October was scary busy!

Did you get the title? Yeah, it was corny, but seriously, the month has been ridiculous. With Homecoming done for the year, the Student Life staff will finally be a bit more relaxed. Well, maybe not. Pageants are scheduled for November, some groups have elections, and our Greek Village Consultant will be visiting us for two days. It looks like November is going to be another busy month, but then again, when are things not busy in Greek Life? Amidst all of the craziness, there exists a consistent theme throughout the Greek community: Progress. Our students are committed to improving themselves, their organizations, and the entire Greek community. Whether they are studying, volunteering, or hosting events; Greeks are committed to improving everything around them. Please join them in their move towards making the community better so that the power of UCA Greek Life will be felt far beyond the grounds of our campus.

-Scott Isenga

2011 Homecoming Recap

Homecoming Week 2011 started on October 24 and ended after the football game on October 29! This year, Alumni Services, the Office of Student Life, and Housing and Residence Life teamed up to offer plenty of activities for every student at UCA. The week started with Homecoming t-shirt sales in the Student Center and Buffalo Alumni Hall. Also, student groups and residence halls hung Homecoming banners on the Estes Stadium fence. On Tuesday, October 25, the Bear Den hosted their annual pep rally in the Farris Center. During the rally, students showed off their school spirit and participated in a variety of fun, competitive activities. At the end of the pep rally, the 2011 Homecoming Court was announced. This year’s court included Aeiress Duhart, Ashley Fleener, Amber Pawloski, Abbey Eckart, Bridget Thomas, Beth Campbell, Morgan Linn, and Amber Westbrook. In addition, Alpha Sigma Alpha won “Most Spirited Group” at the rally. (Continued on page two.)
Important Dates Cont.

November 23-25 – Thanksgiving Holiday (Office closed Nov. 24 & 25)

November 29 – Panhellenic Counselor Training, 225 SC

December 5-9 – Dead Week

December 8 – Panhellenic President’s Roundtable, 201 SC, X-Period

- Continuous Open Bidding (COB) ends for Panhellenic, IFC, and IGC

December 9 – Dead Day

- Bear Facts Day, SC Ballroom, 10 AM - 12:30 PM

December 10 – Finals for Saturday classes

December 12 – Greeks Submit Blue Info Sheets for December 2011 Grads to Alumni Office

December 12-16 – Cap & Gown Pick Up Days, UCA Bookstore, 8 AM – 4:30 PM

- Finals for day and night classes

December 16 – Winter Commencement

December 19 – Classes begin for Winter Intersession

December 21-January 3 – Holiday Break, Office closed

January 4 – Office reopens

- Panhellenic Pre-Recruitment Meeting, Student Center, 6 PM

January 5-7 – Panhellenic Council & Counselor Recruitment Trainings

January 6 – Winter Intercession Exams

January 8-10 – Sorority Formal Recruitment, Student Center

January 9 – Alumni Scholarship Applications Available, Buffalo Alumni Hall

January 12 – Spring semester classes begin

January 14 – Spring semester Saturday classes begin

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

2011 Homecoming Recap Cont.

On Friday, October 28, Housing and Residence hosted the Bear Spirit March across campus and bonfire outside of the Physical Plant. During the bonfire, student groups and residence halls competed in a chant competition. At the end of the bonfire, winners of the banner, residence hall decoration, and chant competitions were announced. Banner competition winners were Sigma Phi Lambda. Chant competition winners were Sigma Kappa. Conway Hall cleaned up in the Residence Hall category by taking first place in their banner competition and overall winner of residence hall decorations. Also on Friday, SPBC hosted the annual Homecoming Greek Step Show. The event was a huge success with every NPHC organization participating. Alpha Phi Alpha and Alpha Kappa Alpha won the award for best stepping and Delta Sigma Theta was the overall winner for the evening.

Tailgating started on Saturday, October 29 at 10:00 AM. Various organizations set up tents across the tailgate area and alumni poured onto campus. During tailgate, groups re-connected with alumni, great food was shared, NPHC had a huge yard show, and Scottie Pippen even showed up! At 2:30 PM, the Alumni Services sponsored Homecoming Parade started on the corner of Donaghey and Bruce Streets. The overall winner of the float competition was the team of Sigma Kappa, Phi Lambda Chi, and Phi Sigma Kappa. Once tailgating ended, people moved into Estes stadium to watch the football game.

