Important Upcoming Dates

December 10-14 – Finals for fall 2012 day and night courses
December 15 – Winter Commencement
December 17 – Classes begin for Winter Intercession
December 21-31 – Winter Holiday Break, Student Life Office Closed
January 1, 2013 – New Year’s Day, Student Life Office Closed
January 2 – Student Life Office Reopens

- Panhellenic Pre-Recruitment Meeting, 6PM, SC (Council, Advisors, Recruitment & Helper, and President please attend)

January 3-5 – Panhellenic Counselor and Recruitment Trainings, SC
January 4 – Final Exams for Winter Intercession Courses
January 5-8 – Panhellenic Sorority Formal Recruitment
January 7-11 – IGC Sorority Formal Recruitment

January 10 – Spring 2013 Classes Begin

- Social Events Policy Training, 4-7PM

January 12 – Spring 2013 Saturday Classes Begin
January 15 – First Greek Council Meetings
January 16 – Leadership Foundations, “How Leadership Affects Communities”-Bart Shaw, Conway Chamber of Commerce, 5PM, Student Center 223
January 17 – IFC/IGC Fraternity Recruitment Information Session, COB Auditorium, X-Period
January 21 – MLK Holiday, Student Life Office Closed

2012: A Year of Growth at UCA

When I look back at 2012, I see a lot of growth in the UCA fraternity/sorority community. The spring 2012 semester was filled with solid recruitment numbers, the addition of a new IFC fraternity, a fantastic All Greek Step Show, a brand new Social Events policy, and a few discipline issues. Things were a little rocky, but our students adapted quickly, took responsibility, and made positive changes for the benefit of the entire fraternity/sorority community.

In the fall 2012 semester, our community took a number of positive, developmental strides forward. We selected Greek Village architect and consultation teams, created a much needed Greek Alumni Advisory Board (GAAB), invited the Fraternity/Sorority Coalition Assessment Team to our campus, re-started the All Greek Council (AGC), and did not hold a single All Greek Judicial Board hearing (knock on wood)!

The new year is right around the corner and our fraternity/sorority community is poised to build off the successes of the previous year and endeavor into new areas of growth. The Fraternity/Sorority Assessment will be reviewed, shared, and broken down into a measurable plan of action. The report will be utilized to improve our members, organization, councils, and community. Work with our Greek Village partners to find a solution to our inadequate housing options for fraternities and sororities will continue. GAAB will continue to work together in order to help address tough issues in the UCA fraternity/sorority community. AGC will work to improve communication and cooperation between all of our fraternity/sorority councils. Academic, service, and leadership development opportunities for all fraternity/sorority members will remain a top priority.

I know this is a lot, but together we can make all of those things a reality because as individuals we are weak, as chapters we are strong, and as a UCA fraternity/sorority community we are powerful. I have confidence that together we will accomplish each of those aforementioned things and stand proudly at the end of 2013 as one of the best, if not the best, fraternity/sorority communities in Arkansas.

-Scott Isenga
Important Dates Cont.

January 24 – IFC/IGC Fraternity Recruitment Information Session, COB Auditorium, X-Period

- NPHC Go Greek Info Night, 5PM, SC Ballroom
- Greek Night at the Basketball Game, 7 PM, Farris Center, Wear Letters!

January 27 – IFC/IGC Fraternity Rotation Night, 3-7PM, Ida Waldran

January 27-February 1 – IFC/IGC Fraternity Recruitment Week

February 1 – RSO Officer Registration Forms Due (for RSO’s who have changed officers) via OrgSync

- Greek Rosters Due via OrgSync
- Greek Council Payments Due
- IFC/IGC Bid Acceptance Ceremony, 4PM, Old Main Steps

February 6 – Leadership Foundations, Topic: TBD, 5PM, Student Center 223

February 7 – RSO Training, X-Period, SC

February 7-10 – AFLV Conference, Indianapolis

February 16 – Who’s Who

- Bear Facts Day

February 18 – President’s Day

- Greek Man/Woman of The Year and Rookie of The Year Applications Available

February 22 – Teacher’s Fair

March 5 – Fraternity/Sorority International Badge Day

March 6 – Spring Job Fair, SC Ballroom

- Leadership Foundations, Topic: “Ethics in Leadership,” 5PM, Student Center 223

March 15 – Greek Man/Woman of The Year and Rookie of The Year Applications Due

Email dates/events you would like to see listed to ucaagreeks@gmail.com.

