I Dare You

Last month, I encouraged every Greek student to attend the event of at least one other organization this semester. This month, I dare all Greek students to go one step further and meet at least five (5) new people by the end of the semester. You may think “Why the heck would I want to do that?” Why not? Seriously, what do you have to lose by meeting five new people? I am essentially asking you to meet one new person each week for the rest of the semester. If every Greek student accepts this challenge, then the UCA Greek system will meet 5,000 new people. (1,000 Greek students x 5 New people = 5,000 New connections.) Can you imagine what 5,000 new connections will do for our Greek system? Can you imagine what five new connections per member will do for your organization? Can you imagine what five new connections will do for your life? Are you up to the challenge? I dare you.

-Scott Isenga

Fiji Colonizes at UCA!

It took Wes Martin and Taylor Herren nearly six weeks, but the wait is finally over. Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) is the newest colony at UCA with 21 Founding Fathers. You read that correctly: 21 founding fathers in less than six weeks. Since February, Wes and Taylor conducted 200+ interviews with current undergraduate men at UCA. From those interviews, they selected a core group of men with high GPAs and values that align with their organization. To celebrate the installation of the colony and thank UCA for its support, “An Evening with the Fijis” was held on March 8. As part of the event, all Founding Fathers were introduced and awards were presented to the individual and sorority that best supported their expansion efforts. Sigma Sigma Sigma won the award for most supportive organization and Sloane Par- due (Delta Zeta) won for most supportive individual. Thank you to Wes and Taylor for your hard work and to all of the individuals/organizations that supported the Fiji expansion effort. Also, congratulations to all of the new Founding Fathers of UCA Fiji!
Important Dates Cont.

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

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

2012 Greek Weekend Recap

2012 Greek Weekend took place from March 8–11. During these few days all Greek organizations came together to celebrate the accomplishments of the entire UCA Greek community and engage in friendly, competitive activities.

As with previous years, Greek Weekend started with the yearly All Greek Picture on Thursday. Traditionally the photo is taken in Estes Stadium, but the picture was moved to the Farris Center this year due to poor weather conditions. Later that evening, all Greek students enjoyed a free party at the Conway Armory with DJ One Eye.

From Friday afternoon through early Saturday morning, Greek students participated in the annual UCA Relay for Life event. This year, Greek organizations teamed up with their step show partners and raised money to fight cancer. Greek tents were placed all over the UCA soccer field and participants walked around the track from 6 PM on Friday through 6 AM on Saturday. During the event, every team hosted a creative, fun event for all groups to participate in and enjoy. Events ranged from three-legged races around the track to giant dance parties. Each group also had creative donation stations at their booths. Some groups offered freshly cooked burgers and hot dogs for donations, others offered a variety of baked goods and one team even set up a $1 photo booth with props. Ryan Duba’s connection with Red Bull provided the event with an awesome sound/video system for entertainment all night. Overall, the event was a huge success and the event raised a total of $6,473 for the American Cancer Society. Top group and individual totals for the event are listed below:

**Top Team Donations:**
1. Delta Zeta — $1,481
2. Alpha Sigma Alpha — $1,300
3. Kappa Sigma — $856

**Top Individual Donations:**
1. Aimee Tedford — $288
2. Anna Scott — $250
3. Cody Spillane — $170

The Greek Special Events Committee (GSEC) planned a Greek Cookout and Greek Wars for Sunday, but the event was cancelled due to rain. The committee plans to host an all-Greek tailgate in the near future as an alternative event.

Thank you to all of the individuals and organizations that participated in Greek Weekend. Also, thank you to the members of GSEC and Kaylon Bradford for organizing and making these events possible!
**Important Council Information**

**IFC**

*Fiji Executive Board and Faculty Advisor*

Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) elected the following executive board members for their colony on March 11:

**President** — Travis Alexander  
**Corresponding Secretary** — Keenan Abner  
**Recording Secretary** — Taylor Ward  
**Treasurer** — Josh Whitehurst  
**Historian** — Angelo Paladino

Congratulations to these men on their new leadership positions!

