Summer 2011 has Arrived!

Is it just me, or did the spring 2011 semester seem exceptionally busy? I looked forward to the summer as a relief from mounds of work, but it seems that things will be just as busy in the Greek world this summer. While the majority of students are gone, the Greek life staff is prepping for the quickly approaching school year. We have big dreams for what UCA Greek life can accomplish next year, but in order for them to become reality, we need a plan and a commitment from all organizations. If you are willing to work hard with us for a brighter, better, and Greek-er future, then read on and be sure to get involved!

-Scott Isenga

IFC Exec Board Retreat

On May 14, 2011, the new IFC Executive Board members got together for their first retreat of the summer. This first retreat focused on allowing the new board members to bond over teambuilding exercises at Toad Suck Park, eat food, plan out business for the remaining retreats, plan for the upcoming academic year, and look at ways to improve the IFC constitution/bylaws. The new Executive Board is ready to work hard and improve interfraternal relationships, council programming, and fraternity recruitment efforts of all of its governing organizations. Two more IFC retreats are planned for the summer, so many more information is yet to come about the improvements that IFC is making. If you have ideas for future retreats or would like to help with and/or present a certain topic to the group, then please email the IFC President, Jack Phillips at ucaifcprez@gmail.com.
Important Dates Cont.

**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
  - Basketball Scrimmage 6:00 PM
  - Estes Stadium 6:45 PM

**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

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

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**Vilonia Clean Up**

Tornadoes have ravaged many states over the past month and caused hundreds of deaths. These terrible incidents have left thousands without homes, food, or stable lives. Vilonia, AR was hit very hard by a tornado on April 25, 2011. The storm left much of the town in ruins and many homeless. Even though these storms took place right before final semester exams, Greek students across UCA’s campus banded together to help those affected in Vilonia.

Members of Omega Psi Phi made multiple visits to affected areas to help clean up. The Omegas not only went out on their own, but they also invited all Greeks to join them in the hopes of making a bigger impact. In addition, the men of Phi Sigma Kappa collected non-perishable food items and delivered them to the main relief center in the area. A big thank you goes out to all of the members of the Greek community that helped in this time of need. Special thanks go to Carson Knowlton of Omega for coordinating multiple volunteer trips to Vilonia including his brothers and the entire Greek community. Your efforts are a shining testament to the positive effects Greek life can have beyond college campuses. If you are interested in helping those affected by the April 25th tornado, please visit the “Vilonia Tornado 2011 Relief & Information Page” on Facebook.
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: ucaifcvprecruit@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 ucaifcvprecruit@gmail.com.

IFC Retreats
Please remember that the next IFC retreat will take place on June 8, 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).

Phired Up is coming to UCA!

One of the biggest areas for improvement for many councils and individual organizations has been recruitment. In order to help out with this area of need, the Student Life Office has decided to bring Phired Up Productions to campus in the fall 2011 semester. Phired Up is a company built by fraternity and sorority members specifically looking to help organizations reach their greatest recruiting potential.

With the help of their training, fraternities and sororities will learn the secrets of Dynamic Recruitment and how it will allow their organizations to recruit higher quality individuals in larger quantities. In addition, NPHC organizations will have a special workshop tailored to addressing intake and other related subjects. Lastly, Phired Up will give the keynote address at Greek Convocation on the topic of “Social Excellence.” All of this will be taking place on September 11, 2011 on UCA’s campus. 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

All organizations will be given further information in the coming months about this visit, but be sure that your organization is attending. If your organization does not attend, then they will be at a significant recruitment disadvantage as compared to those who do attend and actively participate. If you have more questions about Phired Up and their services, then please visit their website: www.phiredup.com. If you have specific questions about their visit, then please contact the Student Life Office and talk with one of the Greek Life advisors. Get ready to get Phired Up for recruitment!
IGC
Sigma Phi Lambda

After nearly a semester in the Registered Student Organization (RSO) process, Sigma Phi Lambda is now an official sorority at UCA! 19 women worked very hard to meet all required guidelines in order to make this organization a possibility. The ladies of Sigma Phi Lambda will be joining Beta Upsilon Chi (BUX) as the second organization in the Independent Greek Council (IGC). The 19 founders will be “new members” in the fall 2011 semester and will recruit under similar guidelines as BUX. Plans are currently in the works for starting an active IGC council that supports and encompasses the needs of both organizations in the near future. If you would like to know more about Sigma Phi Lambda, then please visit their national website here: http://www.sigma-phi-lambda.com. Congrats to these 19 women and welcome to the UCA Greek community!

NPC
Panhellenic Summer Retreat

Panhellenic Summer Retreat will be taking place from July 10-12. During this time new NPC Exec and Chair positions will be elected. After elections, the new exec and chair members will plan for the upcoming year and participate in team building activities. Recruitment dates for the upcoming academic year will also be finalized during this retreat. Event location and times are forthcoming. If you have any questions about this, then please contact Lindsey Osborne at losborne@uca.edu.

Julie is leaving for Texas!

Julie Bernard recently stepped down as the Director of Student Organizations and University Events to pursue a new job opportunity in Tyler, TX with her husband. She will be working at the All Saints Episcopal School in Tyler as the Director of Events and Alumni Relations in addition to becoming the new Cheerleading Coach. This move brings her closer to her family and friends. A campus-wide reception was held on Thursday, May 26 in her honor. Julie has been the Director of University Events and Student Organizations since July 2007. She has made many friends over the years and would like to thank them and bid them farewell. During her time here she has helped improve Bear Den membership and attendance at UCA sporting events. She has also been an amazing advisor to the nearly 200 registered UCA organizations. The UCA Greek Life staff and students would like to thank Julie for all that she has done for students and student groups! Best of luck and you will be missed!

Free Miss Arkansas Scholarship Pageant Tickets!

The Miss Arkansas Scholarship Pageant is offering free tickets to Greeks looking to attend this year’s pageant. On Friday and Saturday, July 15 and 16, fraternity and sorority members will be able to watch the final night of preliminary competition and the crowning night for free as well! Greek members are asked to wear their letters or pin in order to gain complimentary admission. There will be a table set up outside the Convention Center, on the Embassy Suites side near the box office. Greeks are asked to check in between 6:30 p.m. and 7:15 PM each night to claim their tickets. Each night’s show begins at 7:30 PM at Summit Arena in Hot Springs. 46 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, and first runner up to Miss America, Alyse Eady, will be on hand each night for competition. For more information please contact freetickets.missarkansas@yahoo.com.
Alpha Returns to UCA

The Theta Psi Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha is an active Greek Organization at UCA once again! Their Chapter’s suspension ended May 13, 2011. An awareness meeting about Alpha returning to campus was held prior to the end of the semester with at least 30 interested individuals in attendance. Please join the Student Life staff in welcoming Alpha back to active status at UCA.

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Congrats Graduates!

Congrats to all of the spring 2011 graduates of UCA! If you are Greek and you recently graduated, be sure to give back to your organization as an active alumni. Whether you give time, money, or educational/leadership assistance, please make sure to stay active. Always remember that Greek life is for life and not just four years. Best of luck and be sure to keep us updated on your future life adventures!

UCA Night of Distinction

Here are some pictures of UCA Greeks at the 2011 Night of Distinction. To see more pictures from this event and others, please visit UCAGreeks Flickr page!