**Important Upcoming Dates**

**September 2** – Labor Day Holiday, Student Life Office Closed

**September 3** – Leadership Launch Registration Begins
- Greek 101, 5:30-7PM, SC 205A/B
- Pi Chi Training, 6PM

**September 4** – Pre-Recruitment Panhellenic Meeting, 6PM, Panhellenic Council, Recruitment Directors, Advisors Must Attend

**September 5** – Greek 101, X-Period, COB Auditorium
- Panhellenic Recruitment Event, 5:30PM

**September 6** – RSO Renewal Due via OrgSync

**September 7** – UCA Football vs. Colorado, 7PM, Boulder, CO

**September 8** – Panhellenic Chapter Training (for every member of an NPC organization), 7:30PM, Ida Waldran

**September 9** – Homecoming Court Nominations Open on OrgSync
- September 9-13 – Healthy Sleep Week hosted by the Office of Student Wellness and Development
- September 10 – Greek Judicial Board Applications due via OrgSync by 11:45PM
- Panhellenic Recruitment Orientation, 7PM, SC Ballroom

**September 11** – IGC Sorority Recruitment Event, 6:30 PM, SC 213

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**A New Year with Delayed Recruitment**

Welcome back! There are plenty of amazing things in store for the UCA fraternity/sorority community this year including fall-delayed recruitment. For the first in over a decade, entering freshmen have the opportunity to join a fraternity or sorority during their first semester. Some are overjoyed with this news, while others are skeptical. I have heard both sides of the argument for years and I am glad that UCA has taken a gamble with a new system. It is not easy to change something, especially after a decade, but UCA is allowing our community to try something new-ish. Regardless of your personal expectations, beliefs, or insights on the issue, none of us have any idea how the new recruitment structure will play out over the next year. I wish I had a crystal ball to show me the future, but I left mine back in Michigan when I moved. Knowing this, give our students, all of them, the benefit of the doubt this upcoming year especially when it comes to recruitment. Better yet, help them adjust to this new process and uphold their high standards through challenge, support, and consistent reminders of the purposes of their organizations. Every fraternity/sorority member is excited and nervous for the change, so instead of rushing to a conclusion about the whole system, offer a helping hand instead. Whatever your role may be in assisting, remember the students, advisors, alumni, and fraternity/sorority staff who will feel the pressure over the upcoming academic year. It will not be a pleasant journey, but I know that we can accomplish something truly amazing and unparalleled in Arkansas if we all dig in and work together. Are you up to the challenge?

-Scott Isenga

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**UCA Sig Ep Receives NIC Recognition**

The North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) recently recognized the Arkansas Zeta chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon as one of the Top 22 Academic Fraternity Chapters for 2012-2013. This award is presented to NIC member fraternity chapters with an un-weighted annual GPA at least .5 above their campus’ all-male average. This is a huge accomplishment for the Arkansas Zeta chapter and the first national award an Interfraternity Council (IFC) chapter has received from the NIC. Congratulations to the men of Sig Ep on their high academic performance! If you would like to read more about the award and the other chapters recognized in the nation, please click here.

-Submitted by Desiree Paulhamus
Important Dates Cont.

**September 12** – Greek 101, X-Period, SC 215
- NPHC Go Greek Info Night, 5PM, SC Ballroom
- Panhellenic Current Chapter Total due to Lindsey
- IGC Sorority Recruitment Event, 6:30 PM, SC 213

**September 13-15** – Panhellenic Sorority Recruitment Weekend

**September 14** – UCA Football vs. University of Tennessee, 6PM, TN

**September 15** – Panhellenic Bid Day Celebration, 6PM, Amphitheatre
- IFC/IGC Fraternity House Rotations, 2:30 PM, Ida Waldran
- Amigo Cup Soccer Tournament

**September 15-21** – NPHC Week

**September 16** – IGC Sorority Recruitment Event, 6:30 PM, SC 213

**September 16-20** – IFC/IGC Fraternity Recruitment Week

**September 17** – Leadership Launch Registration Ends

**September 19** – RSO Fair, 10AM-2PM, SC Courtyard

**September 20** – IFC/IGC Fraternity Bid Day, 4PM, Old Main Hall Steps

**September 21** – Leadership Launch
- UCA Football vs. Missouri State, 7PM, Springfield, MO

**September 22** – Greek Convocation, 7PM, Reynolds Performance Hall

**September 23** – Greek Judicial Board Interviews, SC

**September 23-27** – National Hazing Prevention Week

### AKA Wins Conference Awards

The women of the Theta Mu chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. attended the Undergraduate Roundup for the South Central Region in Dallas, TX. During the conference, the women attended a wide variety of educational sessions, participated in a step show competition, and met sisters from across the region. The women competed in the conference step competition and won Best Outfits, Best Banner, and Best Overall Performance. Individual members of the Theta Mu chapter with a 3.0 GPA or higher were presented with academic achievement awards, and Rachel Parker was specifically recognized for having a 4.0 GPA during the spring 2013 semester. Congratulations to all of the women of the Theta Mu chapter for these fantastic accomplishments!

