One Month Left!

It is crazy to think that the fall 2013 semester has flown by so quickly, but that is because a lot has been going on in the UCA fraternity/sorority community. Move In Day, Welcome Week, fall recruitment, bid days, stroll competitions, service and philanthropy events, football, Homecoming, Greek Village, and the start of probate season. It all seems like a blur (it kind of is), but as a community we have done it with such style, fun, and excitement that is indicative of UCA’s unique fraternity/sorority community. UCA fraternity/sorority life offers something that is truly special and cannot be found at any other campus. Just look at "The Echo" from over the past semester and you will see what I mean. Every issue has featured information about fraternities, sororities, or the community in general. Knowing all of this, please do not lose steam before the semester is over. This is especially important when it comes to our activities in the classroom. All students are here for academics first, so make that your top priority over the last month of classes. Let’s work together to make sure the fall 2013 grade report is one of the best yet. Are you up to the challenge?

-Scott Isenga

UCA Greek Village Phase One Update

On October 11, the UCA Board of Trustees voted to approve $13.8 million for the campus Greek Village project. This money will be utilized to fund the first phase of the Greek Village project, which includes five, 32 bed Panhellenic sorority houses and the initial section of the community center. The first phase of the community center will include four (4), 750 sq. ft. chapter rooms for the UCA NPHC sororities. The houses will be located on Donaghey and Augusta avenue and the NPHC chapter room facility will be placed near the parking lot between Western and Augusta avenues. Initial preparation for the project is slated to begin in the latter portion of the spring 2014 semester with the grand opening of all buildings scheduled for the fall 2015 semester. In regards to future fraternity housing, the Greek Village Committee will revisit planning for their housing needs in the future with a projected opening date in 2017. The Office of Student Life would like to thank all of the supporters of this project, including the Board of Trustees.
### Important Dates Cont.

**November 23** - UCA Football vs. Sam Houston, 3PM, Estes Stadium

**November 25** - New Bear Den Executive Board Announced
- Holiday Nutrition Program, 11-1PM, Student Center Lounge

**November 26** - Incoming 2014 Panhellenic Council Meeting, X-Period, SC

**November 27-29** - UCA Thanksgiving Break, Office of Student Life Closed

**December 2-6** - Dead Week, No Social Events

**December 2** - Safe Travel Pledge Day, 11-1PM, SC Lounge

**December 4-8** - Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors Conference

**December 6** - Dead Day/Study Day, No Classes
- Bear Facts Day

**December 7** - Exams for Saturday Classes

**December 9-13** - Exams for Fall 2013 Day and Night Classes

**December 14** - Winter Commencement

**December 16** - Winter Intercession Courses Begin

**December 20** - Last Day Campus Open Before Winter Holiday Break

**December 23-31** - Winter Holiday Break, Office of Student Life Closed

**January 1** - New Year’s Day, Office of Student Life Closed

**January 2** - UCA Campus Reopens, Office of Student Life Reopens

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

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### 2013 Homecoming Recap

The 2013 Homecoming Week was a great time! The theme this year was "superheroes," which students absolutely loved. The week started off with the hanging of banners around Estes Stadium. This year, Housing and Residence Life sponsored the Banner Competition, so the majority of residence halls created banners.

On Tuesday, Housing and Residence Life sponsored the Bear Spirit March around campus. Students, faculty, and staff got dressed up and marched around campus to show off their Homecoming spirit. The March ended at Farris just before the start of the Pep Rally. During the Pep Rally, all of the fraternities/sororities, many of the residence halls, and a variety of student organizations gathered to get pumped up for the Saturday football game. The Pep Rally was full of great performances from the UCA Cheer and Dance squads, awesome inspirational notes from the football team and coaching staff, and fun competitions between different groups. Sigma Kappa won the Fight Song Remix competition and Alpha Sigma Tau took top honors in the Banner Competition. At the end of the Pep Rally, the 2013 Homecoming Court Finalists were announced to the campus community.

On Friday evening, the annual Homecoming Step Show took place in the Farris Center. With a new venue and improved marketing, over 1,500 people attended the best Homecoming Step Show in Arkansas. The competition was intense between five NPHC organizations and at the end of the evening, Omega Psi Phi took third, Alpha Phi Alpha took second, and Alpha Kappa Alpha was awarded first place.

On Saturday, tailgating for the Homecoming football game began at 9AM on Bruce Street. At noon, the Association of Future Alumni (AFA) sponsored Homecoming parade began at Papa John's and traveled down all of Bruce Street. (Cont. Pg. 3)
Important Council Information

IFC
Spring 2014 Recruitment Changes

IFC/IGC spring 2014 recruitment will take place during the dates listed below. IFC has elected to switch from House Rotations to a Recruitment Fair. The details of the Recruitment Fair are still being worked out and updates will be featured later in this newsletter. IFC also elected to switch from a combination of “exclusive” and “open” nights during recruitment week to a completely open setup. Under this new setup, fraternities are encouraged to host as many events as possible before, during, and after the scheduled recruitment week. Groups must remember to register all recruitment events with Scott at least one week in advance to avoid having the event cancelled. All recruitment functions must comply with UCA, NIC, and IFC recruitment regulations or disciplinary actions may be taken. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the IFC VP of Recruitment or Scott.

