Important Upcoming Dates

March 4 – International Fraternity/Sorority Badge Day

March 6 – Spring Job Fair, SC Ballroom
- Leadership Foundations, Topic: “Ethics in Leadership,” 5PM, Student Center 223
- Grad Central (order your cap and gown) & Official Ring Order Days, 9AM-5PM, UCA Bookstore

March 7 – Grad Central (order your cap and gown) & Official Ring Order Days, 9AM-3PM, UCA Bookstore

March 8 – Alumni Association & Foundation Private Scholarships Applications Due

March 9 – Bear Facts Day

March 12 – New Member King, 7PM, Ida Waldran

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

March 18-22 – UCA Spring Break, Student Life Office Open

March 31 – Easter Holiday

April 3 – Leadership Foundations, Topic: “Leadership Issues in Arkansas,” 5PM, Student Center 223

April 4 – IFC Walk A Mile in Her Shoes, X-Period, Alumni Pavilion

April 5 – Information for Campus Involvement Award pulled from OrgSync

- Relay for Life

April 6 – Bear Necessities Day

April 8 – Final day for Community Service Form submissions

Have a Safe Spring Break!

Spring Break is right around the corner and the Student Life Office staff hopes that each of you have a safe, relaxing, and happy time. Before you take off to all corners of the globe, think about attending one or more “Safe Spring Break” events sponsored by the Center for Leadership Development (CLD) from March 11th-14th. The events scheduled by the CLD are fun, entertaining, and will challenge you to think about some misconceptions you have regarding spring break trips. “Safe Spring Break” events encourage each of you to have a fun time, but to also be safe. The Student Life Office fully endorses each of the events hosted by the CLD, so give one or more of them a shot next week. What do you have to lose? A full listing of “Safe Spring Events” are available by clicking here. With all of that in mind, please have a great time this spring break. If you are still in the Conway area, feel free to stop by the Office. If not, we will see all of you later this month!

- Scott Isenga

UCA Greek Life Moves to Delayed Fall Recruitment

Early in the fall 2012 semester, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) and Greek Alumni Advisory Board (GAAB) raised the question about the continued need for deferred fraternity/sorority recruitment at UCA. Since that time, Panhellenic Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), the Independent Greek Council, and the Fraternity/Sorority Coalition Assessment Team have voiced their opinions regarding deferred recruitment at UCA. With each of these opinions collected, Vice President for Student Services, Mr. Ronnie Williams, has decided to end deferred recruitment at the end of the spring 2013 semester. This means that first semester students will be allowed to join a fraternity or sorority, pending they meet certain academic standards, in the fall 2013 semester. This is the first time since 1999 that first semester students have been allowed to join a fraternity or sorority during their first semester at UCA. Many of the details of this move are still in the works, so please do not jump to any conclusions yet. As soon as our administrations, councils, and advisory board have hammered out details, we will provide more information in the newsletter. We are very excited for this change and the growth potential that it will bring to the UCA fraternity/sorority community. If you have any questions about this move, please contact your council advisor.
Important Dates Cont.

April 11 – RSO Officer Transition Training, X-Period

Leadership Foundations, Topic: Make Up Session: Semester Recap, X-Period, Student Health Center Classroom 307

April 16 – Spring Queen, 7PM, Ida Waldran

April 18 – All Greek Step Show, 7PM, Farris Center

April 19-21 – All Greek Weekend

April 21 – NPHC Neo/Pro-Phyte Retreat, 8AM-1PM

April 22-26 – Dead Week, No social events

April 26 – Dead Day, No classes

April 27 – Finals for Saturday courses

April 29-May 3 – Spring 2013 finals week

April 26 – Dead Day, No classes

May 4 – Spring 2013 Commencement

May 12 – Mother’s Day

May 13 – Classes begin for May Intercession and Thirteen (13) Week Summer Session

May 27 – Memorial Holiday, Student Life Office Closed

May 31 – Finals for May Intercession Courses

June 3 – Classes begin for First Five (5) Week Summer Session and Ten (10) Week Summer session

June 16 – Father’s Day

July 4 – Independence Day, Student Life Office Closed

July 5 – Exams for First Summer Session Courses

July 8 – Classes begin for Second Session Summer Courses

July 18-19 – NPHC Exec Board Retreat

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

AFLV 2013 Recap

From February 7th-10th, 21 UCA fraternity/sorority members attended the Association of Fraternal Values (AFLV) - Central/National Black Greek Leadership Conferences in Indianapolis, IN. Every active Greek organization was sent one representative again this year thanks to the support of each council, the UCA Student Government Association (SGA), and the Student Life Office. Each student attended a variety of leadership sessions during the conference covering topics like recruitment, academics, membership retention, multiculturalism, risk management, and Greek unity.