The Homecoming football game was nothing less than a blowout. The Bears started off strong and ended up pummeling the Southeast Louisiana Lions, 55-29. During halftime, the Bear Den presented the 2011 Homecoming Court. After all candidates were announced, the Maid of Honor and Queen were announced. The 2011 UCA Maid of Honor is Amber Pawloski and the 2011 Queen is Morgan Linn. Congrats to both ladies on winning such prestigious awards!

Overall, 2011 Homecoming was a huge success! Thanks for all of the hard work and participation!
Important Council Information

IFC
Canned Food Drive

The men of IFC hosted a canned food drive during the October 1 home UCA football game. At this game, every fraternity placed a plastic tub at their tailgate to collect items. By the end of the day, IFC collected 260 canned items, which were then donated to Soul Food Ministry. The Office of Student Life would like to thank the men of IFC for hosting this important event and donating to such a great cause!

Five Year Expansion Plan

After nearly two months of discussion and planning, the men of IFC have created a five year expansion plan for their council. Since May 2011, a number of organizations have expressed interest in joining the UCA IFC system in the near future. The men of IFC felt that a five year plan allowed for the growth of the community at a controlled, manageable pace. Under the plan, a new organization may be added to the IFC system every two (2) years, starting with Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji) in the spring 2012 semester. Organizations wishing to expand to UCA may contact Scott Isenga, Director of Fraternity Life, via email at sisenga@uca.edu.

IGC
Sigma Phi Lambda Winning Banner

Below is a photo of the winning banner created by the women of Sigma Phi Lambda. Congratulations to the ladies for creating such an awesome banner and winner first place during Homecoming!

Pike and Que Basket Brawl

The Men of Pi Kappa Alpha and Omega Psi Phi held the 1ST Annual Basket Brawl tournament on October 7 at the newly remodeled Pike house basketball court. Basket Brawl was a three on three single elimination tournament featuring men’s and women’s division as well as a sorority banner painting contest. The day consisted of food, music and some of the best athletes competing in central Arkansas. This event raised $1,000 for St. Jude Children’s Pediatric cancer research. This is the first year for this event, and the men of Pike and Omega would like to thank everyone for making it a huge success. We would also like to congratulate the lovely ladies of Alpha Sigma Alpha for winning both the women's division as well as the banner competition, which earned them a donation to a charity of their choice! Check out the full story from The Echo right here.

Story submitted by: Ryan Daniels, President of Pi Kappa Alpha, Epsilon Phi Chapter

Oz is Engaged!

Lindsey “Oz” Osborne is engaged! Lindsey has been dating Brad Shurely, another UCA alum, for the past seven years. On their seventh anniversary, Brad surprised Lindsey one evening when she returned home from work. In her driveway, she found a chair with a piece of string attached that led into their house. Once inside, the string was weaved through the house and connected to different pieces of memorabilia from their relationship. Eventually, the string led Lindsey outside, where she found Brad waiting with a group of lit jack-o-lanterns spelling out “Will you marry me?” Oz, of course, said yes! After letting some of the Panhellenic Executive Board know, they held a candle pass for her during one of their meetings to commemorate the occasion. The Office of Student Life is very happy for Brad and Oz and they wish them the best of luck on their wedding plans!
Panhellenic Branching Out New Member Night

The Panhellenic Council held their newly renamed new member program on September 26 and October 6. The program was created to foster a spirit of unity between the five Panhellenic sororities' new members during their first semester in Greek Life. Panhellenic Council Vice President of New Members, Katy Stracener, organized the program. On the first day, the women met their small group by playing the "Bring something to the party" name game and the M & M game. The council presented an all-Greek slide show then the women played a trivia game based on little known facts of UCA's five (5) NPC sororities. At the next meeting, the women were officially inducted into the Panhellenic community and wrote personal reflection letters that they will receive back at the end of the semester. As a closing, the new members participated in circle team exercises, which represented their trust in the entire Panhellenic community. Thank you to the Panhellenic Council, the fall 2011 new members, and new member educators for their participation!

