Important Upcoming Dates

July 4 – Independence Day Holiday

July 8 – Final examinations for 1st Five Week Session classes

July 10, 11, 12 – NPC Summer Retreat and Exec/Chair elections

July 11 – Instruction begins for 2nd Five Week Session classes

August 11 – Final IFC Exec and delegate retreat, meet in 207SC, 10 AM

August 12 –
- Final examinations for 13 Week Session, 10 Week Session, and 2nd Five Week Session classes
- Summer Commencement

August 12-13 – Panhellenic Council & Counselors Retreat, 4-H Center

August 15-16 – Greek Summit (President, VP, Social/Risk Management Chair must attend)

August 16 – TOL Retreat

August 17, 18, 20 – SOS Training

August 21-24 – Welcome Week Activities for new freshman and transfer students
- 21 – Move in day for Freshman/Transfer students
- 22 – Opening Convocation
- 23 – Greek Life Session with Freshmen, SC Ballroom, 3 PM, only one (1) rep per organization required (please wear lettered shirt)
- 24 – Conway Daze and RSO Fair
  - Pep Rally – Practice Field 5:30 PM

The Heat is On!

Seriously, can it get any hotter outside? I am pretty sure that I saw a student melt during a SOAR session about two weeks ago. The worst part is that everybody keeps saying August will be worse! Even though eggs may be cooking on the sidewalks outside, the Student Life Staff is trying to keep cool during a very hectic summer. The staff is busy planning retreats, switching offices, updating the Student Life website and RSO directory, reserving rooms for the next school year, assisting with special campus initiatives, and conducting a nationwide job search. Amidst the craziness, the entire staff is committed to carrying out the tasks needed to make Greek life at UCA more amazing than ever before. Feel free to throw some ideas our way and help out if you have the time. In the meantime, stay tuned, grab a cool beverage, and get ready for the summer to heat up even more because UCA Greek life is red hot!

-Scott Isenga

Undergraduate Wins National Award

Spencer Sims, an undergraduate member of the Beta Lambda chapter of Alpha Sigma Alpha, was recently named Outstanding New Member by the ASA Headquarters. This is a huge accomplishment and honor for Spencer and the sisters of Beta Lambda. For her accomplishment, Spencer will be featured in ASA’s national magazine, The Phoenix, have her success story run in her hometown newspaper, and receive a tangible award from headquarters. The UCA Greek Life staff is very proud and happy to work with such an amazing new member! Spencer is already a well respected individual in the Student Life Office and the greater Greek community and she is just getting started! Congrats again to Spencer!
Important Dates Cont.

August 25 – Instruction begins (day and evening classes)

August 26 – NPHC Step Show, Ida Waldran, 7 PM, $5.00 admission

August 27 – Instruction begins for Saturday classes

August 27 – First council meetings

September 1 – 1st Home Football Game UCA vs. Henderson State, 7PM

- Football pep rally, 6 PM, Purple Valley Theme

September 5 – Labor Day Holiday (Student Life Office closed)

September 6-9 – IFC Fall Recruitment

September 10 – UCA Football vs. Louisiana Tech, Ruston, LA, 6pm

September 11 – Phired Up Workshop and Greek Convocation, SC, 12-8 PM

September 12 – Greek Judicial Board applications available in 207 SC

September 15 –

- RSO Officer Registration & RSO Fair Registration Forms Due in 207 SC, 4:30 PM
- Greek Rosters Due (email to council advisor by 4:30 PM)
- Greek council dues must be submitted to council’s advisor by 4:30PM
- “Go Greek” Information Night, 5 PM
  - Each organization is provided with a PR table
  - Maximum of three (3) representatives per organization

September 17 – UCA Football vs. Sam Houston State, Huntsville, TX, TBA

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

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UCA Greek Village Update

On June 15, 2011, a meeting to discuss the future of a future UCA Greek Village was held in the Student Center. Dr. Gary Roberts, Dean of Students, led the meeting with representatives from nearly every active Greek organization present. In addition, Austin Hall from SGA and Rick McCullough from the UCA Housing Department were in attendance. The main purpose of the meeting was to clarify the progress on Greek Village thus far and also gain a consensus of where the development should be placed. Many rumors spread about a location change for Greek Village after a University master planning meeting at the end of the spring semester. During the June 15th meeting, Greek students gained insight into the benefits and drawbacks to the rumored alternate locations. After many questions and much discussion, the group unanimously voted to place Greek Village on the southwest corner (Dave Ward Drive and Farris Road) of campus. The next step for this project will be to gain initial funding to clear the land for this project. The hope is that once the land is cleared and architects have drawn plans, bonds can be sold through the UCA Foundation to fund the actual buildings. These bonds will then need to be paid back by each occupying organization through rental fees over the next 20-30 years. Ronnie Williams, VP for Student Services, has located some initial donors for the project and will be making summer visits to these individuals to secure donations. If you, somebody you know, or your organization would like to assist in helping with the Greek Village project further, then please contact Dr. Gary Roberts in the Dean of Students Office at 501-450-3416. If alumni and active members come together as a Greek community and support this project, visible progress could be made on campus within one year.

Future home of UCA Greek Village
Important Council Information

IFC
IFC Fall Recruitment
Informal fall recruitment will begin as soon as school starts. During this period, groups are encouraged to meet potential new members that meet the minimum UCA requirements. Here are important fall recruitment dates:

Sept. 6 — IFC Info Session
Sept. 7 — IFC “Open” Night
Sept. 8 — IFC “Open” Night
Sept. 9 — IFC Bid Acceptance
Please direct questions to Andrew Reynolds: ucaifcvrecruit@gmail.com.