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**2012 Spring Queen**

Kappa Sigma hosted their annual Spring Queen pageant on March 13 in Ida Waldran. Twelve sorority women from spring 2012 new member classes participated in the pageant. The ladies competed against each other in three different rounds, including letters, talent, and formalwear. Taylor Baney of Alpha Sigma Tau emerged as the overall winner at the end of the evening. If you would like to read more about the event, please check out the recap from UCA’s The Fountain [here](#). Congratulations to Taylor and thanks to Kappa Sigma for hosting this event!

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**IGC**

*RSO Status and Fall Service Week*

Members of IGC are still working hard each week to get their council established. The council plans to submit the second draft of their constitution and bylaws by the end of the week and hopes to obtain full RSO status by the end of the spring semester. In addition, the council is planning to hold a service week sometime during the fall semester. No date has been set, but the council is hoping that all Greek organizations participate.

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**Undergraduate Wins National Awards**

Matthew Farr, the current president of the Theta Psi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., has received a variety of awards this semester. During the Alpha District Convention on February 4, Matt won both the Arkansas District Brother of the Year and Arkansas Oral Speech Award. At the same conference, the Theta Psi chapter also won the award for Best Scrapbook. From March 8-11, Alpha Phi Alpha hosted the Southwestern Region Conference in Little Rock and Matt competed for the Belford Oratorical Speech Award. At the end of the conference, Matt was awarded first place for his speech. Congratulations to Matt and the brothers of Theta Psi!

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**Cinderella’s Closet: More than Dresses**

On March 29th, the University of Central Arkansas’ 2012 Greek Panhellenic Council held its annual “Cinderella’s Closet” event at the First Presbyterian Church in Conway. Providing affordable second-hand prom dresses to the surrounding high school girls of Faulkner County, Cinderella’s Closet was an afternoon community service outreach event this past Thursday that focused on raising money for the Bethlehem House. For the past two months, the Panhellenic Council has been eagerly collecting donated prom dresses from the women of the UCA Greek System, this year gathering over 200 dresses for this event. With sizes ranging from small to extra-large, this year’s “Closet” offered a delightful variety of styles, shapes, and colors of dresses for the girls to shop from, each dress being sold for only ten dollars. Most importantly, this year’s “Cinderella’s Closet” raised over 200 dollars, with all of the proceeds donated entirely to the Bethlehem House, and the remaining prom dresses are still available for sale in the Student Life Office.

-Submitted by Jordan Fletcher. Panhellenic Public Relations Chair
NPHC
AKA Wins First Place!

Members of the Theta Mu chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. attended their 80th South Central Conference from March 22-25 in Houston, TX. As part of the conference, members from all chapters in the South Central region had the opportunity to compete in a step show. The ladies of Theta Mu showed out and ended up taking first place in their region. The Office of Student Life would like to congratulate the ladies of Theta Mu on their new award!

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes

The month of April has been designated Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The goal of Sexual Assault Awareness Month is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals. This year, the Interfraternity Council (IFC) is organizing "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" in observance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. "Walk a Mile in her Shoes" is an international men's march to stop rape, sexual assault and gender violence. The event will be held Thursday, April 12 during X-Period. The walk will start at the Crafton Alumni Pavilion. Individuals do not have to wear women's shoes in order to participate. However, we are asking the presidents of each student organization and fraternity to wear a pair of women's shoes. The march is open to men and women. For more information, contact Arch Jones at 450-3111 or ajones@uca.edu or Venita Jenkins at 450-5114 or vjenkins@uca.edu. You may also contact John Harrington, IFC VP of Programming, with questions about the event. Walk a Mile in Her Shoes also has a great website about their purpose and events that you may visit at any time.

Submitted by Meghan Thompson

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Additional Cinderella’s Closet Pictures

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