-Story submitted by: Lindsey Osborne, Director of Sorority Life

Dude Looks Like a Lady

Sigma Sigma Sigma held their annual "Dude Looks Like a Lady" pageant on October 4. The contestants of the pageant are men who dress up like women and compete in a pageant style contest against each other. Eight contestants competed and by the end of the evening, Josh Lyon was voted the winner by a panel of UCA faculty and staff members. Josh is a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, was sponsored by the women of Delta Zeta, and competed as “Marilyn Manroe.” In total, the event raised $2,200, which will be donated to the Sigma Sigma Sigma National Foundation. Congrats to the ladies of Tri Sigma for hosting this creative event and to Josh Lyon for winning! For more information about the event, check out The Echo article here. You can also view the whole show by visiting the UCAGreeks YouTube page.

UCA Greek Village Update

Dr. Mari Ann Callais will be visiting campus on November 9 and 10. During this time, she will tour the campus and Greek Village site in addition to meeting with representatives from all Greek organizations, UCA faculty/staff, and Board of Trustee members. From these meetings, Dr. Callais will gather enough information to help our organizations, staff, architects, and contractors determine the best type of Greek Village for UCA. The Student Life Office has planned a meeting for Greek Alumni at 7 PM on November 9 in room 214 of the UCA Student Center. Two (2) alumni members from each Greek organization are invited to attend this meeting, ask questions, and help Dr. Callais understand the housing needs of each organization. Please RSVP to your respective council advisor by 4:30 PM on November 4. Undergraduate Greek leaders will meet with Dr. Callais during the afternoon on November 10. If you have any questions about the Greek Village project and/or consultant, please feel free to contact Dr. Gary Roberts, Dean of Students, at GaryR@uca.edu. Dr. Callais also has a website that you can visit here.
A Panhellenic social event was held on Sunday, October 16 at the Thunder Road Grand Prix go-kart track. Over half of the Panhellenic community showed up to race their sisters and eat some Halloween snacks. Everyone had a great time! Thanks to Panhellenic Social Chair, Madeline Eckart, for planning this fun event!

-Story submitted by: Lindsey Osborne, Director of Sorority Life

-Photos courtesy of Hannah Ray

@UCAGreeks Retweet Award

Check out the awesome mention the UCAGreeks Twitter received from the Association of Fraternal Leadership and Values (AFLV):

“We like @UCAGreeks because they mention us in their tweets to 625 followers. Plus, they seem like nice people. Therefore, they are the first ever Retweet Winners. What do they win, you ask? A shout out in this sweet newsletter, that’s what. You should seriously consider mentioning us more in your tweets. For one, we think we’ve got some interesting things going on that your followers may be interested in. Additionally, if you do, you might be next month’s Retweet Winner. So, you could have that going for you. Click here to read more.”

Thanks to AFLV for honoring us with this award and be sure to follow us on Twitter!

Thank you Amir! Welcome Meghan!

The summer months were quite busy, especially with a vacant staff position in the office. In order to ensure that the Bear Den was ready for the football season, the Office of Student Life hired Amir Rostampour as Interim Bear Den Advisor until a replacement for Julie Bernard could be hired. Amir worked very hard amidst a full schedule of other work and graduate school responsibilities to start the year off on a very positive note. Without Amir, the Bear Den would not have been as organized or prominent at all of the games. In addition, Amir worked very hard to help plan Homecoming with the help of Alumni Services and Housing and Residence Life. While Amir helped, Student Life staff conducted a job search and selected Meghan Thompson, a 2011 UCA graduate, to fill the role of Coordinator of Student Organizations and University Events. Meghan started on October 10 and has worked closely with other staff members, Amir, and Bear Den members in order to get up to speed. Her first few weeks were very busy with planning and prepping for Homecoming, but she did a wonderful job. The staff is excited to have Meghan working in the office and also very thankful for all of Amir’s wonderful help over the last few months.
**NPHC Leadership Launch Recap**

NPHC Leadership Launch took place on Saturday October 8. The conference focused on improving the leadership abilities of younger UCA students. In total, 126 students attended the conference. The day started with the opening speaker, Thelma Moton, who spoke about the power of individual and group leadership in college and later life. After the opening speaker, every individual attended the following sessions: 1.) Building Your Brag Sheet; 2.) Effective Communication; 3.) Financial Literacy; 4.) Let Me Upgrade You; and 5.) NPHC Alumni Panel. Feedback from the program was very positive, with most students indicating that they found the material beneficial to their personal, academic, and professional lives. Students also reported that they enjoyed the NPHC Alumni Panel the most because of all the real world advice and stories shared by each participant. Thank you to all of the presenters and panel members that helped to make Leadership Launch such a great success. Also, thank you to all of the students that attended the leadership training. The Office of Student Life expects each participant to utilize their new knowledge to improve their lives and the UCA community.

