

GREETINGS FROM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OFFICERS--

Results of the April Election are as follows:

President	Phil Buckburg
Vice President	Yost Conner
Treasurer	Kenny Seeley
Secretary	Kim Clark
Member-at-Large	Wayne Burford

We would like to thank the other nominees for their participation in the election. The number of nominees and ballots cast were both apparent records.

The recent reactivation of our Alumni Association could possibly be viewed as a turning point in the fortunes of the Metagenes Chapter. The term "possibly" is used because much depends upon the level of activity, and scale of achievement we intend to pursue. Your officers, as chosen in the recent election, are committed not only to establish a firm foundation for which the Alumni Association can prosper for years to come, but to serve as a direct link to the Actives who so desperately need our help now.

Our goals for the Alumni Association are modest- to provide a communications network for alumni to keep in touch, to establish an organization in the "legal sense", and to expand our dues-paying membership to a meaningful majority of our total. However, our goals for the Active Chapter are much more complex. Our immediate priority is to help the chapter recover from its current membership and financial problems. Long-term, we need to be more perceptive of the cyclical nature of the organization. We have seen the past, and the present is often very similar to a situation we once may have found ourselves in. We must be strong, unified in our support for the Fraternity, and to some degree, active in the long-range planning for the Chapter's future.

We now ask three simple things of each of you:

1. Join the Alumni Association. Send in your ten bucks (to "The APX Metagenes Alumni Association" c/o Kenny Seeley) Include any information that you wish about yourself, and if you want, we'll publish it in the next newsletter. Also include any ideas you have for the Alumni Association or the Chapter.
2. Write the Chapter and let them know how you feel. They need moral support as well as financial support. I'll send you their summer addresses if you wish.
3. This one's for you! Call up a Brother you haven't talked to in a while. This will help get the ball rolling again, and make you and another Brother smile. Talk about coming to Blacksburg in the fall (Homecoming is October 17).

These three things can really boost your Fraternity spirit, and let the Association and Actives know you care.

Founders' Day 1987--

The Chapter played host to the "Seventy-Third Anniversary of the Birth of Alpha Rho Chi" gala on April 11. The large turnout participated in activities ranging from beer drinking to soul searching. As usual, Saturday was reserved for fun and frolic as the alumni once again trounced the actives in volleyball. Several players of both camps received their annual volleyball 'baptismal' in the Metagenes Creek. Following showers, the group met for dinner at the Homeplace in Catawba.

A more pensive mood prevailed as the Brothers gathered in the Chapter House for the Sunday meeting. Though the agenda was informal, and the topics for discussion varied widely, the main concern was for the Chapter's welfare. The alumni were informed that the actives would have five returning members in the fall, and that the Chapter was in jeopardy of losing the house. Active members spoke of a situation where support from faculty was non-existent. Of course, alumni assured them that this was nothing new, and it would require creativity to overcome the negative feelings.

The alumni had seen this before. On at least two occasions in our history, the Chapter's membership had dwindled to a severely low number. We recovered then, and we have hopes of recovering now. But what can we do to eliminate these low ebbs in the cycle of Fraternity life? This question is one that will have to be answered soon, because some day, the Chapter may not be strong enough to face one of these challenges.

If the alumni accomplished anything at Founders' Day, it is hoped that we instilled a sense of 'history' within the actives. The message promoted was simple-- the actives need not feel all alone. We want to help, though we may not know exactly how, and we are willing to help. Not only do we care about each other, but we care about them as brothers. We care about the future of the Fraternity, and about the legacy we left behind.

Financial Report--

Our treasurer reports that the Alumni Association has collected \$375.00 in dues and donations thus far in 1987. To date, expenses have been minimal and our bank balance is about \$320.00. The Alumni Board would like to recognize Thomas Vitanza and Laura DeSantis Gagliano for their monetary contributions.

Our treasurer also notes that it is not too late to pay your dues for 1987!

Dues Paying Membership as of 5-21-87--

Arthur Bengochea	William Garner	Kenneth Perlowski
R. Wayne Burford	Donald Gormley	Janet Reiss
Michael Burton	David Hicks	Linda Roberts
Robert Citrano	Robert Hintze	Kenny Seeley
Kim S. Clark	Thomas Jenkins	Sharlee Harold Seeley
Terry Clements	Lisa Keeton	Susan Smith
J. Yost Conner, Jr.	James E. Lytle	Thomas Townes
Stuart Duffen	Jackson Maio	Thomas A. Vitanza
Lisa Fetterolf	Steve McCardle	Robert Ward
Pam Hartman Feuer	K. Allen McDonald	D. Michael Weaver
C. Craig Frazier	W. Kirt Miller, Jr.	Gary Zickafoose
Laura D. Gagliano	Robert C. Nichols	

Post Office Box--

It should be noted that The APX Metagenes Alumni Association has an official address. As of June 8, 1987, our mailing address is:

The APX Metagenes Alumni Association
Post Office Box 921
Blacksburg, VA 24060

All correspondence may be sent to the above address.

Building Fund--

Remember the building fund? While most of us have forgotten this pledge made years ago, a few brothers have made payments on this obligation. The account balance is presently about \$400.00. The Alumni Board has appointed a committee consisting of Kim Clark, Thomas Jenkins, and Jim Lytle to administer to this account. We desperately need all of our Alumni to make arrangements to pay their building fund pledge. You may send in the \$100.00 all at once, or spread it out over a period of time. At any rate, please make an effort to pay this amount soon.

A strong desire to buy the fraternity house has prompted the formation of the "Foundation Club", an organization within the Alumni Association, comprised of members who are willing and able to contribute more to the building fund than originally pledged. Each of you will be contacted with information concerning this opportunity. Several members have already joined the Foundation Club, and we hope to have a large number of alumni pledged before the end of the summer.

Please contact one of the committee members for more information concerning the Foundation Club. In the meantime, please send what you can to the building fund. Your account will be credited.

Alumni Information Sheet--

By request of Wayne Burford, who also happens to serve as W.G.A.A., your newsletter includes a form which contains basic information about you. This information is part of the National Fraternity data base, and is available to Chapters, Alumni Associations, and the National Office (no mailing lists, thank you). While this information is important for the purpose of keeping in touch with all of our brothers, the information could also provide professional contacts from all over the country.

Please fill out the form and return it to Wayne Burford. He'll be real happy to receive it. And remember, the information contained in the data base could be helpful to you someday.

Metagenes Address List--

We now have a reasonably accurate address list of Metagenes Alumni and Actives. If you would like a copy, just drop me a note. If you've paid your dues, the list is free. If you don't want to pay your dues, send \$2.00, because there's no such thing as a free lunch.

Future Events--

In about two months, you will be receiving the next newsletter which will include a fall calendar of events. This calendar will include Rush dates, Homecoming plans, and other fraternity information. But for now, I will include the 1987 Tech football schedule:

Sept. 12	Clemson	Home
Sept. 19	Virginia	Away
Sept. 26	Syracuse	Home
Oct. 3	Navy	Home
Oct. 10	South Carolina	Away
Oct. 17	East Carolina	Homecoming
Oct. 24	Tulane	Away
Oct. 31	Kentucky	Away
Nov. 7	West Virginia	Away
Nov. 14	Miami	Away
Nov. 21	Cincinnati	Home

Contact me, Kim Clark, if you would like to get tickets to any home games, or the Virginia game.

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Kenny Seeley- 267 Lucille Ave, Norfolk, VA 23504
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