Important Upcoming Dates

February 1 – RSO Officer Registration Forms Due (for RSO’s who have changed officers)
- Greek rosters due to council advisors by 4:30 PM (Must be electronically submitted using proper Excel format.)
- Council dues must be paid to advisor and/or treasurer by 4:30 PM

February 2 – Panhellenic Branching Out New Member Night

February 9 – UCA Women’s Conference, sponsored by Leadership Council

February 9-12 – AFLV Central Conference

February 13 – AFA Applications Available, Buffalo Alumni Hall & SC Info Desk

February 16 – Greek 101 (for all new fraternity and sorority members)

February 18 – Bear Facts Day, Student Center Ballroom, 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM

February 21 – Outstanding Greek applications available in 207 SC

February 23 – Panhellenic President’s Roundtable, 201 SC, X-Period

February 25 – Who’s Who Basketball Game

February 27 – Panhellenic Branching Out New Member Night
- SOS Applications released, SC Info Desk

February 28 – Campus Involvement rosters available, 207 SC and online

March 5 – NPC International Badge Day

March 7 – All majors fair, SC

2012: A Year of Positive Change

Do you believe that 2012 can be the best year in the history of UCA Greek life? Why or why not? I certainly believe that it can, but I cannot make it happen all alone. I will admit, last year was pretty rough on UCA Greek life, especially in the IFC realm. Even so, things are looking much better and the entire Student Life staff is confident that this year will be great. This year will be great if you (yes, YOU!) are willing to be part of the positive change. Be the person that gets more involved, takes that leadership position, studies longer, volunteers like a mad man/woman, and has a smile on their face the entire time. I am not saying that everything needs to change immediately, but a little change can go a long way. Challenge yourself to do something good for somebody else and yourself each day this year. Really, what do you have to lose? Nothing. Therefore, I encourage you to get up and get active! Be the change in 2012!

-Scott Isenga

MLK Day Celebrations

For over a decade, the city of Conway holds a march for the national Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. The march starts at the Conway City Hall and ends at the Conway Public Library. As in previous years, all seven (7) active UCA NPHC organizations played a huge part in the march. Prior to the start of the march, a representative from each organization performed a fifteen (15) second step for all attendees. After the stepping, the NPHC organizations took the lead with the march until it ended at the library. After the march, members from each NPHC participated in the statewide MLK Day celebration at UCA. For most people, this would be the end of their MLK day celebrations, but the majority of the NPHC students headed over to the Conway Boy’s and Girl’s Club to volunteer and perform for all of the children. Overall, the day was very busy, but the UCA NPHC made a large impact on the Conway and state-wide celebrations. Thank you to all of the NPHC organizations for doing such a great job!
Important Dates Cont.

**March 7** – Grad Central for May 2012 Grads & UCA Official Ring Order Days, UCA Bookstore, 9 AM-5 PM

**March 8** – All-Greek Picture, Estes Stadium, X-Period

- SOS Applications Due, SC Info Desk, 4:30 PM
- Grad Central for May 2012 Grads & UCA Official Ring Order Days, UCA Bookstore, 9 AM-2 PM

**March 9** – Alumni Scholarship and AFA Applications due, Buffalo Alumni Hall

March 9-11 – Greek Weekend

**March 10** – Bear Facts Day, Student Center Ballroom, 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**March 12-15** – SOS Applications Due, SC Info Desk, 4:30 PM

**March 13** – Pi Chi Applications Available

**March 14** – Outstanding Greek Applications Due, 207 SC, 4:30 PM

**March 15** – Pi Chi Interest Meeting, Student Center, X-Period

**March 19-23** – Spring Break, Student Life Office open

**March 29** – Panhellenic President’s Roundtable, 201 SC, X-Period

- Panhellenic Cinderella’s Closet at First Presbyterian Church

**April 1** – New Member King Rehearsal

**April 3** – New Member King

**April 4** – Pi Chi Applications Due, 207 SC, 4:30 PM

**April 6** – Campus Involvement Ros- ters and Community Services forms due, 207 SC, 4:30 PM

- Bear Facts Day, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Student Center Ballroom