-Submitted by Lenisha Broadway

### UCA IFC Receives NIC Recognition

The North-American Interfraternity Conference (NIC) collects yearly data from member IFC groups on academic performance. Part of this data includes a specific category regarding the performance of a campus’ IFC community as compared to the general university male population. Of the 227 campuses reporting data, 117 fraternity communities reported an all-fraternity average GPA above the all-male average for the 2012-2013 academic year. The UCA Interfraternity Council (IFC) was recognized as one of the 117 reporting groups that consistently exceeded the all-male GPA during the 2012-2013 academic year. This is a huge accomplishment for the UCA IFC community and the Office of Student Life would like to congratulate all men who helped make this recognition possible. Keep up the great work in the classroom men! To learn more about this special recognition, please click [here](#).

-Submitted by Matt Welch and Tim Mousseau
Important Dates Cont.

September 24 – Greek Goddess, 7PM, Ida Waldran

September 25 – Homecoming Court Nominations due via OrgSync

September 26 – RSO Training, 4PM, SC Ballroom 213, Mandatory for ALL RSOs (Greeks included); 2 people per organization required to attend

September 27 – Greek rosters due to council advisor via email, 4:30 PM
• Greek council money due to treasurer and/or advisor, 4:30PM

September 30 – Greek Judicial Board Training, 5PM

October 1-31 – Alcohol and Drug Awareness Month—Student Wellness and Development

October 2 – Fatal Vision Course, 12:30-2:30PM, Alumni Circle

October 3 – Homecoming Court Pictures, X-Period, McCastlain Fireplace Room
• “The Truth About Drugs” video, X-Period, SHC 307

October 5 – UCA Football vs. McNeese State, 3PM, Estes Stadium

October 7 – Greek 101, 4:30-6:00PM, Doyne Auditorium

October 9-16 – Homecoming Court Voting via OrgSync

October 12 – UCA Football vs. Nebraska Kearney, 3PM, Estes Stadium
• UCA Family Day, Football Practice Field
• UCA Bear Facts Day

Have a date/event that you would like to see listed? Email them to: ucagreeks@gmail.com.

2013 Greek Summit

The 2013 All Greek Summit took place from August 12-13 at Ferncliff Camp in Little Rock. As in previous years, the retreat was a huge success for our students and fraternity/sorority community. Two executive board members from each fraternity and sorority attended this overnight retreat to learn more about changes in UCA Greek life, learn important leadership information, participate in council meetings, learn about other fraternities/sororities, and bond with fellow Greek students.

This year, the retreat featured sessions about Greek unity, important plans and changes for the new school year, hazing education, social media etiquette, and updates to the UCA intramural program.

The most noticeable change this year was the introduction of new icebreakers and bonding activities to the retreat. These activities helped to break students out of their traditional social circles and connect with other leaders that they may have known little or nothing about. Overall, the retreat went well and post-event surveys showed us that students enjoyed the updated format, learned a lot, and were challenged to think in new ways about chapter and/or council operations.

Thanks to of the students who participated this year! We look forward to the positive changes that each of you will make in the UCA fraternity/sorority community this year.

All Greek Judicial Board Applications

Greek Judicial Board Applications opened via OrgSync on July 1, 2013. The applications are due by 11:45 PM on September 10, 2013. Please make sure to read all application directions before completing the online form. All application questions must be completed and individuals must schedule an interview time in order to be considered for a position on the Board. If you have any questions about the All Greek Judicial Board or the application process, please contact Lindsey or Scott.
Important Council Information

**IFC**
*Fall 2013 Recruitment Dates*

- **September 15:** IFC/IGC Fraternity House Rotations, 2:30 PM, Ida Waldran Auditorium
- **September 16-19:** IFC/IGC Recruitment Week, [Full Details Available Here](#)
- **September 20:** IFC/IGC Fraternity Bid Day, 4PM, Old Main Front Steps

**IGC**
*Fall 2013 Recruitment Dates*

- **September 11, 12, & 16:** Sigma Phi Lambda Recruitment Events, 6:30PM, SC 213
- **September 11, 12, 17, 18, & 19:** Beta Upsilon Chi Recruitment Events, [Full Details Available Here](#)
- **September 15:** IFC/IGC Fraternity House Rotations, 2:30 PM, Ida Waldran Auditorium
- **September 16-19:** IFC/IGC Fraternity Recruitment Week
- **September 20:** IFC/IGC Fraternity Bid Day, 4PM, Old Main Front Steps

**Panhellenic**
*Fall 2013 Formal Recruitment*

- **September 10:** Panhellenic Orientation, 6PM Check In, 7PM Program Start, SC Ballroom
- **September 13-15:** Panhellenic Formal Recruitment Rounds, [Full Details Available Here](#)
- **September 15:** Panhellenic Bid Acceptance, 6PM, UCA Amphitheater

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**2013 Bear Den Stroll Off**

The 2013 Bear Den Stroll Off took place on August 19 in the UCA Amphitheater. This is the second year for the Stroll Competition and it was an even bigger success than last year. Approximately 1,000 students crammed into the amphitheater to watch fraternities and sororities compete against each other in a friendly stroll competition. Every team worked hard and the result was an amazing show with quality performances that outshined any from the previous year. Once all of the performances were complete and the judges had finished scoring, three winners were announced. Alpha Sigma Alpha took first in the Panhellenic division, Delta Sigma Theta won the NPHC division, and Alpha Phi Alpha was the overall winner of the evening. Thank you to the UCA Bear Den for hosting and running such an amazing event for Welcome Week. Also, thanks to all of the organizations that participated in the competition. The Office of Student Life looks forward to seeing everyone back to compete next year! If you would like to see more pictures from the event, please check out Sterling Imageworks Facebook album.