IFC Spring 2012 Recruitment
Recruitment dates have been tentatively set for the spring 2012 semester:

Jan. 17 — IFC Info Session (X-Period)
    — IFC “Open” Night
Jan. 18 — IFC “Open” Night
Jan. 19 — IFC “Open” Night
Jan. 20 — IFC “Exclusive” Night
Jan. 21 — IFC Bid Acceptance
Event times and locations are yet to be set. If you have any questions, then please direct them to the IFC VP of Recruitment, Andrew Reynolds at ucaifcvrecruit@gmail.com.

IFC Retreats
Please remember that the next IFC retreat will take place on August 11, 2011. All Executive Board members and delegates are expected to attend this retreat. The retreat is scheduled to start at 10 AM in 207 SC. Please contact the IFC President, Jack Phillips, if you have any questions/concerns (ucaifcprez@gmail.com).

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, Phired Up productions will be visiting campus on September 11, 2011 to offer workshops on recruitment and social excellence. By the end of these workshops, all UCA Greek organizations will possess the same set of proven recruitment tools to enhance their new membership quantity and quality. In addition, the social excellence workshop will show Greeks how they can become better individuals and live the values of their organizations on a daily basis. Every Greek organization will be required to send a small number of members to the recruitment workshop. The social excellence workshop will take the place of the traditional Greek Convocation and requires a minimum of 80 percent of active membership attendance. If organizations do not send the required amount of people and/or individuals do not attend, then either and/or both will be charged for the absence. Here is the schedule of events for the day:

12-3:45 — Dynamic Recruitment, SC Ballroom — IFC, IGC, & NPC groups
4:00-5:15 — NPHC Workshop — NPHC groups
6:30 — Greek Convocation, Reynolds - 80% membership attendance

If you have any questions about Phired Up or their visit to UCA, please visit their website (www.phiredup.com) or contact Scott Isenga at sisenga@uca.edu.
IGC  
Council-Building
Research is currently being carried out by our summer intern, Kiet Le, to learn more about the structure(s) of Independent Greek Councils (IGCs) at other universities. The Student Life Office hopes to find enough information this summer to present to the two organizations so they can create their own constitution and bylaws for the fall 2011 semester. If you have any input about this process, then please feel free to contact Scott Isenga (sisenga@uca.edu) or Lindsey Osborne (losborne@uca.edu).

NPC  
Panhellenic Summer Retreat
NPC summer retreat is quickly approaching! If you have ideas or topics that you feel your representative should communicate with the rest of the council during retreat, then contact them today! Time is running out and every sorority has an equal voice in NPC policies/procedures, so make sure that you are communicating with your representative. Panhellenic summer retreat will be taking place from July 10-12. If you have any questions about this, then please contact Lindsey Osborne at losborne@uca.edu.

NPHC  
Updated Rosters Needed
Please make sure that most current roster is submitted to the Student Life Office today! Staff members are trying to complete grade reports for the semester and the most accurate membership data is needed. When submitting updated rosters, please use the blank roster form located on the Greek Life Website (http://bit.ly/iOdBy8). If you have any questions, please direct them to Wendy Holbrook at Wyndh@uca.edu.

UCAGreeks YouTube and Flickr Accounts
The UCAGreeks YouTube and Flickr sites are always looking for new content. If you or your organization would like us to post pictures of your members participating in campus, chapter, or all Greek functions, then please email them to UCAGreeks@gmail.com. For those of you already on Flickr, please feel free to visit the UCAGreeks group page and upload your media directly. Please make sure that your pictures and/or videos are appropriate for viewers of all ages and are completely free of alcohol. Thanks!

UCA Greeks Are Everywhere!
If you were on campus recently, then you probably noticed dozens of students in orange shirts roaming the sidewalks, helping out first year students (and their parents), and having a great time. The people in these bright shirts are members of the Student Orientation Staff (SOS) who were working UCA's two day orientation program called SOAR. What you may not have known is that a good portion if these SOS members are Greek. As in many other segments of the campus community, Greeks are ready to serve and lead others. It is great to see so many Greek students supporting UCA each day. Keep up the amazing work and congrats to everybody who helped out with SOAR!

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Thanks for reading and have a great July! See you in August!

Student Life Website Changes

Student Life Website changes are coming very soon. UCA has switched to utilizing Wordpress for it’s website needs. With this switch comes the opportunity to update our office website with new text, pictures, videos, and social media feeds. This also means that every Greek organization will have the opportunity to have their own information page. In order to help us best serve your organization’s content needs on our site, please send any text and/or pictures to your corresponding council’s advisor by August 15, 2011. Thank you very much for helping us with this process!

New Greek Gear!

Check out some of the Greek gear that is going to be handed out over the course of the year. Some of these items will be handed out to Greek students who attend Move In and Welcome Week activities while others will be handed out during Greek Convocation. In addition, first year students will have the opportunity to win some of these items during Welcome Week. A small portion of the items will be handed out to Greek students over the year when they are spotted wearing their letters on campus each Wednesdays. The office is starting "Wear it Wednesdays" to encourage all Greeks to wear their letters on the same day each week. Members of the Student Life staff will hand out prize packs to a select number of students each week. Be sure to wear your letters every Wednesday while on campus!