**April 8** – Easter Holiday

**April 11** – Pi Chi Interviews

**April 12 & 14** – SOS Trainings

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

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**AFLV Central and NBGLC**

The Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values (AFLV) is a national organization which exists “to stimulate the growth and development of fraternity/sorority councils and chapters by promoting leadership, educational, and values based experiences and resources for student leaders, their advisors, and the larger fraternal market.” As part of this mission, AFLV hosts multiple undergraduate conferences each year that focus on training individuals to be better fraternity/sorority members. Two of these conferences, AFLV Central and the National Black Greek Leadership Conference (NBGLC), will be taking place from February 9-12, 2012 in St. Louis, MO. SGA approved $1,000 travel requests from IFC, NPHC, and Panhellenic this semester, so the plan is to send a member from each organization to the conference. Given the high cost, the three councils will split hotel costs and each organization is asked to allocate $100-$150 per member for food. Student Life staff members registered one individual from each organization on Monday, January 23 and have already reserved five (5) hotel rooms. Travel arrangements will be finalized at the end of the week and meeting with students will take place soon after. This is great opportunity for our Greek students and we look forward to the information they will bring back to UCA. If you have any questions about the conference, please contact your council advisor.

**Fall 2011 Greek Grades**

Fall 2011 grades are available for viewing by the general public. Overall, the Greek community did a great job academically last semester. The highest GPAs in both the male and female categories went to both Independent Greek Council organizations. Beta Upsilon Chi scored a 3.366 and Sigma Phi Lambda totaled a 3.480 for the fall 2011 semester. These GPAs are fantastic and the UCA administration is very proud of the members of both organizations for achieving such high marks. If you would like to view the complete report of grades from this semester, then please visit the Greek Grades section of our Greek Life website. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these grades, then please contact your council advisor. The Student Life Office is hoping for even higher GPAs in 2012!
**Important Council Information**

**IFC**

*Spring 2012 Formal Recruitment Totals*

Below are the recruitment totals for each organization as of 2-1-12. These numbers include open bids. Please contact Scott Isenga with questions/comments/concerns.

- Kappa Sigma: 12
- Phi Lambda Chi: 10
- Phi Sigma Kappa: 6
- Pi Kappa Alpha: 15
- Sigma Nu: 17
- Sigma Phi Epsilon: 23

**Total IFC Bids Accepted: 83**

**Sigma Phi Epsilon Returns to Campus**

After nearly one full year on suspension, the Arkansas Zeta chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon (Sig Ep) is once again recognized as a Registered Student Organization (RSO) by UCA. In addition to RSO recognition, the chapter also regained their spring 2012 recruitment privileges. The chapter will, however, remain on social probation until the end of the spring 2012 semester. With the help of their alumni, the undergraduates of Arkansas Zeta have improved their risk management, membership development, and social events policies for the future benefit of their chapter. Welcome back gentlemen!

**IGC**

*Spring 2012 Formal Recruitment Totals*

Below are the recruitment totals for each organization as of 2-1-12. These numbers include open bids. Please contact Scott Isenga with questions/comments/concerns.

- Beta Upsilon Chi: 11
- Sigma Phi Lambda: 9

**Total IGC Bids Accepted: 20**

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**2012 Spring Formal Recruitment Recap**

Formal recruitment season is here again!. Panhellenic Formal Recruitment took place from January 8-10 and things went very well. 118 women accepted bids on Bid Night and two (2) more have since accepted Open Bids. Formal Bid Night took place in the Student Center and the screams of excited women were heard across most of the campus. IFC and IGC Men’s Formal Recruitment took place January 17-21. In total, 67 men accepted Bids to an IFC fraternity and ten (10) to our IGC fraternity, Beta Upsilon Chi. Once again, Bid Acceptance took place on the steps of Old Main for all the campus to watch. Since Bid Day, 16 more men have joined IFC fraternities to bring the total up to 93 accepted men’s bids. Sigma Phi Lambda, UCA’s IGC sorority, recruited six (6) women during their formal period and three (3) more bids over the following week. Congrats to all of the organizations on their great strong recruiting efforts!

