

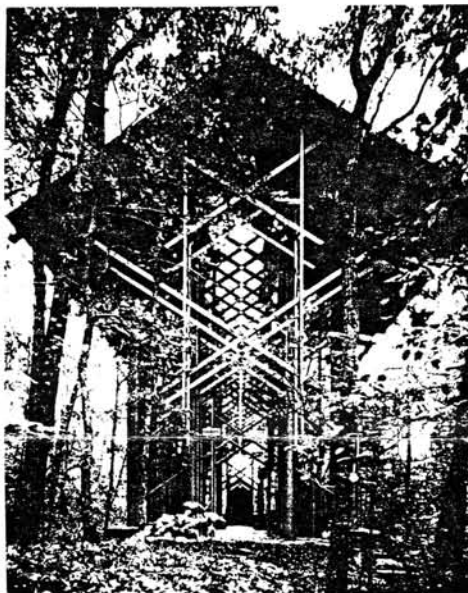
## Alpha Rho Chi Metagenes Alumni Association Newsletter



*Alpha Rho Chi is a professional Architecture Fraternity for college men and women studying Architecture and the allied arts. This Alumni Association of Initiated Brothers supports the Metagenes Chapter of Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia.*

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*The Thorncrown Chapel in Eureka Springs, AK*

*MetageNews* is a publication of the Alpha Rho Chi Metagenes Alumni Association. It is published on no established schedule, although we are attempting to provide three to four issues a year. Printing and postage costs are paid by your annual alumni dues. Each mailing costs between \$30 and \$50.

Articles and announcements are welcome and may be submitted for inclusion in the next issue by sending them to any Alumni Association Officer. The Editors reserve the right to hack and slash (or add a bit to) any material submitted. Photos are appreciated and will be returned upon request.

## 44th National Convention Fayetteville, Arkansas:

The Daphnis Chapter at the University of Arkansas graciously hosted the 44th National Convention for the Fraternity from February 28th through March 3rd at the Hilton Hotel in downtown Fayetteville this year. Many thanks for a smoothly run operation are due to Rebecca Toscano (active) and Doug Hurley (alumni) as well as all the Brothers of that fine Chapter in the Ozarks!!!

### Keynote Speaker, E. Fay Jones

The architecture of E. Fay Jones, FAIA (and 1990 AIA Gold Medal Award winner) was highlighted during the weekend in two special events: Friday morning and afternoon, convention attendees visited both the Thorncrown Chapel and Worship Center in Eureka Springs and the Mildred B. Cooper Memorial Chapel in Bella Vista, AK and Saturday evening was spent enjoying a slide presentation and lecture by the architect himself. Jones proved to be a very personable and completely unpretentious man and hearing him speak about his dearest structures was an inspiration.

### Motions

There was work to be done that weekend and the delegates acquitted themselves honorably. The order of business included five motions tabled from last year and a whopping 38 new motions to consider. Of those 38, no less than 23 were offered from the Xenocles (Texas) Alumni Association! Theron (Stillwater, OK) our second newest Chapter, offered an additional nine motions. Single motions were offered by Metagenes, our WGE, Daedalus, and our Grand Advisor, as well as two from our WGS.

The resolutions that were passed by the delegation include the following:

⇒ That Pledge Manuals shall be revised and 25 copies sent to each Chapter no later than 1 Aug 1991. (Phil Buckberg, WGAA, is already working on this.)

⇒ That all Active Chapters and Alumni Associations appoint or elect an *Arch* Reporter charged with submitting news articles to the *Arch* Editor for publication. The current address and phone number of said reporter shall be forwarded to the *Arch* Editor. (The Metagenes Alumni Association will need a volunteer...Please

indicate your interest on your election ballot.)

⇒ That the Alpha Rho Chi National Service Award be implemented per the recommendation of Bill Bradford, our Grand Advisor (see article on page 3.)

⇒ That Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity host a national competition and that a panel be established under Tim Kwasny of Theron to review the feasibility of such proposal and establish requirements.

The failed Metagenes motion would have required the WGE to send a return postcard as receipt of monthly reports, checks, etc. During discussion, it was determined that registered mail would be a more appropriate (albeit more expensive) solution and the motion was amended. Even so, it was finally determined that the amended motion was simply common sense and the delegation decided to not make a resolution for such an obvious course of action.

Other issues discussed included: more prompt delivery of badges and certificates for new Initiates, prompt publication and content of (and lack of contributions to) the *Arch*, and development of procedures for maintaining the "good standing" of a Chapter.

