

July 10th annual metagenes picnic
 August 28th Va Tech vs USC football classic
 September colony installation/pledge ceremony
 October fondue party

upcoming events - see inside for details

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Not much more to say except that we've been busy.

Kim Clark is our pledgemaster for the group and Rick Jenkins will be in charge of Ritual and I'm glad to have both. We will need all the brothers we can get our hands on, and if you've been looking to get back involved, now is the time.

We are looking for big brothers for this great group to share knowledge, experience and fun. To date the following brothers have signed up and we need 10 total:

Jeff Kendrick Michele LeTourneur
 Rick Robinson Yost Connor
 Gary Zickafoose Susan Karageorges
 Rick Jenkins

So that leaves 3 more brothers to find and I'm hoping that's you. A big brother needs to commit to the pledge ceremony, the initiation and at least one big brother event in between as well as weekly emails or phone calls. But really, is it that difficult? I already know all the stories I'm going to tell...

Because of the above, dues are even more important, so if you didn't send your \$20 check before think about sending it now. We could really use it to repair our ritual items as well as host events and activities for the Colony members (some already spent on the snow tubing event).

Finally, we have been an active alumni group this year with several outings. In June we had our annual Metagenes picnic, which this past year was expanded to all Alpha Rho Chi alumni in the Washington, DC area. In October we had our first wine tasting, which after 6 bottles of wine and 2 bottles of champagne (to cleanse the palette of course) we discovered that the great food at Ray + Joan's just wasn't enough and we finished our evening at the local Outback Steakhouse for red meat. In February, the Metagenes Alumni Association sponsored 3 colony members to a snow tubing event in Whitetail. Metagenes alumni, as well as alumni from other chapters, joined us in the perfect event to meet our future brothers.

On a personal note, more and more alumni get involved each year and I am happy to count these brothers as friends, for they have become more than just names on a database, but a part of my life as well. To share a story, I met Julie Kephart Jones for the first time this past summer at a picnic at Ray Consoli's and met some nice brothers for the first time. Julie, upon meeting me for the first time, remarked (rather sarcastically, I might add):

"So, you're the gun ho one."

I'd like to say I was offended, but I just can't.

In Fidelitas, Amor et Artes,

Michele LeTourneur
Alumni Association President

breaking news:

we have a colony !!!

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upcoming events - save the dates!!

April 28th - Deadline for ordering football tickets

Order tickets for Va Tech vs USC from Kim Clark at k.clark1@cox.net. Group seating is available by sending \$44 per ticket to: Kim Clark, 2716 Mallard Dr., Roanoke, VA 24018. See August 28th for more information.

July 10th - Annual Metagenes Alumni Picnic

Come to Falls Church for the 4th annual Metagenes picnic. The 12' trampoline is always a success and kids of all ages are welcome. It starts at 1pm, but who knows when it ends (3am is still the record). The picnic is held in Falls Church; call or email for directions. Bring your sunscreen and something to eat or drink, we'll provide the condiments and paper supplies. Please RSVP to Michele [703.534.APX0 or mletourneur@hotmail.com] by July 1st.

July 10th - Metagenes Alumni Association Meeting

We will induct new officers, vote on Metagenes Alumni Association Constitution and By-Laws (copies will be posted for downloading on our website) and we also will discuss the Metagenes Colony ritual planning.

August 28th - Football Classic

Virginia Tech opens its 2004 season in a matchup with the defending National Champions from USC. Friends and family are invited, even our brothers from Andronicus. The Metagenes Alumni Association will be sponsoring fraternity activities in the DC area for football and non-football lovers. See our website for details.

September 4th - Metagenes Colony Installation

If you are a big brother, please plan to attend. If you are not a big brother (but do you want to be?) and would like to attend, you are more than welcome. Contact Kim Clark at k.clark1@cox.net for details.

October ? - Fondue party

Have pot, will travel? If you are interested, email Michele at mletourneur@hotmail.com. It can even be hosted at your house!

November / December - Metagenes Initiation

If they are ready, plan for it. We'll let you know the details via email.

past events

58th Convention @ New Orleans 2004



Rick Jenkins, Michele LeTourneur, Kim Clark

snow tubing @ whitetail in February 2004



wine tasting @ Ray Consoli's in October 2003



Ray Consoli, Michele LeTourneur, Gary Zickafoose, Brothers not pictured: Rick Jenkins, Jeff Kendrick

dues

The following brothers have paid dues for 2004 and we thank you. With all the new activities we have planned, this is very much appreciated!

