Branch Out and Attend Another Organization’s Event!

Ask yourself this simple question: When was the last time you attend another organization’s event outside of a party, mixer, or date auction? I am talking about events relating to awareness, philanthropy, education, or service. If you attend the social functions of another group, then why not those other events? Is it because they are not fun or because you are too scared to attend a service and/or philanthropy event that is not sponsored by your own organization? Many UCA Greek students want improved unity in and between councils, but they do not have a good place to start making this happen. One of the easiest ways is by attending the events that other organizations are already hosting. If you or any of your brothers/sisters truly want a more unified Greek system, then take action and attend more events hosted by other organizations. I challenge every person who reads this to attend one new event this semester that is not hosted by your organization. Are you up to the challenge?

-Scott Isenga

Phi Lamb Wins National Awards; Secures House

It has been a very productive month for the Alpha chapter of Phi Lambda Chi fraternity! On February 18, Phi Lamb Headquarters held their regional conference in Little Rock. During the conference, the Alpha chapter was awarded both the Chapter of Excellence and Outstanding Chapter awards for 2010-2011. Both of these are national awards and a huge accomplishment for the Alpha chapter and its membership. In addition to winning multiple national awards, Phi Lamb’s leadership has been working with UCA Housing to secure a fraternity house. After much work, the Alpha chapter was able to secure a house at 425 Donaghey Avenue. Phi Lamb officially moved into the house on March 3 and celebrated by cleaning up the property and putting up letters on the house. A small number of men now live in the house, which is within walking distance of the other fraternity residences. Congratulations to the men of Phi Lamb on their outstanding national awards and securing a fraternity house!
### Important Dates Cont.

**April 6** – Campus Involvement Rosters and Community Services forms due, 207 SC, 4:30 PM
- Bear Facts Day, 10:30 PM-12:30 PM, Student Center Ballroom

**April 8** – Easter Holiday

**April 11** – Pi Chi Interviews

**April 12 & 14** – SOS Trainings

**April 14** – Alpha Sigma Tau A-21 5K

**April 19** – All Greek Step Show, 7PM, Farris Center

**April 23-27** – Dead Week

**April 26** – UCA Official Ring Ceremony, 6 PM, Buffalo Alumni Hall

**April 27** – Dead Day (Study Day) - No Classes

**April 28** – Finals for Saturday classes

**April 30** – Finals week begins for spring semester classes
- Greeks Submit Blue Info Sheets for May 2012 Grads to Alumni Office
- Cap & Gown Pick Up begins, 8AM-4:30PM, UCA Bookstore

**May 1-4** – Finals continue for spring semester classes
- Cap & Gown Pick Up continues, 8AM-4:30PM, UCA Bookstore

**May 5** – Spring Commencement

**May 14** – Classes begin for May Intercession and thirteen (13) week summer session

**May 28** – Memorial holiday, Student Life Office closed

**June 1** – Finals for May Intercession classes

**June 4** – Classes begin for first five week summer session and ten week summer session

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

### AFLV Central and NBGLC Recap

From February 9-12, 18 students and two staff members traveled to the AFLV Central and NBGLC Conferences in St. Louis, MO. One representative from nearly every organization in IFC, NPHC, and Panhellenic was selected to attend the conference. Around 2,700 students, presenters, and student affairs professionals attended the multi-day conference. Over the course of the four days, each UCA student attended a variety of educational sessions focusing on Panhellenic recruitment, NPHC Intake, hazing prevention, civility, programming, improved public relations, and ritual. In addition to small group educational sessions, each student was able to enjoy large group presentations from major speakers like Mari Ann Callais, Dave Barnes, Dave Stollman, Dr. Lori Hart, and T.J. Sullivan. In addition to all of the educational sessions, each student enjoyed the opportunity to bond with fellow UCA Greek students and meet hundreds of other Greeks from across the country. All of the students reported that they had a great time at the conference, learned plenty of new information that they plan to bring back to their chapters and/or councils, and have made lasting connections with fellow UCA Greek students that they never knew before the trip.