January 26-31: IFC/IGC Spring 2014 Recruitment Week
January 26: IFC Recruitment Fair
January 31: IFC/IGC Bid Day, 4PM, Old Main Stairs

IGC
Spring 2014 Fraternity Recruitment

IFC/IGC spring 2014 recruitment will take place during the dates listed below. If you have questions, please contact Scott.

January 26-31: IFC/IGC Spring 2014 Recruitment Week
January 31: IFC/IGC Bid Day, 4PM, Old Main Stairs

2013 Homecoming Recap Cont.

(Cont.) From all of the floats entered, Housing and Residence Life won the overall design contest. Once the parade was over, tailgating continued until the football game against Stephen F. Austin began at 3PM. The game started off strong for the Bears, and during halftime the 2013 Homecoming Queen and Maid of Honor were announced. With 2158 votes tallied, Jenna Henson was crowned the 2013 UCA Homecoming Queen and Morgan England was crowned Maid of Honor. After the ceremony, the Bears went on to defeat the Lumberjacks 66-31 to end Homecoming week on a high note. Thank you to everyone who helped to make Homecoming a success and to all the students and alumni who attended.

-Photos Courtesy of Mike Kemp and The Fountain

IFC Partners with Big Brothers/Big Sisters

The Interfraternity Council has recently entered into a partnership with the Conway area’s Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization. Jon Golden started the partnership process with the organization in the spring 2013 semester as a way to get IFC men more involved in the local community. Since that semester, IFC and Big Brothers/Big Sisters have developed a plan to have thirteen (13) men accepted into the program in 2013, fourteen (14) in 2014, and so on for the foreseeable future. This is not a limit on the amount of men who can join the program but instead a minimum for the IFC community. Since the start of the fall 2013 semester, a number of men have already applied to be Big Brothers and more applications are available in the Office of Student Life (SC 207). The program is also open to women, so if you are an interested young woman, please feel free to grab an application. The men of IFC will continue to work with Big Brothers/Big Sisters to create a lasting and mutually beneficial partnership for the future. Thank you to all of the young men who have already applied to help local youths.
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AKA and Sigma Win at SAU Step Show

On Saturday, November 2, Southern Arkansas University (SAU) hosted a Homecoming step show. The step show welcomed participants from outside SAU, so the ladies of the Theta Mu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha and the men of the Iota Pi Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma entered into the competition. After some great competition, the ladies of Theta Mu took first place in the sorority division and the men of Iota Pi took first place in the fraternity division. By winning first place, each group was awarded a $1,000 prize. Congratulations to both of these groups on this awesome accomplishment!

-Submitted by Dennis Mattison

Iota Zeta Chapter of Order of Omega Returns to UCA

Order of Omega is a national honorary society that recognizes the academic and leadership accomplishments of fraternity/sorority members on college campuses across the country. In the spring 2013, the former IFC President, Matt Knudtson, inquired about restarting Order of Omega at UCA. Matt worked with the All Greek Council to determine that the community was interested in re-starting the group.

After Matt graduated in the spring, Steven Kauffman, IFC VP of Finance, continued his work this fall by securing funding to restart Order of Omega from the All Greek Council. Steven worked hard to complete and submit all of the paperwork for reactivation. In late October, the Office of Student Life received all of the reactivation manuals, ritual equipment, and a new charter from the national office. These materials and charter confirm that the Iota Zeta Chapter of Order of Omega at the University of Central Arkansas is now reactivated.

With the group reactivated, the Office of Student Life plans to release applications for membership in the spring 2014 semester and hold the first induction ceremony in nearly a decade later in the semester. The group can accept up to three (3) percent of the total size of the UCA fraternity/sorority community each academic year, so students are encouraged to apply for this highly selective organization. The Office of Student Life would like to thank Matt, Steven, and the All Greek Council for helping bring Order of Omega back to UCA. We look forward to restarting this organization and recognizing amazing fraternity/sorority members at UCA for their academic and leadership accomplishments. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your council advisor.
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Operation Christmas Child

On November 6, the All Greek Council sponsored the All Greek Operation Christmas Child event in the College of Business auditorium. This event is part of a larger international effort to collect everyday household items and toys to donate to impoverished children and families across the globe. Members of all fraternities and sororities at UCA gathered in the College of Business auditorium from 7-9 PM to pack boxes and bond together. By the end of the evening, the UCA fraternity/sorority community packed 186 boxes to be sent abroad to children and families in need. This was a great collective effort by our fraternity/sorority members for a common philanthropic cause. Thank you to Tee Sun, Michelle Kerr, and Jon Golden for helping to coordinate and run the event.

Fall 2013 Phi Beta Sigma Probate

On November 1, the Iota Pi Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma formally welcomed two new members into their organization. During the November 1st Probate, Dennis Mattison, Dean of Pledges, helped to present Ed Gardner and Fred Washington to the UCA campus. Congratulations to both of these men on joining the Iota Pi chapter and to everyone who came out to their Probate.

-Submitted by Dennis Mattison