Fall 2012 NPHC Lines

Three of the seven NPHC organizations conducted intake during the fall 2012 semester. Below you will find pictures and names of all the new members in the NPHC community. The Student Life Office would like to congratulate all of the individuals below for joining the NPHC community this semester!

Four men joined the Beta Delta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. this semester. From left: Malcolm Worsham (Vice Membership Selection Process Chairman), Arnell Willis Jr., Troy Miller, Garland Yarber, and William Lowe. -Submitted by Malcolm Worsham

Seven men joined the Theta Psi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. this semester. Starting from front left: Deante Gaskins (Soph), Patrick White (Junior), Kelton Ray (Soph), and Kameron Lovelace (Soph). Starting from back right: Deshawn Bryant (Junior), Roosevelt Thomas (Junior), and Artez Irvin (Soph). -Submitted by Kameron Lovelace

The Iota Pi Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated held its Fall 2012 Probate show November 19, 2012. They welcomed the 4 HΩRSΩΜΞΝ ΟΦ BLU ΡΣΔΣΜΡ-ΤΙΟΝ: (from right) Jeremy Stuckey, Aaron Jones, Cosmos Onyeyiri, and John Onyeyiri. -Submitted by Samantha Carter

If you are interested in learning more about NPHC fraternities and sororities, please attend NPHC Go Greek Info Night on January 24, 2013 at 5 PM in the College of Business auditorium.
Important Council Information

IFC

Spring 2013 Recruitment

The spring 2013 recruitment dates are now available on the IFC Recruitment webpage. Individual organizations need to submit their events to the IFC VP of Recruitment and Scott by January 18, 2013. If events are not submitted on time, then they will not be posted on the website or considered recognized formal recruitment events. Thus far, 80 men have registered for spring 2013 recruitment. If you have any questions about recruitment, please contact the J.B. Rainwater, IFC VP of Recruitment.

Fiji White Star Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to the following gentlemen for winning a 2012 Fiji White Star Scholarship:

$500 Recipient: Mac Harris
$250 Recipient: Michael Benzmiller
$250 Recipient: Antonio Aydin

IGC

2013 IGC Executive Board

In November, the 2012 IGC Executive Board posted applications for their positions on OrgSync. From the applications and some short interviews, a new Executive Board was selected for the 2013 calendar. Congratulations to the following individuals for being selected as the 2013 IGC Executive Board:

President: Connor Nowotny
Chief Justice: Ashley Russell
BYX Representative: Forrest McDougal
Sigma Phi Lambda Representative: Ashton Wills

All Greek Council Update

The All Greek Council (AGC) met twice since the election of the new Executive Board. Now that the group has elected leaders, the focus of the Council is to update the constitution, becoming a Recognized Student Organization (RSO), and start planning for 2013 All Greek Step Show and Greek Weekend. AGC plans to select the 2013 Step Show teams during their January 16, 2013 meeting. The 2013 All Greek Step Show will be held on April 18. Step Show will also be the kickoff event for 2013 Greek Weekend which will last until April 21. Please place these dates in your calendar now. More details about the events taking place during Greek Weekend and opportunities to help manage these events will be available in January. If you have ideas about how you would like to see Step Show or Greek Weekend improved, please email ucagreeks@gmail.com.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child was a success! On November 14, 2012, UCA community members gathered at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house to support a great cause. Operation Christmas Child is a philanthropy that raises shoeboxes full of presents for children around the world that would not otherwise have a Christmas. The shoeboxes include various items such as hygiene items, clothes, candy, and toys. The men of Sigma Phi Epsilon have hosted this event for the past two years now and it has been a wonderful experience. This year we wanted to get the entire UCA campus involved, so we provided items for the boxes and asked participants to help fill them. Even if participants did not have items to donate, they could still help us fill the 80+ shoeboxes. With these completed shoeboxes, over 80 children around the world will receive at least one gift this holiday season thanks to the efforts of the UCA community. It is an extremely rewarding thought knowing that just a few hours out of someone's day can make a huge difference in lives of less fortunate children across the globe.