**Greek Special Events Committee**

Greek Special Events Committee (GSEC) is an all-Greek planning board that is formed each spring to organize Greek Weekend and All Greek Step Show. This year, interviews took place on January 26, 2012 from 1-4 PM in the Student Center. The total amount of applications received was fewer than in previous years, but overall a pool of 15 candidates were selected to serve. Starting on February 2, 2012, members of the committee will meet each week to start the planning process. This year, the Student Life Office is fortunate enough to have Kaylon Bradford serving as our Practicum Student and primary advisor for GSEC. Kaylon is a graduate of UCA, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, and a graduate student at Arkansas Tech. Kaylon has previous experience with both Greek Weekend and Step Show, so his knowledge, experience, and insight will prove invaluable in the planning process. With the help of Kaylon, the Student Life Staff helped select the following individuals to serve on the 2012 Greek Special Events Committee: Matthew Farr, Callie France, Jessica Gambill, Beth Helms, Morgan Linn, Issac Morales, Tony Morando, Amber Pawloski, Desiree Shay, Joy Spellman, and Bridget Thomas. Congrats to all of these individuals and best of luck in the planning process!
NPHC

NPHC Go Greek Info Night

NPHC hosted Go Greek Info Night on Monday, January 30 in the College of Business. Presidents and advisors from every organization were in attendance to inform aspirants about the NPHC Intake process and answer various questions. Around 40 non-Greek individuals attended the hour-long session and had all of their questions answered. If you have any questions about an NPHC organization, please feel free to contact Wendy Holbrook. Thank you to all of the guests and NPHC members for your attendance!

NPHC Music on The Yard

NPHC Music on The Yard is back for another semester! Some pictures from the 1-19-12 are below and more (including videos) are available on the UCAGreeks Facebook, Flickr, and YouTube accounts. Be sure to stop by the Student Center Courtyard at some point this semester during a Thursday X-Period to check out all of the great action!

Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji)

During the fall 2011 semester, the men of the UCA Interfraternity Council (IFC) approved a five year expansion plan. As part of this plan, Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji), would expand to UCA in the spring 2012 semester. Starting on February 6, 2012 two representatives from Fiji’s National Office will start recruiting at UCA. Wes Martin and Taylor Herren will work over a six (6) week period to recruit, interview, and select a core group of men to start a Fiji colony. After the colony is established, the newly selected men will work hard over a long period of time to meet national requirements in order to earn their charter and become a chapter. If you would like more information about Fiji, then please visit the UCA Fiji webpage.

Sigma Tau Gamma Update

The home invasion case that took place in Conway last semester involved eight (8) members of the Sigma chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma at UCA. Staff from Sig Tau’s National Headquarters visited UCA in early December to be part of the Greek Judicial Board hearings. At that hearing, Sig Tau’s Executive Vice President, Bill Bernier, announced that the Sigma chapter would be suspended until the spring 2013 semester and that all eight (8) involved members would be expelled from the fraternity. In addition, the National Office suspended the membership of all undergraduate members. All undergraduates wishing to become active Sig Taus again will be encouraged to re-apply for membership for the anticipated spring 2013 re-colonization. The Greek Judicial Board upheld these decisions and the Sigma chapter and its former members are no longer recognized at UCA. Future group association with the suspended undergraduate organization and/or membership is also not recognized by UCA or Sig Tau Headquarters and could result in future negative consequences. UCA Housing has also broken their on-campus housing lease with the Sigma chapter. Individual members living in that house have been allowed to re-sign separate leases because they were not involved in the home invasion incident, but no Sig Tau letters of signage may be displayed. Also, the chapter meeting facility built in the back of the property will be locked by UCA so it cannot be utilized. Bill Bernier issued two(2) formal, open letters regarding this incident that you can read here and here. The Student Life Office would like to thank the Sigma Tau Gamma National Staff for their help and support during this difficult time and we hope to re-establish the chapter in the near future.
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Spring 2012 Formal Recruitment Totals

Below are the recruitment totals for each organization as of 2-1-12. These numbers include open bids. Please contact Lindsey Osborne with questions/comments/concerns.

