METAGENEWS



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President's Message

The Founders' weekend and the Library Benefit proved to be very successful and enjoyable. Many people put in a lot of effort to make these events work. The chapter did a great job working with the library and keeping the alumni informed of the help they needed. Additionally, many Brothers responded to our call for help by contributing financially or by working at the event. Mark Stein deserves special thanks for the many extra hours he contributed to produce our newsletter and create the graphics for the Library Benefit. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

At the business meeting, we found that there was much work still to be accomplished. The chapter is struggling, but the spirit is there and I am confident that Worthy Architect Bill Eastridge's dedication will help them to rally. Several Brothers have volunteered for a committee to work with the chapter to develop a strategy for increasing membership.

Also, mark your calendar for Saturday, September 21. This will be the Metagenes Chapter Homecoming. The Sugar Bowl champion Hokies will play Rutgers that day. Look for more details as the football season gets closer.

Thanks again for all of your support.

Jeff Kendrick President

The New Metagenews

Howdy! In case some of you don't recognize this face, my name is Mark Stein, Worthy Newsletter Putter Together, and I would like to thank Jeff Kendrick, Terry Burcham and Erika Fredrick for their hours of assistance on this task. Their dedication has spared me much frustration, and consequently, also spared the lives of many Kinko's employees.

Feel free to write, call, or e-mail me anytime with suggestions or concerns about the *Metagenews*.



Dear Brothers:

Greetings from Blacksburg! I want to take this time to thank all of the Alumni for their support and contributions for our Library Benefit this year. All-in-all we managed to raise approximately \$1,300 before the Aalto stools or the Noguchi lamp were paid for. It looks like after everything is paid off that we will have made \$500 for next years benefit. Again thanks to all those who contributed and those who made it down to help with the actual event.

I also want to take this opportunity to introduce our newest Brother to you. Chris Real is a first year Architect student from San Diego, CA. He is very interested in helping this chapter rise above all our hardships and bring in new people to our fraternity. I believe that when I leave this University, I can leave with a sense of peace knowing both Chris Real and Erik Liles will take care of this chapter.

I also want to point out that our chapter elections will be coming up within the next few weeks. I want to say that I have enjoyed my term as Worthy Architect and I hope that I have lived up to the expectations of the office as established by those who have come before me. I hope that upon my return next year, even if I am not elected Worthy Architect, I will be in a position to help keep this chapter alive and kicking. I have had many trying times this past year and I can only hope that my efforts have not gone to waste allowing the actives next year to have an easier time managing the day to day activities of our chapter. Thanks for all the support and advice given to me from all of you. God Bless and thanks.

In F.A.A, Bill Eastridge, WA Metagenes Chapter Alpha Rho Chi

The results of the 1996-97 Board of Directors' election were decided at the Founders' Day meeting on Saturday, March 23.

In uncontested races:

Jeff Kendrick President
Michele LeTourneur
Kenny Seeley
Mark Stein Secretary

From a slate of five candidates for the three Director positions **Terry Burcham**, **Kim Clark**, and **Rick Jenkins** emerged victoriously. This race was very close.

A meeting of the Board of Directors has tentatively been set for June 14 in Richmond. This meeting will also include those who volunteered for a committee to work with the chapter on Rush and Fall semester planning, as well as those who volunteered to help plan next Fall's Homecoming. Details for this meeting will be sent at a later date.

Letter from the Chapter



Alumni Association Dues

The following Brothers have paid their dues for 1996-1997:

David Asbell	Jane Koehler
Terry Burcham	Julie Koehler
Carol Chase	Scott Ledford
Denise Chiafolo	Elizabeth Lerch
Kim Clark	Michele LeTourneur
Yost Conner	Allen McDonald
Laura DeSantis	Doug Moore
David DeVerter	Rick Robinson
Mary DeVerter	Jenna Schutt
Jennifer Ferguson	Kenny Seeley
David Hicks	Sharlee Seeley
Rick Jenkins	Mark Stein
Tom Jenkins	Christine Turner
Rob Johnston	Tom Vitanza
Jeff Kendrick	Chris Lessard
Julie Kephart	

If you still wish to pay your dues or if you did not receive an invoice with the last newsletter, please send a check for \$20 (payable to Metagenes' Alumni Association) to Jeff Kendrick, 5861 Woodvalley Road, Elkridge, MD 21227.

Your dues are important if we wish to continue to hold events such as Founders' Day and Homecoming. They also pay for the cost of producing this newsletter to keep you informed of upcoming chapter and alumni association events.

Jeff Kendrick, our leader >





Trish Lane, Terry Burcham, and the DeVerters discuss their original concept for the Joshua Tree album cover.

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Sites of Interest

http://bubba.ucc.okstate.edu/gopher-data/Student_Services/APX

A pretty professional looking site, containing addresses for chapters and Brothers nationwide, as well as information on APX+IDP (Intern Development Program).

http://www.usc.edu/dept/ifc/frat/alpharhochi.html

Not quite as smooth as the previous site, but a good example of how a fraternity might reach people on a campus that's "plugged-in". It provides a lot of information to freshman about rushing and pledging fraternities at USC.

http://www.best.com/~dijon/tv/mentos/mentos-faq.html

Finally, everything you ever wanted to know about "The Freshmaker". Includes ingredient listings, commercial synopses, the "correct" way to eat a Mentos, and the lyrics to the famous jingle. This site is definitely "fresh and full of life".







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