Important Upcoming Dates

- July 4 – Independence Day, Student Life Office Closed
- July 6 – Finals for first five week summer session classes
- July 9 – Classes begin for second five week summer session classes
- July 12-14 – SOAR Sessions
- July 19-20 – SOAR Sessions
- August 3-4 – Panhellenic Retreat with counselors, Ferncliff
- August 8-9 – SOAR Sessions
- August 10 – Finals for thirteen week summer session classes, ten week session classes, and second five week session classes
- August 11-12 – AFA retreat
- August 13 – Social/Party Monitor training, 1-4 PM. Representatives from all Greek organizations must attend!
- August 14-15 – SOS Training
- August 16-17 – Greek Summit, President and Vice President of all Greek organizations must attend, Ferncliff
- August 18 – SOS Team time
- August 19-22 – WELCOME WEEK
- August 19 – Move-In Day for new first year and transfer students
- August 20 – Opening Convocation
- August 21 – Greek Life Session with first year students, 10:30-11:30 AM, Student Center Ballroom, ONLY one (1) representative per Greek organization plus council presidents
- Greek Advisor dinner, 6:30 PM, President’s dining room

What to Expect from NPHC this Fall

We all know the key to success is proper planning, and that is what the National-Pan-Hellenic Council has been doing so far this summer. On June 4, NPHC Presidents met to begin the long process of preparing for the fall semester. Overall, the first meeting went well. Presidents brainstormed upcoming goals for the year, ways to improve council programs and events, ideas for increasing leadership among members, and identified strategies to make NPHC more effective as a council. To ensure the council is prepared for the year, NPHC has an executive board retreat schedule for July, and a full council retreat scheduled for August that will educate members on their roles and responsibilities as representatives of the NPHC community and finalize goals and plans for the kick-off of a new year. The main goal is to see each of the NPHC organizations continue to improve academically, execute effective programming, coordinate meaningful community service events, grow into an increasingly unified council, and positively affect the UCA and Conway communities.

“If you fail to plan, you plan to fail”

-Submitted by Kaylon Bradford

Fall 2012 Bid Extension

Bid extension starts on the first day of fall 2012 semester classes for IFC, IGC, and Panhellenic organizations. Please keep in mind that bids may only be presented to individuals that have met the minimum UCA requirements and have been cleared as eligible by Lindsey or Scott. Your organization is not required to extend bids on the first day of classes, but many groups took advantage of this opportunity last year with positive results. Bids can continuously be extended and accepted for eligible individuals for the remainder of the fall 2012 semester until the day before Dead Day. All councils are encouraged to recruit year round in order to maximize numbers. If your organization needs help with better organizing and implementing dynamic, year-round recruitment plans and/or activities, then please contact Lindsey or Scott.
Important Dates Cont.

**August 22** – “Guess Who’s Coming to Breakfast,” 9:30-11:30 AM
- Daze and RSO Fair, 3-5:30 PM, UCA Practice field off Bruce street
- Basketball pep rally, 5:30 PM, Farris Center
- Football scrimmage, Estes stadium

**August 23** – Classes begin for fall 2012 semester
- Continuous Open Bidding begins for IFC, IGC, and Panhellenic

**August 25** – Saturday classes begin

**August 26** – SOS Banquet

**August 28** – Transitions NPHC Step Show, 7 PM, Ida Waldran
- First Greek Council meetings

**August 30** – IFC Info Session, X-Period, COB Auditorium

**September 1** – UCA Football vs. Ole Miss, Oxford, MS

**September 3** – Labor Day Holiday – Office of Student Life Closed

**September 4** – Greek Judicial Board applications available

**September 6** – Go Greek Information Night, 5 PM
- SC Courtyard - each organization will have a “PR” table
- No more than three (3) representatives per organization present at informational sessions
- NPHC – SC Ballroom, set up by 4:30 PM
- Panhellenic – SC 215, 225, set up by 5:30 PM
- IFC – SC 214, set up by 5:30 PM
- IGC – SC 213, set up by 5:15 PM

**September 6-8** – Ideal retreat, Ferncliff

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

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UCA G Campaign

You have heard the rumors, seen the twitter page and watched the video, but some still do not know what the new G Campaign is. The Greek Campaign is an exciting movement that has been started by your fellow Greeks here at UCA to promote our great individual organizations as a single united front. The goal is to promote the Greek experience, both to potential new members and those already a part of it.

