

Senenmut Chapter
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On Friday February 25, 2005, six car loads of Senenmut pledges caravanned for a five hour drive to Penn State. After arriving late Friday night, Senenmut's sixteen hour initiation at the Vitruvius Chapter house was all worthwhile when we were installed as an official chapter of the Alpha Rho Chi fraternity. The Senenmut charter members include:

WA	Julianne Piecuch	Loke Wai Chan	Michelle Muhlbauer
WAA	Tomasz Mylnarski	Dennis Cook	Jim Pietrzykowski
WE	Romina Olivera	Brett Degnan	Billy Daniel Rivera
WS	Matthew Reis	Frank Derasmo	Brian Rubin
	Michael-John Bailie	Paul Dudkowski	Cassidy Staver
	Kristin Bogaard	Virginia Melnyk	Nicholas Wells
	Cassy Carpenter	Danielle Milana	

Senenmut began as 33 pledges at the pin-in ceremony. Through the pledge process 20 remained strong and have proudly joined the Alpha Rho Chi brotherhood. As preparation for installation, Senenmut completed the following events:

Professional

A recycling system of reusable materials was development by constructing out of plywood, three designed bins on wheels for the architecture building. The bins are painted and decorated with the APX and Senenmut name on them. Plans have also been made up for our sit-down area we plan to build in shop as well but are currently negotiating its placement and storage with faculty.

Financial

To help pay our pledge and initiation fees, Senenmut held two fundraisers. The first was a "Road Rally" which was more successful in promoting our fraternity than raising money. The scavenger hunt-type race was a very fun way to raise a little money and introduce the fraternity to freshmen and upper-class architecture students. The fundraiser's big draw was the winning group won half the pot. The second was a Citibank promotion that raised about \$1300.00 in just four hours. This money went to the national initiation fee and paid most of it.

Service

The first service project was in conjunction with the campus Anti-Rape Task Force that many fraternities and sororities participate in called "Operation Doorhanger." It started twelve years ago when a UB student and sorority sister was brutally attacked on the South Campus. Volunteers partner up and go door to door with colorful door hangers that have printed on them safety tips and important phone numbers. Senenmut's next service project is Habitat for Humanity through Brother Dudkowski's Church.

The Future of Senenmut

As the newest addition to the fraternity, Senenmut is eager to begin building up programs and promoting Alpha Rho Chi on the University at Buffalo campus. Now that we have been established as a chapter, we are currently reorganizing our efforts to make the most of our twenty brothers each with their own ideas to make our chapter successful. The Vitruvius Chapter has served as a model example of what organization the Senenmut Chapter is striving to achieve. Especially after a visit to Penn State as pledges to observe a Vitruvius regular meeting, we understood what changes we need to make to achieve that kind of organization. By majority vote, we decided to follow article 3, section 3 of the bylaws as our first step to reorganization. This way, we can take advantage of the twenty elected positions in the bylaws and elect every brother to a position (current positions are also up for reelection). The Senenmut Chapter is concerned with making our chapter one that will last for years to come.

Senenmut would like to welcome to Buffalo our new brothers from across the country at this year's convention and look forward to meeting all of you!

Respectfully submitted,

Julianne L. Piecuch, WA
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