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**2013 Greek Advisor Dinner**

On August 7, the Office of Student Life hosted the annual Greek Advisor Dinner in the President’s Dining Room. This dinner is a way for the Student Life staff to update advisors on the upcoming year, answer questions, and get to know each other better. The dinner was a success and each alumni council meeting lasted for at least an hour. The discussions and information shared was fantastic and it has helped with the operations and communication in our office. The Office of Student Life is very fortunate to work with such an amazing group of advisors, so thank you to all of those who attended. We appreciate your continued service and look forward to working with each of you over the upcoming year.
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2013 Transitions NPHC Step Show

Hosted by former 106 & Park host and member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Miss Mykie, the 2013 Transitions Greek Expo was nothing less than awesome! Over 750 people filled the Ida Waldron auditorium while the seven active UCA National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) chapters along with the Kappa Xi Sigma chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., killed the stage with their shows and moves. This event is collaboration effort between NPHC and the Minority Mentorship Program (MMP). The purpose of Transitions is to introduce new UCA students to the NPHC Greek community while simultaneously enhancing the purpose and excitement of Transitions week for the mentorship program. Kudos to NPHC and MMP for a job well done!

-Submitted by Kaylon Bradford

2013 UCA Move In Day

2013 Move In Day took place on August 18 around UCA’s campus. This year, Move In was split into two shifts, 8AM-12PM and 12PM-4PM. This new shifts allowed for a much smoother, less congested day of moving first year students into their residence halls. As usual, fraternity/sorority members were a huge part of the day with members volunteering across campus, serving on SOS, and hosting refreshment stations. The fraternity/sorority community was a great help to the process and it was fantastic seeing so many Greeks helping incoming students and their families. Thank you to Colin Stanton, SOS, UCA Housing, and UCAPD for coordinating a very smooth and productive Move In Day. Also, thank you to all of the fraternity/sorority members who worked hard to move the UCA Class of 2017 into their residence halls.

All Greek Everything and Greek 101

Greek Judicial Fraternity/sorority informational and educational sessions have been a consistent part of the Student Life agenda over the past few weeks. During Welcome Week, the Office of Student Life hosted “All Greek Everything” which was an informational introduction to UCA fraternity/sorority life for all incoming freshman. Nearly 400 students attended the session that included a brief overview of Greek life, information about recruitment/intake eligibility, and council breakout meetings.

Since that session, the Student Life staff has hosted four Greek 101 sessions for students interested in joining an IFC, IGC, or Panhellenic fraternity/sorority. The Greek 101 sessions are a requirement for every student prior to accepting a bid, so a large number of students have attended. Over 400 students have already attended the Greek 101 sessions, which covers the important topics of academic excellence, hazing awareness, and responsible alcohol management. The sessions have been going very well and our office is excited for the large amount of interest in joining a fraternity or sorority at UCA. If you have questions about the changes to recruitment or want to know about an upcoming Greek 101 session, please check out the Greek Recruitment webpage.
2013 Leadership Launch

The Office of Student Life and the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) at the University of Central Arkansas are excited to host the 2013 Leadership Launch. This is a dynamic one-day conference focusing on the holistic development of students through exposure through various leadership and academic presentations and activities. Leadership Launch will educate students on a variety of topics including Creating Your Brand, Campus Involvement, Academic Excellence, Making a Difference in Your Community, Financial Management, and Dressing for Success. In addition to presentations from several UCA alumni, Professor Joe Martin of Real World University will join the event for a two-hour presentation titled “Leadership 101.”

Registration for Leadership Launch begins Tuesday, September 3rd, 2013 in the Office of Student Life (Student Center Room 207). The cost to register for Leadership Launch is $25.00, which includes breakfast and lunch. The conference will begin at 9:00 AM on Saturday, September 21, 2013 in Ida Waldron auditorium. The attire for the Leadership Launch is business casual (no jeans please).

The 2013 Leadership Launch is open to all students who want to sharpen their leadership skills and participation is required for any students interested in joining an NPHC organization. Students need only attend one (1) Leadership Launch conference during their undergraduate careers to fulfill their eligibility requirement to join an NPHC organization. For more information about Leadership Launch, please contact the Office of Student Life at (501) 450-3137 or e-mail Kaylon Bradford NPHC Advisor.

-Submitted by Kaylon Bradford