Alpha Sigma Alpha: 24
Alpha Sigma Tau: 33
Delta Zeta: 24
Sigma Kappa: 24
Sigma Sigma Sigma: 15

Total Panhellenic Bids Accepted: 120

Spring 2012 Executive Board and Retreat

Prior to fall 2011 Panhellenic elections, the council voted to switch over to calendar-year elections process. Given this change, the women of Panhellenic held another retreat on January 15 and 16. At this retreat, women elected new executive board officers and set goals for the upcoming year. Listed below are the names of the women recently elected to the executive board. These women are very excited for the upcoming year and have already started working hard. Congrats to these new women and thank you to the previous executive board who worked hard and executed a successful 2012 formal recruitment! If you have any questions about the elections and/or retreat, please contact Lindsey Osborne.

President — Sydney Spradlin
VP of New Memebers — Beth Helms
Secretary/Treasurer — Rebecca Hunt
Recruitment Director — Hannah Ray
Counselor Director — Katherine Chaisson

UCA Social Events Training

At the end of the fall 2011 semester, UCA President, Tom Courtway, ordered a complete review of the UCA Social Events Policy. After two (2) weeks of meetings and revisions, an updated policy was released to the public. As part of the updated policy, Office of Student Life and UCA Police staff members will host training sessions for all UCA Recognized Student Organizations (RSOs). These training sessions are designed to not only inform UCA students about the new policies, but to train them on how to appropriately host and manage large social events. The first of these training sessions took place on Thursday, January 12, 2012 in the College of Business (COB). This session focused primarily on Greek organizations, who traditionally host the most social events on and off campus. During this two (2) hour training, nearly 120 Greek students learned how to serve as designated party monitors, utilize new UCA ID card readers, and manage large groups of people. The training was very successful and many students have requested an additional training for their members, so another has been scheduled for 5-7 PM in the COB on February 2, 2012. This additional session will be open for members of all UCA RSOs to attend. We hope to see plenty of students at this training! If you have questions about the updated policy, feel free to review it by clicking here.

Alpha and Omega “Brawl” Update

If you follow local news reports at all, then you most likely read and/or saw video of a fight that supposedly involved members from the UCA chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha and Omega Psi Phi. What the news did not accurately explain was that these fights were not technically started by UCA students. After nearly a month of investigations by UCA Police, Alpha and Omega National Offices, and the Dean of Students Office, the case has been closed on this incident. UCA social events policies have changed to restrict the amount of non-UCA students allowed at these events and individuals from each organization were charged through the University judicial system. Omega has also issued formal apologies and agreed to co-sponsor multiple “Stop the Violence” programs over the course of 2012. Both Alpha and Omega have regained their Registered Student Organization (RSO) privileges and there are no negative feelings between the members of either group. If you have any questions about the results of the investigation or sanctions placed on individuals, please contact Wendy Holbrook, Associate Dean of Student Life.
During the fall 2011, Alpha Phi Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma, and Zeta Phi Beta conducted Intake. Intake totals for each organization are as follows:

-Alpha Phi Alpha: 12

-Phi Beta Sigma: 1

-Zeta Phi Beta: 3

Most the UCA NPHC organizations plan to conduct Intake during the spring 2012 semester, so get ready for the community to grow ever bigger! Congratulations to all of the fall 2011 Neos and please check out their photographs below!