The most exciting part about the trip for our students this year was their participation in the AFLV Stroll Competition against nearly a dozen other institutions. The Stroll Competition is comprised of teams from a variety of schools who create unified teams to compete each other for a national title and bragging rights. This is the first year that UCA ever participated in the competition and our students did a fantastic job even though they did not place in the top three. Even though UCA did not take home an award, the students had a wonderful time and bonded together in the spirit of friendly competition. The students also reported that they had a fantastic time learning at the various sessions during the conference. The trip was a huge success and the Student Life Office will continue to support attendance at this conference each year. We are also hoping to bring home a Stroll Competition trophy next year!

Mark your calendars: April 18, 2013 – 7 PM – UCA Farris Center – Do Not Miss This Show!
Important Council Information

IFC

Tentative Fall 2013 Recruitment Dates

With the switch to delayed recruitment occurring this fall, a tentative list of recruitment dates have been set. Please pencil the dates below into your calendar for the fall 2013 semester:

September 15: IFC/IGC House Rotations
September 16-19: IFC/IGC Recruitment Week
September 20: IFC/IGC Bid Day

Updated Constitution and Bylaws

The IFC Executive Board has been hard at work updating the council’s constitution and bylaws. The updates come from a need to create community standards and better align with the policies of IFC’s umbrella organization, the North American Interfraternity Conference (NIC). On February 19 during a weekly IFC meeting, the council unanimously passed a new constitution and bylaws. With the passage of this new document, IFC will be experiencing plenty of new changes in the coming semesters. If you would like to view the new IFC constitution and bylaws, please click here. Congratulations to IFC on all of their hard work!

Kappa Sigma Highway Cleanup

The Kappa Sigma Fraternity held their first highway cleanup this past Sunday February 17, 2013 from 2-5:30pm at their designated chapter highway location. The manpower at the cleanup consisted of around 40 individuals. In total, the men collected 30 bags of garbage from the highway area.

-Submitted by Chase Fresneda

2013 All Greek Weekend

The 2013 All Greek Step Show and Weekend are quickly approaching. The All Greek Council (AGC) has tentatively planned to host the following events over the weekend:

April 18 - All Greek Step Show
April 19 - Greek Games and Feast
April 20 - Out of Darkness Walk and Greek Cookout

In order to make these events a possible, AGC members will be asking for donations from local community organizations and businesses. If you or your business would be interested in donating food, supplies, or money, please check out the Greek Weekend and Step Show sponsorship letters here and here. There are many benefits for businesses offering sponsorships, so please click on the link above to learn more. We are hoping to have an amazing events this year and your support could make that goal a reality. If you have any questions about the weekend or sponsorships, please contact Scott Isenga.

Spring 2013 Greek 101 Recap

Greek 101 is a new member education program sponsored by the Student Life Office each spring semester. The program aims to welcome new fraternity/sorority members to the UCA Greek community and educate each individual about important topics. This year, Greek 101 started with the history of our Greek community, an overview of Greek involvements and accomplishments, and an update about what is new. Following the initial session, students broke up into three groups to attend rotating educational sessions on risk management and hazing, alcohol and the bystander effect, and our digital footprints. Overall, we had right around 200 new members in attendance and reviews of the event were positive. The Student Life Office would like to thank all of the students who participated in the educational session. We enjoyed educating each of you and it is our hope that all of you found the experience rewarding.
**Important Council Information**

**IGC**

*Tentative Fall 2013 Recruitment Dates*

With the switch to delayed recruitment occurring this fall, a tentative list of recruitment dates have been set. Please pencil the dates below into your calendar for the fall 2013 semester:

- **September 10**: IGC Council Recruitment Event
- **September 11-12**: Sigma Phi Lambda Recruitment
- **September 15**: IFC/IGC Fraternity House Rotations
- **September 16**: Sigma Phi Lambda Recruitment Event
- **September 16-19**: IFC/IGC Fraternity Recruitment Week
- **September 20**: IFC/IGC Bid Day and Sigma Phi Lambda Bid Day

**Panhellenic**

*Tentative Fall 2013 Recruitment Dates*

With the switch to delayed recruitment occurring this fall, a tentative list of recruitment dates have been set. These dates are still pending final approval by the Panhellenic Council. Please pencil the dates below into your calendar for the fall 2013 semester:

- **September 10**: Panhellenic Recruitment Orientation (PNMs and Pi Chis must attend)
- **September 13-15**: Panhellenic Formal Recruitment Week

**Greek Awards!**

Are you an initiated member of a fraternity/sorority at UCA and have made a great impact on the community? If so, then please consider applying for Greek awards!

Each year, the Student Life Office takes applications for the **Greek Man/Woman of the Year**. This award recognizes the outstanding contributions of one (1) fraternity man and one (1) sorority woman to the general and Greek UCA communities. All applicants for these awards will also be eligible to receive one (1) of ten (10) **Outstanding Greek Man/Woman Awards**. There is no limit placed on the number of members from each chapter that may apply. Selections are based on academic achievement, student leadership, and contributions to the UCA and UCA Greek communities, while enrolled as a student at UCA.

Debuting this semester is the **Rookie of the Year Award**, which recognizes the accomplishments and contributions of new members in the UCA Greek Community. Each organization can nominate one new member whom they feel exemplifies the characteristics of an outstanding new member. One (1) man and one (1) woman will be selected as **Rookie of the Year** based on their academic achievement, campus involvement, chapter participation, and participation in the Greek community.

Applications for these awards are available on OrgSync and are due by March 15, 2013. If you have any questions about the awards, please contact Lindsey Osborne.

**UCA Sig Ep Wins National Awards**

In February this year, the Arkansas Zeta chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon sent eight men to the Carlson Leadership Academy, CLA, in Dallas, Texas. CLA provides interactive officer training to over 2,600 undergraduates and volunteers from SigEp organizations annually. Undergraduate run for positions of leadership in hopes of being able to promote change within their organization and campus. CLA ensures that SigEp members are exposed to tools that will enable them to accomplish their goals. While at the conference, the UCA chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon was given the Manpower and Scholarship Excellence awards in recognition of their commitment to recruitment and academic success.

-Submitted by Aaron Owen
Important Council Information

NPHC
Zeta Highway Cleanup

For the kick off of their Finer Womanhood week, the ladies of Zeta Phi Beta, Gamma Eta Chapter spends their Sunday morning by doing one of their community service activities, which was continuing to keep their highway clean. Other events followed throughout the week.

-Submitted by Tasha Bryles

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Coalition Assessment Consultant Visit and Report

In October 2012, the Fraternity/Sorority Coalition Assessment Team visited the University of Central Arkansas to assess the Greek community. In early January, the Student Life Office received the final report from their visit, which was shared with administration. In February, the report was distributed to alumni advisors, the Greek Alumni Advisory Board (GAAB), student leaders, and the Blue Ribbon Committee (BRC).

On February 28, Teena Reasoner, a member of the original assessment team, returned to campus to present about the recommendations made in the final document and answer questions. During her return visit, Teena held meetings UCA administration, students, the BRC, and GAAB. During each of these informational sessions, Teena was able to answer questions and offer suggestions about plans of action to improve the UCA fraternity/sorority community. Most importantly, Teena outlined the role of the BRC in helping to improve the UCA fraternity/sorority community. The BRC is comprised of UCA faculty, staff, and students in addition to at least one non-UCA individual who works in student affairs. As a standing committee, the BRC will help the Student Life Office chart a course of action for improvements for an indefinite period. In addition, the BRC will act as a check and balance for our office in order to ensure that goals are being accomplished in a timely manner. The BRC will also work with our GAAB board and students to ensure that the needs of all constituent groups are met.

Overall, this is a very exciting time for the UCA fraternity/sorority community and the Student Life Office is looking forward to working with so many great individuals to make improvements. The Student Life Office would like to thank Teena for making a return visit to present the report to all of our stakeholders. If you would like to view the full report, please click here. Please direct any questions you may have to Scott Isenga.