attend the National Convention in Sacramento, CA



Brother Jesse Lathrop volunteers at Flying Horse Farms



Halloween at Phi Chapter 2016



Phi Chapter Christmas Tree



A.M 93's first picture together, Fall Bid Night 2016



Brother Tyler Mikita works with the yellow team at Leadership Academy

Living at Phi Chapter

Brother Drake Berlin reflects on moving into the Phi Chapter house for the first time for his sophomore year



Drake Berlin
A.M 92

Living in the house of Phi Chapter with my brothers was one of the best decisions I could have made. The experience has been rewarding and beneficial in many ways. Living with my brothers has been beneficial in the sense that I have had the opportunity to be more involved and contribute to ultimately making our house better. Also it has been beneficial because I have had the privilege of being house manager and helping brothers develop better cleaning habits, which in the long run is beneficial to everyone in the house. The house of Phi has been rewarding to me because it has given me the chance to merely spend time with my brothers and bond with them. Secondly the experience has been rewarding by being able to help a brother in time of need. By helping a brother in time of need I mean I am able to lend a hand to a brother, or just being there to listen if they need it. Helping a brother is just a rewarding experience that I would not change or take away. I have made so many great memories with my brothers thusfar and I look forward to continue making many more memories in the house of Phi.

Phi Chapter's Graduating Seniors

This year, Phi Chapter will initiate six graduating seniors into graduate council. Get to know the Phi Chapter seniors graduating in May 2017!



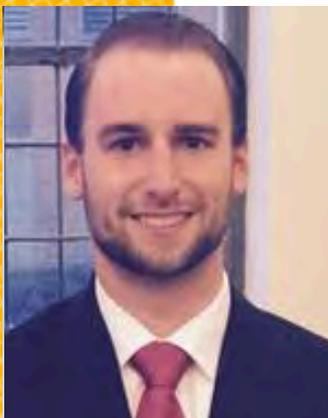
Name: Daniel Seaman
Hometown: Beaver, PA
Major:
Communications/Business
Management
Family: Q's
Positions Held: Treasurer



Name: Jesse Lathrop
Hometown: York, PA
Major:
Business Management
Family: Team Wiggly
Positions Held: VPAR,
Social, President, Rush



Name: Kelly Faralla
Hometown:
Broadview Heights, OH
Major: Communications
Family: Q's
Positions Held: Rush



Name: Andrew Parsons
Hometown: Salisbury, MD
Major: Finance
Family: Q's
Positions Held: MOO,
Treasurer, Social



Name: Cody Bergman
Hometown: Butler, PA
Major: Psychology
Family: Q's
Positions Held: Chaplain,
Secretary, Vice-President,
Sergeant-at-Arms



Name: Jake Holland
Hometown: Canton, OH
Major: Accounting
Family: Nighthawks
Positions Held: House
Manager, Rush

Thank You Alumni!

On behalf of the resident council, thank you for your time and support!

If you would like to reach out to us for any reason, please feel more than free to send an email to jlathrop@bethanywv.edu or send me a message on Facebook. We are very interested in your input, stories, experiences, or any pictures from your time in the Resident Council.

Again, thank you, and until next time – shoo shoo brothers.