-Submitted by Tianpeng Sun
Important Council Information

Panhellenic

Panhellenic Purse Drive

This semester the Panhellenic Council organized a Purse Drive to collect old purses from women at UCA and donate them to better causes. Thanks to the women of UCA, Panhellenic Council collected over 100 gently used handbags! Forty five (45) of the purses will be donated to the Gaines House of Little Rock. The Gaines House is a halfway house for women in need of shelter and protection. The purses will be distributed to the women at the Gaines House as Christmas gifts. The 65 remaining purses will be donated to Savers for future resale. The money earned at Savers goes to benefit the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization. One hundred (100) purses were collected by asking women to clean out their closets and donate items they no longer utilized. Some of the bags were brand new with tags still on them and others were designer brand bags. Thank you to all of the women who donated purses and helped back Panhellenic’s first Purse Drive a success!

-Submitted by Sydney Crosby

NPHC

2013 NPHC Go Greek Info Night

If you or somebody you know is interested in learning more about NPHC fraternities and sororities, please encourage them to attend the NPHC Go Greek Info Night on January 24, 2013. The event starts at 5 PM in the College of Business auditorium and representatives from every active NPHC organization will be in attendance. This event is a great opportunity to not only meet members of NPHC fraternities and sororities, but also ask questions about membership requirements, intake intentions, etc. All are welcome to attend!

UCA Angel Bear Tree

Angel Bear Tree is a UCA Staff Senate program conducted each year just before the holidays. As you may know, UCA employs the working poor (individuals who work a full time job, but are considered to be below the poverty line). This year, IFC adopted an Angel and Panhellenic adopted two. The Student Life Office would like to thank both of these councils for giving back to the UCA community and making the holiday season brighter for three Angels.

UCA Greek Village Survey

Brailsford & Dunlavey (B&D), our UCA Greek Village consulting firm, surveyed undergraduate fraternity/sorority members about their expectations for a future village project in November. B&D sent surveys to the campus email of every active, undergraduate Greek student at UCA. Forty two (42) percent of the Greek community completed the survey which is a strong response rate in comparison to other schools conducting similar surveys. By completing the survey, Greek students were entered into a drawing to win up to 500 dollars in prizes. The grand prize for completing the survey was a brand new, 16 gigabyte iPad Mini. The Student Life Office would like to congratulate the following people for winning a prize by filling out the survey:

$25 Visa Gift Card Winners: 1) Olivia Skinner; 2) Lacey West; 3) Johnathan Posey; and 4) Libby Lyon.

iPad Mini Winner: Rachael Galloway

Congratulations and thanks to all of the students who completed the survey!
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Student Life Website Updates

The Student Life Office is actively preparing for the spring 2013 semester. Part of the process includes updating webpages for each of the active fraternity and sorority. If your organization would like to update its webpage, then please send all necessary information and/or media to your council advisor. The Student Life Office is asking that organizations submit these materials prior to the start of the spring 2013 academic semester. If information is submitted in advance, then this will allow our staff ample time to update each of the pages. Please direct all specific questions to your council advisor. Thank you!

Spirit of Giving Food Drive

The women of Alpha Sigma Tau recently participated in the Spirit of Giving Food Drive which is organized by KATV Channel 7. The women were interviewed on the December 14 morning show while volunteering at the newly renovated Kroger Marketplace in Conway. The Student Life Office would like to thank the women of Alpha Sigma Tau for helping out with this important event that provides food for local families in need. If you would like to view the interview from the morning show, please click here.