Since the conference, the Office of Student Life (OSL) has collected plenty of information from participants through notes, video interviews, and group meetings. Some of the students from the trip have even started meeting each week in hopes of restarting the All Greek Council and improving overall Greek communication and unity. Other students have reported that they are already utilizing much of the information they learned in chapter and/or council meetings. A few students even mentioned that the conference has inspired them to run for more leadership positions in the coming year so that they can better inspire change. The OSL is very excited for the positive steps each AFLV/NBGLC attendee will take over the coming year to improve the UCA Greek community! If you would like more information about the trip, please contact Scott Isenga.
**Important Council Information**

**IFC**

**Fiji Update**

Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) has been recruiting men over the past month to join their organization and help start a colony at UCA. Since the start of their expansion efforts, Wes Martin and Taylor Herren have extended bids to at least fifteen men. In addition, they have also secured an on-campus advisor, who will become a graduate initiate of the organization. On March 8, Fiji will host “An Evening With The Fijis,” which is a reception to honor their new recruits and also thank the campus community for their support. This event will be held at 7:30 PM in the Student Center ballroom. Please make sure that members of your organization attend this event to support the men on their exciting new journey in the Greek community. If you have any questions about Fiji and/or their reception on March 8, please contact Scott Isenga.

**Pike Alumni Association Formed**

I am pleased to say that we have put in place an active alumni advisory board for the Pike chapter at UCA. This is something that has not been fully in place for quite some time. The head of the board and main advisor is Mike Linn, who was initiated at UCA in 1980. He will be replacing the previous advisor, Wes Phillips. I will be on the board as educational advisor. Also on the board is Bryan Greathouse – financial advisor, Matt Kane – operations advisor, Brian Homard – risk awareness advisor, and Gabe Krug – recruitment advisor. Our goal is not to come in and actually do the work of the active chapter, but provide advice and help. We have begun working with our Headquarters in getting started and will continue to develop this board into a strong unit of support for the active chapter.

-Submitted by Dustin Baker

**2012 Greek Weekend and All Greek Step Show**

2012 Greek Weekend is almost here! In just a few days, Greeks will come together for a variety of fun events to serve the community and improve inter-Greek relationships. A full listing of the Greek Weekend activities and rules are available here. Make sure that your Greek organization is out supporting every event!

The 2012 All Greek Step show will be taking place on April 19, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Farris Center. Please plan to arrive early because attendance is expected to be high. Below are the team pairings for the Step Show. Each group was picked at random by the Greek Special Events Committee during their first meeting in February. We hope to see all of you at the Step Show on April 19!

**Team 1:** Alpha Sigma Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Zeta Phi Beta, Sigma Phi Lambda, Kappa Sigma

**Team 2:** Alpha Kappa Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha

**Team 3:** Alpha Phi Alpha, Sigma Kappa, Sigma Nu, Beta Upsilon Chi

**Team 4:** Omega Psi Phi, Delta Zeta, Sigma Phi Epsilon

**Team 5:** Delta Sigma Theta, Alpha Sigma Tau, Phi Lambda Chi, Phi Sigma Kappa

**“I Am Greek” Campaign Update**

The The "I Am Greek" campaign is getting some great attention around UCA and on the internet. Fliers can now be found in all of the UCA housing facilities, some of the academic buildings, and in the Student Center. The campaign now has its own web page on the Greek Life website and is consistently featured on UCAGreeks social media. With all of this coverage, The Fountain has agreed to publish a story about the campaign in the near future. In addition, a national website, Building Heroes, featured the campaign in one of their daily blogs. The current campaign will continue through the remainder of the spring semester and the Office of Student Life will be looking for new participants for the fall 2012 semester. Visit the "I Am Greek" web page to learn how you can be a part of this promotional campaign.
IGC
Council Meetings and RSO Status

Two representatives from Beta Upsilon Chi (BYX) and Sigma Phi Lambda (Sig Phi) have been meeting each Friday at 12 PM in the Student Center for the past three weeks. These meetings have focused on creating a working constitution and bylaws for IGC as a council. Last week the group submitted their initial paperwork to become a Recognized Student Organization (RSO). The group has one simple goal for the semester: Become a RSO. While the council members are waiting on the paperwork to be finalized, they are planning to keep meeting each week and plan for the fall 2012 semester. As a council, IGC is hoping to regularly meet in the fall and sponsor at least one service and/or philanthropy event. If you have any questions about IGC council planning, please contact Scott Isenga or Lindsey Osborne. Great work IGC!

