

METAGENEWS



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President's Message

I hope that everyone has had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. As we approach the fall, we find the Metagenes Chapter at a crossroads. With a high graduation rate over the past few years, chapter membership is low and tenants for the house are difficult to find. Those that do remain are committed to revitalizing the chapter, but their numbers are not sufficient.

This is a position that the Metagenes Chapter was in during the late 1980s. At that time, a few dedicated alumni came together to rebuild the chapter. Their efforts were very successful and the chapter grew rapidly. With nearly 30 Brothers graduating since 1993 there is a strong base of alumni to once again spearhead the rebuilding efforts. A group of four alumni (Terry Burcham, Michele LeTourneur, Mark Stein, and I) formed the Chapter Revitalization Committee and drafted a plan to build the chapter over the next two semesters. More help is needed though.

I ask each of you to remember back to your first associations with Alpha Rho Chi and recall the reason that you pledged. If you still feel that the goals and ideals of Alpha Rho Chi are still worthy one, then I ask you to contact me so that we can work together to pass those goals and ideals down to another generation of design students at Virginia Tech. Our first events will take place on Friday and Saturday, September 6 and 7 so time is running short. We are also planning to have a Metagenes Chapter Homecoming on the weekend of September 20-22. This will be a key event in the revitalization efforts. A large turnout will show prospective Brothers that the bonds of Alpha Rho Chi do not break once you leave school. I can be reached at (410) 796-2075 or by e-mail at: jeffkendr@aol.com.

Jeff Kendrick
President

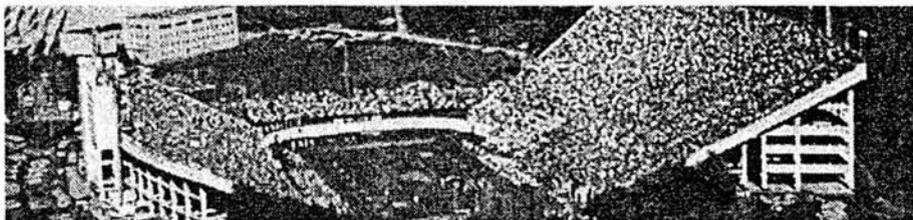
The building fund has received contributions from 10 brothers this year totaling \$270.00. Most recently, Rick Jenkins, our convention delegate, donated his convention expense check, and became the 13th member of the Building Association by having met his pledge of at least \$100.00 contributed. Our account presently has a balance of \$2,407.00. Other assets include receivables of \$759.00. This year, the Building Association made an emergency grant of \$600.00 to the chapter to help with rent. Also, the Association paid \$300.00 for an appraisal of the fraternity house.

The Building Association would like to become the primary investor in the purchase of the house, but we need a lot more money in the fund, and more importantly, greater participation among the alumni members of the fraternity. Currently, only 37 Brothers have made contributions to the fund, and only 13 have given over \$100.00. These donors represent a small percentage of our Brotherhood. Contributions are always welcome. Make checks payable to "Metagenes Building Association". Send checks to Jeff, Kenny, or Kim. More later on this subject under separate cover.

The over-achieving Hokies of 1995 fought their way to the top of the Big East Conference, and were awarded the bid to the Nokia Sugar Bowl in New Orleans. After trouncing the Longhorns of Texas in the Superdome, Bourbon Street became the site of the biggest "Hokie New Years" Party in history.

Among the 22,000 Tech's faithful travelers to the 'Big East' were Brothers Kim Clark, Ray Consoli, and Rick Robinson. The Brothers reported that they were faithful to the traditions of Alpha Rho Chi while in New Orleans.

Already looking forward to '96, Kim Clark is planning the Bowl game trip, wherever it may be. Keep an eye on the Hokies, and if they appear to be headed for seven or more wins, start getting the bags packed. Brothers interested in a group travel package should make their interest known to Kim. Help plan next Fall's Homecoming. Details for this meeting will be sent at a later date.



Building Fund

Sugar Bowl

Homecoming 1996

The weekend of September 20-22 has been designated APX Homecoming weekend for this year. These dates coincide with the final weekend of fall rush activities, and an impressive showing of alumni is imperative to achieving the Chapter's goals of a large pledge class for the fall semester. Tech's football opponent will be Rutgers, so we can expect a lot of our New Jersey Brothers to show up. But we shouldn't let that stop the rest of us! Seriously, we miss Bruce, Chris, and all the others from NJ that have relocated. (I wonder why?)

Tickets for the game are \$22.00 each (cheaper than the NBA). You should send a check to:

Kim Clark, Athletics Coordinator
2716 Mallard Drive
Roanoke, VA 24018
(H) 540/989-6759

In the event that you may be interested in some "Top 20" football action, the complete home schedule is listed here:

Sept. 21	Rutgers
Oct. 12	Temple
Oct. 26	Pittsburgh
Nov. 2	SW Louisiana
Nov. 9	East Carolina
Nov. 23	West Virginia
Nov. 29 (Fri.)	Virginia

The Clarks are season ticket holders, and if you would like to attend any game, contact Kim and he'll try to get you some good seats, or at least, an invite to their traditional tailgate party. The UVa game is sold out and WVU will sell out soon, but call anyway and Kim will try to

Dues Notice

Your response to the call for dues last March was overwhelming—a record 31 members paid dues and contributed to the alumni association's Building Fund. For those who have not paid dues for the year, your dues are still needed so we can have all of the resources necessary to rebuild the chapter. If you wish to pay dues (good until the next alumni association elections in April 1997) please make your check payable to Metagenes Alumni Association and send it to: Metagenes Alumni Association, c/o Jeff Kendrick, President, 5861 Woodvalley Road, Elkridge, MD 21227.

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Sites of Interest

<http://www.talbotdesign.com>

Talbot Design's web site shows off their work and includes an office tour. This very professional web page also links to sites the firm designed for clients.

<http://www.terraquest.com>

For those who love the outdoors there is TerraQuest. This site will take you on virtual trips from the glaciers of Antarctica to the islands of Galapagos. Best viewed with Netscape 2.0.

<http://rockhall.com>

Those not wanting to make the trip to Cleveland can check out I.M. Pei's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum from their desktops. View the exhibits and see whose music influenced whom's. Thankyavermuch!



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