This last issue directly stemmed from continuing concern over the two-year-old deactivation of the Metagenes and Xenocles Chapters, as well as the recent Grand Council decisions regarding a struggling Mnesicles (Minneapolis, MN). As a result, a committee was formed to create procedural guidance for Chapter maintenance and growth. Tim Tourville (Apollodorus Alumni Pres.) is the committee chair. Sharlee Seeley, Scott MacKay (WGS), and others are on the committee and will consider all suggestions from the brotherhood. They will submit their report to the next convention.

### Alpha Rho Chi Foundation

Charlie Weaver (Vitruvius) gave a fine presentation on the status of the Alpha Rho Chi Foundation. The Foundation was shown to be working on a truly grand scale and the benefits to the Fraternity are certainly welcome. For more information (continued on Page Four)

## Founders' Day/Beta Gamma Initiation Weekend:

Metagenes is seeking alumni participation in conducting their first Initiation as an active Chapter. As such, they have scheduled the Initiation of the Beta Gamma Pledge Class to coincide with the Founders' Day celebration on the weekend of April 5-6, 1991.

Presuming that the Beta Gammas complete their pledging requirements in time, initiation will begin around 5:00 or 6:00 PM at the House on Friday, April 5. If you wish to take an active role in the initiation, please contact any Brother at the House at (703) 951-0750 as soon as possible. (Many thanks to Christie Allington - a non-Brother - who also lives at the House, but will be away for the weekend.)

A banquet dinner is scheduled for Saturday night of the weekend. Guests are welcome and dress is semi-formal. Time and place of the dinner will be announced, but cost per person is anticipated to be from \$10 to \$15. Please call the House and indicate the number attending as soon as possible so that an appropriately-sized room may be reserved. ♦

## About the Beta Gammas:

The Beta Gammas are an energetic class. They were installed in the first part of February with Chris Mahler (Arch, 4th yr.) as Pledge Master. The members of the Beta Gamma Pledge Class are:

David Deverter	Architecture	3rd yr.
Sandra Lee	Architecture	2nd yr.
Evelyn Walter	Interior Design	2nd yr.
Amy Zurek	Interior Design	2nd yr.

In case you thought that the last pledge's name was familiar, you're right: she's Dave Zurek's daughter - *a legacy!* Dave is a Brother of the Alpha Pledge Class and he graduated from Tech in 1970.

As you can see, Metagenes is finally branching out into the other Colleges, although we still have 100% enrollment of Brothers in "Architecture and the Allied Arts." With this Initiation, the Chapter membership will reach 14 Brothers. ♦

## Initiation Thank You's:

Kim Clark, Ritual Director, and Sharlee Seeley, President of the MAA, would like to extend our most heartfelt gratitude to those Brothers who made the reinstallation of the Metagenes Chapter possible.

First of all, our appreciation goes out to Chuck Nickel, WGA, for being on hand to officially present the Charter and supporting us through it all. Thanks to Ken Easton, our Regional Deputy, for his guidance and support during those times we feared the group wouldn't make it. Thank you, Sue Bainbridge, Arch Editor, for immortalizing the moment in celluloid.

As for the "tired band": heartfelt thanks goes out to those alumni who sacrificed supremely to carry out our sacred trust and conduct the Installation Initiation: Yost Conner, Jim Lytle, Phil Buckberg, John Cariati, Neil Bristow, Kenny Seeley, Dave Smith, Elizabeth Clark Lerch, Ray Consoli, Janet Reiss-Johnson, Lisa Fetterolf, and Mike Burton.

A debt of profoundly amazed gratitude goes out to the Brothers of Vitruvius (State College, PA) and Apollodorus (Gainesville, FL) who roadtripped to the Appalachians and helped our tired band of alumni carry the whole thing off.

For "behind the scenes" work, an important thank you to Anne Barker-Smith who devoted hours of her time in preparing meals so that our tired group could eat!

And special thanks to those who, over the last two years, helped the Chapter emerge. They include John Kudravy, Sue Smith, Gary Zickafoose, as well as those spouses Bonnie Clark, Roberta Buckberg, Kurt Johnson and Chris Lerch. We're sure there are more: Please forgive the lapse.

And a "last-but-certainly-not-least" thank you to those individuals without whom this Initiation would never have taken place at all: the newly-initiated Brothers of the Metagenes Chapter! It was you who gave us hope that we would once again have a Chapter at our Alma Mater. It was you who persevered over the months to truly become a fraternity where none had existed.