**SPBC Step Show and Homecoming Day Pictures**

Artez Irvin (mentioned in detail on the next page) took around 200 pictures from both the SPBC Step Show and Homecoming Tailgater. The Office of Student Life attempted to video the entire step show, but the battery on the camera died before the conclusion. Therefore, we are encouraging people to check out his pictures by searching for “Artez Irvin” on Facebook. Look for picture albums entitled “UCA Tail Gate! GREEKS GREEKS GREEKS!” and “Greek show #TEAM UCA.”

**LeaderShape Catalyst**

LeaderShape Catalyst is returning to UCA! This program is for participants who are interested in challenging themselves to go deeper, wider, and further out in their definition of who they are and where they can have an impact. This is a program of personal integrity and possibility. Integrity because we will challenge participants to examine themselves and consider how and where their true values and interests align with their actions. Possibility because we will encourage participants to stretch the limits of their relationships and boundaries to produce more far-reaching results. Probing and questioning will be a big part of this day. . . no pat answers, no ten-step processes, but lots of nudging and meaningful conversations. And to that end, we will invite participants to consider implementing the life-long practice of asking tough questions that give impetus to personal growth and leadership. All participants will leave the day with the final question, “What’s holding me back, and where will I take my first action step?” Interested students may register in the Student Life Office, (207SC) until 4:30 PM on November 3. Registration fee is ten (10) dollars, which includes lunch and snacks. Please direct any questions to Kyle Boyd, Graduate Assistant for the Center for Leadership Development, at kyleboyd.ucalead@gmail.com.

**UCAGreeks Facebook Page**

Recently, the Office of Student Life created a Facebook Fan Page to connect with prospective, current, and alumni Greek members. The page features media and updates about campus and/or Greek events at UCA. At about the same time, an individual created a Facebook friend page called "Uca Greek." This page grew quickly and started copying the posts from the Fan Page. This was not a huge issue, but recently the page started posting links to sites and/or pages featuring information that is inaccurate and demeaning to the UCA Greek community. The creator was asked to shut down the site and remove the UCA Greek Life logo from its profile picture, which has happened, but negative posts are still occurring and people think that the page is affiliated with UCA. Given this situation, we encourage anyone that are friends with "Uca Greek" to report the page as "impersonating a business/organization." By doing this, the group is reported to Facebook and has a greater chance of being shut down before it brings any further negative publicity to UCA Greek Life. If you have any questions/comments about this request, then please contact Scott Isenga at sisenga@uca.edu.
At the beginning of October, the Greek Life Advisors asked every organization to nominate one individual to participate in the new “I am Greek” campaign. This new marketing campaign highlights personal qualities and involvements of our undergraduate Greek population. With no affiliations listed on marketing fliers and signs, non-Greek students will learn more about the quality of individuals in our Greek system rather than just assuming about them based on organizational stereotypes. A sample flier is presented on the last page of this newsletter. Be looking for fliers and posters around campus and online starting in November. Thank you to all of the individuals who volunteered to be a part of this exciting marketing campaign!

Artez Irvin Photography

Over the course of the semester, Artez Irvin, a first year student at UCA, has been active in photographing various Greek events at UCA, especially those involving NPHC organizations. Artez continually takes amazing photographs at events and kindly allows the Office of Student Life to use his work for our newsletters, websites, and publications. Given our small budget, we cannot hire Artez to work for our office regularly, but we have agreed to promote his work as much as possible. Therefore, please take a look at his photography by visiting his Facebook page by searching “Artez Irvin.” Also, if you are in need of a photographer, please feel free to contact him at artezirvin@ymail.com. Our office would like to thank Artez for his hard work and his quality photography. Below are just a few examples of his work.
I am GREEK
and my name is Carson Knowlton.

I am a leader. I am quiet. I am confident. I am a Brother. I am a horse lover. I am creative. I am caring. I am a mentor. I am artistic. I am a listener. I am Greek.

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