Robert M. Bragg
Phil Buckberg
Terry Burcham
Kim Clark
Ray Consoii
David DeVerter
Mary (Brady) DeVerter
David Hicks
James Hopkins
Rick Jenkins
Thomas Jenkins
Dewey Jones
Lisa (Fetterolf) Jones
Jeff Kendrick
Scott Ledford
Elizabeth (Clark) Lerch
Michele LeTourneur
Allen McDonald
Janet M. Reiss
Rick Robinson
Khrysti (Christ) Uhrin
Thomas Vitanza
Gary Zickafoose

It is not too late to pay 2004 dues, you can still send a \$20 check (or more, we won't complain):

Mail check to:
Michele LeTourneur
2851 Marshall Street
Falls Church, Virginia 22042

Make check out to:
Richard Jenkins
(our system of checks and balances- we're still looking for a free corporate checking account)

elections

Please vote on those brothers who were nominated and accepted their nomination:

President
Michele LeTourneur

Secretary
Laura DeSantis
Julie Koehler

Treasurer
Rick Jenkins

Directors-at-Large (vote for 3)
Jeff Kendrick
Kim Clark
Rick Robinson
Laura DeSantis
Gary Zickafoose

Remember only those brothers who paid dues may vote in elections but if you want to vote and didn't pay dues, send us a \$20 check with your vote

Email your selection to mletourneur@hotmail.com or mail us your vote at
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alumni update

Are you getting this mailing at another address? Alpha Rho Chi is updating their database with all kinds of information; when you graduated, pledge class, occupation, etc.

Information will be used for letting students know what professionals are in the area, historical data and just to get us all one the same page.

If you have never visited the site, please do so. It only takes a minute:

www.alpharhochi.org/alumupdate/



email addresses

I have email addresses for the following brothers. If your name is not on this list, and you wish to be, send your email to mletourneur@hotmail.com

Alpha class brothers:

Allen McDonald
Anne Barker Smith
Arthur Bengochea
Beverly Brandon
Bobbie Henley
Laura DeSantis
David Hicks
Dennis Cross
Elizabeth (Clark) Lerch
Ernie Wilder
Gary Zickafoose
Gay Vick
Hunter Bristow
J. Michael Winfield
Jim Lytle
Julie Kephart Jones
Kenny Seeley
Keville Ware
Kim Clark
Linda Roberts
Lisa (Fetterolf) Jones
Robert Gunn
Mark Flanary
Mark White
Nancy Turner Brown
Pamela (Keys) Jung
Phil Buckberg
Ray Consoli
Sharlee (Harold) LaBrecque
Susan Smith Karageorges
Tom Jenkins
Wayne Burford
Yost Connor

Beta class brothers:

Amy (Zurek) Carter
Carol Chase
David DeVerter
Denise Chiafalo
Dewey Jones
Jane Koehler
Jeff Kendrick
Jeff Krauss
Jenna Schutt
Jim Marthinsen
Julie Koehler
Khrysti (Christ) Uhrin
Lane Ikeler
Mark Stein
Mary (Brady) DeVerter
Michele LeTourneur
Rick Jenkins
Rick Robinson
Rob Johnston
Scott Ledford
Stephen Mallari
Terry Burcham
William Keller

Do you want to be included in our emails? Email us your address. Do you have another brothers email and we don't? Here's your chance to rat on them (and you know you have been looking for an excuse), send us their email address.

message from the colony

Salutations from Metagenes!

Several thoughts came to mind as Michele asked me to write a blurb for this edition of the alumni newsletter. First, were the usual thoughts any Architecture student has when asked to write something: horror, fear, anxiety, etc. Secondly, and more importantly, come thoughts of salutation and appreciation for our alumni.

As the president of the Metagenes Colony here at Virginia Tech it is my privilege to give you all our warmest greetings from Blacksburg. The weather here has finally started to change to spring and classes are quickly closing on summer. However, as most students are beginning to wind down, we colonists are hastily running around working to secure the future of our young colony. We have begun meeting with our pledge trainer Kim Clark, and we are presently working to finish our mission statement and other important paperwork. It has been an exciting time to be a part of Alpha Rho Chi, and we are learning new things about not only our fraternity but also each other with every passing day. We often talk about the things we want to do with the Metagenes chapter, and where we hope to take this organization in the future.