Thanks again. We couldn't have done it without every single one of you!!! ♦

## A Word from the Chapter:

Dear Brothers,

First of all, I just wanted to say it's great having the Charter back. I think Metagenes might hold the record for the longest pledge period in the history of APX! However, I think it made us appreciate the amount of effort put forth by both actives and alumni to get Metagenes flying again.

Which brings me to my second point: a great number of thank you's need to go out: To Apollodorus (our sponsor) and Vitruvius who drove in for our Initiation. To Chuck Nickel, Ken Easton and Sue Bainbridge and most especially to *all* our alumni. But special thanks must be given to Kim Clark, Kenny & Sharlee Seeley, John Cariati, Elizabeth Lerch, Phil Buckberg, Jim Lytle, Janet Reiss-Johnson, Dave Smith and Neil Bristow for their constant support and presence. I believe their spirit and devotion to our Fraternity gave us a good example to follow in the future.

So, what have we been doing? Well, besides being up to our necks in schoolwork (or trying hard to avoid it!) we held Rush. On Feb. 6th, we had a lecture at the House by a faculty member on Chaco Canyon, an Indian ruin in New Mexico. Next was "Fondue Night," and we stuffed ourselves silly. On the 9th, we had an alumni presentation by Sharlee Seeley (I wonder, can she still smell the whipped cream?), Dave Smith, Liz Lerch (aren't you glad I didn't list you first?) and Janet Reiss-Johnson. The 10th we had a "Pizza & Pictionary Night" and "a good time was had by all." Closed Rush was held on the 13th and 10 bids went out the next day. On Feb. 16th, four people accepted our bids to become pledges of APX.

Initiation for the Beta Gamma's is scheduled for April 5th & 6th, so make plans to join in the fun! (RSVP: (703) 951-0750)

Lastly: If you're nearby, stop in and see what we're up to! If not, drop us a line and tell us what's new with you! Communication is notoriously bad in the Fraternity and we need to keep in touch. As always, donations are welcome, but don't let that stop you from writing or seeing us!

Faternally,  
Stephen Mallari

## Alpha Rho Chi National Service Award:

(To be presented to and ratified by the 45th National Convention)

Alpha Rho Chi recognizes its 75th year with the inception of a new program intended to recognize the talents of our membership and to affirm our commitment to community involvement. As design professionals, we have an obligation to enhance the built environment, preserve the natural environment, and educate the public. Through collective involvement and leadership, we can demonstrate creative responses to environmental problems and generate community awareness and interest. To this end, Alpha Rho Chi's Emphasis on Excellence Program has instituted a National Service Award.

This award is created to recognize leadership, encourage community service, and foster the personal and professional growth of our members. It is intended to recognize the organized activity of an Active Chapter or Alumni Association in performing a service in the public good.

Any noteworthy and worthwhile community service project, organized and performed by an Active Chapter or Alumni Association, is eligible for consideration: service projects directly related to environmental issues are encouraged.

Submitting Chapters or Associations will present to the Grand Council a summary of activities and observations of the results of their community service project. This should include the following:

1. conceptual statement
2. project objectives
3. principle beneficiary (s)
4. sponsor
5. organizational structure
6. schedule
7. budget
8. fund-raising goals (if applicable)
9. publicity

All reports must be submitted to the Worthy Grand Scribe no later than December 15th of each year. An engraved commemorative award will be presented at the Convention to each recipient and, for Active Chapters, to their sponsoring School or University. ♦

## Other News:

Although the Fraternity house is fully leased *this* year--we are still soliciting tenants for at least one room for the 91-92 school year. Contact the Brothers at the House for additional information.



The National Interfraternity Council is pleased to announce the competition for Balfour Scholarships will be available for 1991. These scholarships are for graduate or professional school study.

There are four categories for consideration:

1. Fraternal Service
2. Community Service
3. Enhancement of Fraternal Ideals and Career Plans
4. Scholarship Record (a minimum GPA of 3.2 is required)

A graduate or professional school acceptance letter must accompany the application.

Applications are due April 1, 1991. Please contact the NIF Office, 3901 W. 86th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46268



## In Search Of: Master Architects

The Master Architect Search Committee made the following recommendation to the 44th Convention for a new process in selection of Master Architects for APX.

Each Chapter should carefully select and initiate a worthy and interested professional as an Honorary Member in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws. This candidate must show dedication to the fraternity and would preferably be initiated at either a convention or region-wide ceremony.