NPHC
Hooks Up!

Jesse Jackson visited campus on February 23 to speak as part of the Log Cabin Democrat Lecture Series. Mr. Jackson is an alumnus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., so many of the Beta Delta Ques attended the lecture. Malcolm Worsham, an undergraduate member of Omega, was able to quickly meet Jesse and get the picture below with him. Hooks never looked so good.

Spring 2012 Greek 101 Recap

Greek 101 took place on February 16. All new members from IFC, IGC, and Panhellenic were required to attended the two hour new member education program. This year's program featured sessions on risk management, conflict resolution, and an overview of Greek life at UCA. Each of these sessions were presented by a staff member from the Office of Student Life (OSL). After the educational sessions, the new Greeks enjoyed pizza and the Student Activities Board (SAB) featured speakers from MTV's The Buried Life. The men from The Buried Life are on a mission to complete a list of “100 things to do before you die” and their show records all of their adventures. As speakers, they encouraged young UCA students to live each of their lives to the fullest and accomplish all of their personal goals. The men from The Buried Life did an amazing job and the students really enjoyed their positive message. Thank you to all of the students who attended Greek 101 and SAB for bringing The Buried Life to UCA.

Panhellenic Needs Dresses for Cinderella’s Closet!

The UCA Panhellenic Council will again be hosting their annual "Cinderella’s Closet" Prom Dress Drive for high school students. The drive will take place on March 29 at First Presbyterian Church from 3-5pm. The drive is geared towards students that may not be able to afford a prom dress. The dresses are sold for only $10 and all proceeds are donated to the Bethlehem House. Last year we were able to donate $300! If you have any prom/pageant dresses that you are ready to get off your hands, please consider donating them. All sizes and styles are needed! We will take them up until noon on March 29. You can deliver to the Student Life Office in the Student Center Suite 207 or contact Lindsey Osborne at 450-3137 to arrange a pick up. If you do not have a dress to spare, then please help spread the word! The drive is open to any high school student that will be attending a prom or similar event.

-Submitted by Lindsey Osborne
Panhellenic
Pi Chi Interest Meeting

Have you ever wondered what it means to be a Pi Chi? Have you been interested but hesitate to disaffiliate? Panhellenic is hosting a Pi Chi Interest meeting on Thursday, March 15 at X-Period in Student Center 214 to answer all your questions about being a Pi Chi. Applications will be out on March 13 and are due April 4. They will be available in the Office of Student Life and http://uca.edu/panhellenic.

-Submitted by Lindsey Osborne

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NPHC Political Awareness Program

The ladies of NPHC hosted a program on political awareness on February 7. The program was meant to raise awareness about the need for young adults, especially those in traditionally underrepresented populations, to register and vote in upcoming local, state, and national elections. The program included a short group discussion, a voter registration table, and a special address by State Representative Linda Tyler. Mrs. Tyler represents Arkansas’ 45th Congressional and spoke about the need for young individuals to register and vote. She encouraged all attendees to register and vote because one individual can make a difference. The ladies did a great job and many students learned about the importance of voting.

Greeks at the Game

On February 29, the final regular-season game for the UCA men’s basketball team took place in the Farris Center. To increase attendance at this game, UCA Athletics teamed up with the Bear Den and UCA Greek life to create a dual-themed, Black-out/Greek Night. All Greek organizations were encouraged to attend the game and the first 500 fans received a free UCA Black-out t-shirt. To hype up the event, the Bear Den set up a pep table in the Student Center on the day of the event and created a banner competition. The game started at 7 PM, but all 500 shirts were gone by 6:45 PM. In addition to the t-shirts, the Bear Den supplied at least 2,000 glow sticks for people to wear. The UCA men’s team even started the game in Blackout t-shirts to further hype the event. At halftime, all UCA NPHC students showed off their strutting skills on the court. Towards the end of the game, UCA Athletics handed out prizes for the most spirited group and the best banner. Alpha Sigma Tau won the award for the most spirit and Phi Lambda Chi won for best banner. Even though the men did not win the game, Greek and non-Greek students had a great time at the game. Thank you very much to UCA Athletics and the Bear Den for setting up this great evening.