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Official Newsletter of the Metagenes Alumni Association, Alpha Rho Chi
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Message from the President:

The Board of Directors of the Metagenes Alumni Association hoped you all had a happy holiday and wish you a happy and safe New Year.

We have installed our new officers and had our first Board of Directors meeting in a long time this past July. Please take a moment out of your busy day to email the following brothers to congratulate them on their newly elected position:

Secretary
Julie Koehler

Treasurer
Rick Jenkins

Directors-at-Large
Jeff Kendrick
Kim Clark
Rick Robinson
Gary Zickafoose

chapter installation date

Save the date for March 11th-12th; see inside for details.

The colony has been doing a great job and we wish them success in preparing their petition package for national. My little brother seems to be going to a colony event or a party every time I talk to him (hmm), so I know the colony is busy and is having fun getting to know each other.

Many of the colony members are, or will shortly be, looking for internships for the upcoming year. If you know of any firm looking for interns, please email the colony as soon as you can. This is one of the many benefits we bring as alumni and please do your part by helping them out.

As a final note, the colony can use any help you can give and sometimes that includes financial support. If you can help them out in the next few months, they would appreciate it. Chapter Installations, Rush, as well as the upcoming Convention always puts a strain on a student's budget (I remind you of this in case it's been a while!). Make checks out to Metagenes and send them to Nicki Ribadeneira's (the colony's treasurer) attention at:
401 M Berryfield Lane, Blacksburg, VA, 24060.

I am excited for this new phase in all our lives in this new year and I hope the new chapter receives all the rewards from Alpha Rho Chi that I have received.

In Fidelitas, Amor et Artes,

Michele LeTourneur
Alumni Association President

email the colony:

Metagenes@listserv.vt.edu.



colony update

The colony is busy preparing the petition package required by the national fraternity to become a chapter and the alumni association is busy helping them. We are already planning and preparing for their installation in March and hope you join the festivities.

There have been several trips to Virginia Tech on our associations behalf for fun and for business (see photos on the right, although it's all fun- who wants pictures of business?). If you are interested in visiting them, drop them a line at their email address: Metagenes@listserv.vt.edu.

If you are interested in hearing about their pledging process, call or email Kim Clark, the best pledge master on the face of the planet. Kim has been conducting regular meetings with the Gamma Alpha class in addition to his graduate studies at Tech. He has been administering regular exams and assures us that his pledges will have all the information down cold when the time comes for the initiation.

We are excited about their progress and enthusiasm for Alpha Rho Chi and wish them luck!

chapter installation planning

Rick Jenkins is our esteemed Ritual Director and can use any help you want to give, large or small (we hope large), long or short, loud or quiet. Many good parts are still available and since there are a lot of details to be coordinated, we can use all the help we can get. We also plan on having help from active and alumni brothers from other chapters, so this weekend promises to be one of the largest events in our history.

Contact Rick Jenkins at rljenk@mac.com if you would like to come to our planning meetings or be included in the event. If you can't participate, but do want to attend for a portion, let Rick know as well.

past colony events

Party at the colony (from left): Anthony, Michele LeTourneur (alumni) and her little brother Kent



Football tailgate (from left): Andrea, Kent, Anthony, Kim Clark (alumni), Rick Jenkins (alumni) and Nicki



Halloween party (from right): Andrea, Anthony, Nicki, Kent, Shannon and friend



Photos courtesy of Kent McCollough, Colony Historian

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more t-shirts

This retro design was a standard for years and is back by popular demand:



Here's how the prices break down so you know how we will determine the asking price. Quotes from CustomInk.com in Falls Church. If you want the shirt shipped to you, we will add that to your order.

We are asking for \$15 per shirt. The T-shirts are Hanes Beefy-T and are available in adult sizes from S to XXXXL and youth sizes YXS to YXL. Shirts are white with image in black on the front chest.

If interested, contact Rick Jenkins at rljenk@mac.com and let him know the quantity, size and shipping address.



pheons

We are looking to assemble all the various pheons used over the years so please send us a copy whether it's digital or print.

Our plan is to display all the pheons collected on our website for all to enjoy and remember...

email addresses

We have set up an email mailing list for Metagenes alumni going by the name of metagenesalum@alpharhochi.org.

We'll be using the email list throughout the year to keep you informed (because let's face it, this newsletter is hard work) and with all the alumni and soon-to-be chapter events we KNOW you want to be informed. The list is also an easy way to get messages out to your fellow alumni, even if you don't know most of their email addresses.

If we have your email, we will be emailing you to ask your permission to add you to the list. If we don't have your email, send your permanent email address to mletourneur@hotmail.com and we'll set you up. In fact, we think it's a good idea to send us your email anyway even if you think we might already have it. Just to be sure.

To avoid spam, the list address has been set up to refuse emails from outside the list (so that even if spammers get the address it will do them no good). Addresses in the list will be used for fraternal purposes only and we will respect your privacy.

No thanks necessary. No, really, we do it out of fraternal love...

upcoming events - save the dates!!

February 5th - 2nd annual Snowtubing event

Last year had lots of icy fun at Whitetail. We hope you can join us at our 2nd event on February 5th. If you are interested, please drop Michele a line at mletourneur@hotmail.com or call her at 703.966.5229 and she will give you information. Also, look to our website for details a couple of weeks before for directions and details.

March 11-12th - Metagenes Chapter Installation

Come join us for an event we've been waiting a decade for. Assuming things so as planned, the Installation will be starting on Friday, March 11th and will end on Saturday, March 12th. The event is scheduled to take place in the Washington DC area. Contact Rick Jenkins at rljenk@mac.com for details.

March 17-20th - 58th Convention

The convention is in Buffalo New York this year and while cold, it will be a lot of fun. Several Metagenes alumni are planning to attend, and maybe hopefully some new brothers from the 5 day old Chapter. For more details see alpharhochi.org or contact Michele.

www.alpharhochi.org/metagenesalum



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feb 5th snowtubing at Whittell
march 11-12th planned date for the Gamma Alpha class of Metagenes
march 17-20th 58th national convention in Buffalo, New York
april 8-10th founders day weekend at Virginia Tech

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