Modeled after a similar program from Oregon State University, the G Campaign has the goal of doubling the recruitment numbers of every organization as well as promoting unity, cooperation, and friendships amongst those already in letters. The idea behind it is simple; people do not join organizations, people join people. The truth is to most people coming to UCA, Greek letters mean very little if anything to them. Independent undergraduates see a few letter shirts here and there on campus, or at an event, but are not comfortable associating with those people in those shirts, even if their organization does incredible things.

The G Campaign committee, comprised of one member from each Fraternity and Sorority from IFC, IGC, and Panhellenic, have developed a strategy to combat this problem. By bringing all Greeks under one unified letter or brand, our Greek community is given the power in numbers to be able to be a recognized commodity here on UCA’s campus. Freshmen students who may have recognized Greek letters once or twice a month will now have weekly examples of not only the great things Greeks do on this campus, but the great people who are involved. Through group led events, the G Campaign plans to ensure that every freshman on UCA’s campus is at least shown what Greek life here at UCA is all about. Every organization on this campus has so much to offer incoming students and the G Campaign is a chance for all of us to come together and show all that we do.

To learn more about the G Campaign and how you can get involved, please visit the newly created “G Campaign” section of the UCA Greek life website.

-Story submitted by Greg Brooks
Important Council Information

IFC
IFC Fall Recruitment

Fall recruitment will begin as soon as school starts. Groups can start bidding men on the first day of classes. While there is a “recruitment week,” organizations are encouraged to recruit 365/24/7. Here are important fall recruitment dates:

Aug. 30: IFC Info Session
Sept. 6: Go Greek! Info Night
Sept. 10-14: IFC Recruitment Week
Sept. 14: IFC Bid Acceptance

All open events for the fall 2012 semester recruitment week must be submitted to Scott Isenga by August 10, 2012 at 4:30 PM. These dates will be used for recruitment publications in the fall semester, so late submissions may be omitted. If your organization has questions about fall recruitment then please contact Greg Brooks. Start recruiting now!

Phi Lambda Chi Suspended

On May 30, 2012, the Alpha Chapter of Phi Lambda Chi fraternity was placed on full suspension until the start of the fall 2013 semester. This suspension comes as a result of a Greek Judicial Board hearing for hazing activities that took place during the spring 2012 semester. Until the end of the suspension, all activities for Phi Lamb are suspended and the organization is no longer a recognized student organization (RSO) at UCA. During the fall 2013 semester, Phi Lamb will regain RSO status and be allowed to only participate in philanthropic and community service activities. In the spring 2014 semester, Phi Lamb will remain on social suspension, but will be allowed to recruit new men and participate in Greek intramurals. Hazing is a serious offense in Arkansas and at UCA and groups participating in hazing activities will face serious consequences. Please contact Scott with any questions.

SOAR

Four sessions of SOAR are already in the books! SOAR has been going smoothly and both students and parents have been enjoying their time on campus. As part of the new SOAR set up, visitors have the option to attend a Bear Fair, which features tables and information from various offices across campus. Student Life has been active at each of the fairs with tables featuring information about the Bear Den, general student organizations, and Greek Life. Students have been very receptive to the idea of getting involved in the student life community by signing up early for the Bear Den. By the end of four SOAR sessions, nearly 250 incoming students joined the Bear Den. In addition, a good portion of the SOAR staff is Greek, so they have been working hard to promote involvement and academics. If all goes well, this incoming class of students may be more involved than in previous years. Our office looks forward to continually working with SOAR to positively impact the experiences of all incoming students.