After a time, if this Honorary Member has shown continued interest in the fraternity and is believed to be worthy, he or she would be nominated to the Convention Delegation for selection as Master Architect. By following this procedure, it is hoped that APX will find caring Master Architects willing to further the ideals of our fraternity. ♦

## Alumni Association Elections:

With the coming of Spring and our Founders' Day celebration, it is time once again to elect Alumni Association officers. Since Sharlee Seeley has recently been elected to the office of Worthy Grand Associate Architect, she will not be seeking re-election this year as President.

Nominations for the Executive Board are as follows:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> _____                 | President        |
| (write in)                                     |                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Keeton           | Vice President   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kenny Seeley          | Treasurer        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Burton           | Secretary        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sue Smith             | Members-at-Large |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allen MacDonald       | (select 3)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Clark Lerch |                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ray Consoli           |                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dave Smith            |                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Janet Reiss-Johnson   |                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> James Lytle           |                  |

Indicate your selections and put this portion of the newsletter in the envelope provided. Please submit your votes for the offices above *with your dues payment of \$20.00*. Only votes of dues-paying members will be counted.

Don't forget your nomination (or volunteer yourself) for position of Archi Reporter. The reporter will be responsible for submitting articles and photographs to the Archi Editor Sue Bainbridge. ♦

## Lost Brothers:

If you know anything of the whereabouts of the Brothers listed below, jot it down on the back of this slip!!!

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Lydia Wade Barlow     | David Borzelleca    |
| C. C. Chester Crowley | R. Gordon Echols    |
| David Firestone       | Edward Funkhouser   |
| Bill Garner           | Katherine E. Hines  |
| James Hopkins         | Beth Holloway       |
| Lester E. Long        | Wendy Kuhn-Matherly |
| Barry Messmer         | Robert C. McConnel  |
| Eric Ohr              | Matthew Young       |

Gary Zehnphennig



Nomination for  
Archi Reporter:

Information on Lost Brothers:

Would you support a Metagenes Life Member Program? The MAA would operate on the interest of your \$200 contribution. Never pay dues again!!!

Note: With your 1991 MAA dues (a bargain at \$20.00) you will receive a Metagenes Directory!

National dues are only \$30 per year. In fact, the Metagenes Colony directly received from National considerably more than National received from Metagenes Alumni!!! Show your appreciation by paying your National dues! Call any MAA Officer for details.

## Remember These Guys?

Conventions seem to bring them out of the woodwork: all those (dare we say older?) wiser Brothers who are always there to support the Fraternity on a national level...

Bill Bradford, G Advisor	Anthemios
Chuck Nickel, WGA	Demetrios
Steve Janick	Iktinos
Charlie Weaver	Vitruvius
Ronnie Grogan	
& Jimmy Williams	Xenocles

Thanks, guys!!! You're the best!!!

## 44th National Convention (Continued from Page 1)

mation, be sure to read the article in the recent issue of the Alpha Rho Chi Letter.

### Elections

Additional business of the convention included the election of two Grand Council offices: Worthy Grand Associate Architect and Worthy Grand Estimator. Since Metagenes Alum Phil Buckberg chose to not seek re-election, nominations for WGAA included Ronnie Grogan (Xenocles) and our own Sharlee Seeley. During the nominations, Brother Grogan graciously declined and Brother Seeley was therefore elected, by acclamation, the first female Grand Council member.

Nominations for the hotly-debated race for WGE included Ronnie Grogan and the incumbent, Dave Evers (Demetrios). By secret ballot, it was determined that Dave Evers would remain our WGE, although it is rumored that the vote was extremely close. Our appreciation goes to both candidates, who each truly had the desire to take on such a time-consuming and difficult job.

### Site Selection

The site selection portion of the convention unfortunately became the most trying discussion of the day. Unbeknownst to each other, the Chapters of Apollodorus (Gainesville, FL) and Theron each set their sights on hosting next year's convention. Fortunately, in their infinite wisdom (and at the suggestion of a Heracledes Brother) the Grand Council decided to select the host Chapter based upon submission of budgeted proposals from each. Best of luck to each - and thank you in advance for the extra effort!

### Suggestions for the Betterment...

Of these, the most interesting was submitted by Chuck Nickel, WGA. In it, he offered that the Grand Council will produce a compilation of resumes of distinguished graduating members to be sent to prominent architects and other interested practitioners across the nation. Also, he will write a personal letter of recommendation for any Brother who requests it.

With our business concluded and the unity of our Brotherhood reaffirmed, the convention delegation was adjourned until next year.

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(Your Name Here)

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We should have called you this week to drum up attendance for Founders' Day. If you haven't heard from somebody recently...call us! We need your help!

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