With that in mind I must share our sincere appreciation for all the alumni who have shown their support of our re-activation efforts. We realize that there is still much work to do here at Virginia Tech as we move forward to becoming a fully active chapter; and we are positive with your continued enthusiasm we will be initiated successfully in no time at all. Presently we are finalizing the dates for our formal pledge ceremony, probably to take place in late August or early September, with our initiation of the Gamma Alpha pledge class to hopefully take place in November. I am sure Michele will keep you posted when more specific dates become available. For now I am unsure what else to say except feel free to drop by anytime, as students we are always more than happy to take a break and socialize with friends.

Matthew Williams
Colony President
mrw@vt.edu



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...

in memorandum

Charles Pearson, FAIA died December 14, 2001

If you have additional updates, please let us know.



amy carter storm / daniel storm [alpha]

Written by Amy Storm....

Graduated:

Dan pledged with Dave Tubach (I think) and graduated in 1984 with a Agricultural Engineering degree and a masters of the same in 1986. Then he went on to the University of Kentucky for a PhD, also in Agricultural Engineering. I pledged in the spring of 1982 and graduated in 1983 in Animal Science.

Why did you join Alpha Rho Chi?

Dan joined APX for the friends and fun. His best friend, Dave Tubach, was in APX too. Dan also felt it was a great place to meet chicks (okay, so the wife's writing this) and lived at the house- even as a newly wedded couple (husband and wife lived in the attic and eventually moved into Dan Terrel's old room). I joined APX because I liked the people and enjoyed their company, one somebody in particular. Anne Barker had been my roommate and got me involved in Alpha Rho Chi.

What are you doing now?

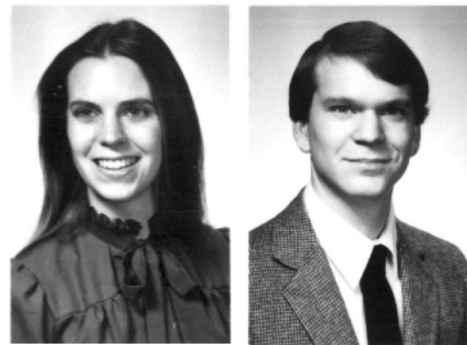
We live in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and I have owned my own vet clinic, Veterinary Housecall Services, since 1990 and is a full time job. The clinic is located right next to our house. From the end of 1990 to the present, Dan has been a professor at Oklahoma State University, in - you guessed it - Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering. His specialty is soil and water and does a lot of modeling (computer, not speedo!).

We have three kids: Heather is 13, Lisa (named after Lisa Fetterolf) is 12 and Pete is 11. We stay busy with their activities. I even became a Scoutmaster for cub scouts (and it's great having Danny say "Yes, Master!"). Dan went backpacking with Pete on a 5-10 mile hiking trip over spring break in the western part of Arkansas.

We moved out into the country in 2001 and live on 40 acres just outside of town. No livestock; we tried chickens but the varmints ate them all! Just think of us as Green Acres Oklahoma-style. Anyone and everyone is welcome to stop by.

bio requested by Gary Zickafoose

email the Storms at:
amycarterstorm@hotmail.com



AMY CARTER DANIEL STORM
from a 1983 composite



KIM CLARK
from a 1982 composite



[alpha] kim clark

Pledge Class:

Sigma class, initiated on May 5, 1997 with pledge brothers Allison Lewis and Jim Lytle.

Why did you join Alpha Rho Chi?

In the spring of 1977, I was a freshman Engineering major but I had applied to transfer to Architecture and was serving time on the waiting list. My roommate was an Urban Affairs major and he received a letter to come to an APX rush event. He left early, but I stayed about 6 years.

The short version of why I pledged APX is that it just seemed right. I was instantly accepted, and within a few weeks, I had made the most treasured friendships of my life. The professional component was a bonus, but it was the brotherhood that sold me. Metagenes was a 'family' in every sense of the word, and I wanted to be a part of it.

What are you doing now?

I'm still trying to decide what I want to be when I grow up and am working on a Master of Public Administration degree, as well as looking for other challenges.

Bonnie and I continue to make our home in Roanoke, along with our six year old daughter, Sarah. The Clark Bed & Bagel doesn't get much use these days, but we are still thrilled to host visits from brothers. We are VT season ticket holders, and on fall Saturdays, we have tailgate parties at the Thomas Conner house on Draper Road.

Who would you like to hear from next?

Although I try to keep in touch with my brothers, there are dozens I've lost contact with. Some that I haven't heard from in at least 15 years include Bruce Leonard, Allison Lewis, David Borzelleca, Wendy Kuhn-Matherly, Chris Lessard, Ed Bass and Peter John Billups.

bio requested by David DeVerter

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