“I Am Greek” Campaign: Part II

The Office of Student Life is looking for help with the next installment of the “I Am Greek” campaign. The campaign was launched during the spring 2012 semester and had some great initial feedback. This fall, Student Life is hoping to expand the campaign and include at least one individual from every active Greek organization. Currently, we have submissions from Alpha Sigma Tau and Alpha Sigma Alpha. Our goal is to collect all needed information by the beginning of August in the hopes of using the campaign for Welcome Week activities. If you or another member of your organization are heavily involved around UCA and/or Conway, then please consider submitting your information. Please visit the “I Am Greek” campaign website to learn more about how you can get involved. We want to show the world what our Greek students are really like, so please think about participating today!
IGC
Fall 2012 IGC Service Week

Members of IGC have decided that their fall 2012 service week will take place from September 30 through October 5. Below are a list of tentative events for the week:

Sept. 30: Trash pick up
Oct. 1: Nursing home visit
Oct. 3: Soaring Wings field day
Oct. 4: Humane Society visit
Oct. 5: Beach Bash benefit concert

If your organization and/or council would like to participate in the service week, please contact Jesse Chambliss.

NPHC
Sigma Gamma Rho Update

The Conway Graduate Chapter of Kappa Xi Sigma, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. initiated three new members over the June 23-24 weekend. Kappa Xi Sigma will hold interest meetings during the fall 2012 semester in an effort to restart the UCA undergraduate chapter. The Student Life Office would like to congratulate these three new women on crossing over! If you have any questions, please contact the Kappa Xi Sigma graduate advisor, Dr. Monika Alton-Miller.

Help Needed for Conway Kids Tri

My name is Teresa Blumenberg and I am the volunteer coordinator for the Conway Kids Tri. This event is held on the UCA campus on August 4th.

I am emailing to ask if your group would be interested in volunteering for the event. We have historically used various UCA Athletic groups as volunteers, and this has been tremendously successful. This event takes a large amount of volunteers to help with the three events.

Please let me know if this is something that would be of interest. Most of the need for volunteers would be on the morning of Saturday August 4th. Typical volunteer times would be from 7 AM - 12 PM, with varied start and end times depending on where you are placed.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Thanks!

Teresa Blumenberg

Miss Arkansas Pageant Offers Free Student Tickets

Hot Springs – The Miss Arkansas Scholarship Pageant is proud to announce that there will be free tickets for students available at this year’s pageant. On Friday and Saturday, July 13 and 14, fraternity and sorority members will be able to watch the final night of preliminary competition and the crowning night for free! On Wednesday and Thursday, July 11 and 12, Junior High and High School spirit squads are invited to attend the Preliminary competition for free! Spirit squad members must wear their uniform/team gear in order to receive complimentary admission. Each night’s show begins at 7:00 p.m. at Summit Arena in Hot Springs where 47 young ladies from across the state will compete for over $75,000 in scholarships and a chance to represent Arkansas at the Miss America pageant. The reigning Miss Arkansas, Kristen Glover, will be on hand each night for the competition. For more information please contact freetickets.missarkansas@yahoo.com.

-Submitted by Carol Jane “CJ” Wilson
Panhellenic Recruitment Counselor Stories

Were you once a recruitment counselor or do you know somebody who was? Are you currently or have you ever been a recruitment advisor? If so, then the chances are that you have some great stories to go along with those experiences. Phired Up is looking for stories to help with a resource guide for Panhellenic recruitment counselors across the nation. If you or somebody you know would like to submit a story, then please check out the submission guidelines here. We hope to see UCA Panhellenic represented in this resource book!

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A Final Message from Maggie

Dear UCA Greeks,

This year has been such a memorable one! From Greek Summit to the All Greek Step Show, it has been amazing. I came into this position with very limited knowledge of Greek Life and thank you for teaching me so much. Throughout this year, I have acquired so much respect for your dedication to academics, community service, and leadership. My hope for you is that you continue to shine on this campus and excel in everything you do. I will always have a special place in my heart for UCA Greeks. Thanks for a wonderful year!

Love,

Maggie

The Student Life staff would like to wish Maggie the best in her new position with UCA Concierge Services and would like to thank her for everything over the past year. We will miss you Maggie!