Can these newsletters get any longer?

Honestly, I am not trying to make these monthly newsletters any longer, but there has just been too much going on lately. I honestly start the newsletters each month and worry that they will be too long and it will drive readers away. I really hope that this is not the case because UCA Greek Life has been incredibly active lately. I am not sure where the students get all of their energy from, but I know that many of the Student Life staff members are tired. The funny part is that we have over two months left in the semester, so things will not slow down anytime soon. While the newsletter may take longer than ever to compile, I am happy that there is so much to include. I am proud of our Greek students for being so active and doing so many great things. In my opinion, it is much better to have newsletters that are too long instead of too short. With that said, read on and enjoy the highlights of UCA Greek Life during September 2011.

-Scott Isenga

“Wear It Wednesday!”

"Wear It Wednesday" is a fun, new incentive program that the Office of Student Life started this year to encourage Greeks to wear their letters collectively on a single day. Each Wednesday, at least one member of the Student Life staff heads out across campus to find five lucky and unsuspecting individuals to reward for simply wearing their letters. Winners are surprised, handed a prize pack full of UCA Greek gear, photographed, and then featured on UCAGreeks social media. Make sure that your members are wearing their letters on campus each Wednesday to show their Greek pride and also for the chance to win a prize pack!
Important Dates Cont.

October 11 – SPBC sponsored “Greeks for the Cure,” Ida Waldran, 7 PM
- Panhellenic Counselor Training, 225 SC

October 12-14 – Homecoming Court Voting, Student Center Lobby, 9-2 PM

October 12 – Grad Central for Dec 2011 Grads & UCA Official Ring Order Days, UCA Bookstore, 9-5 PM

October 13 – Grad Central for Dec 2011 Grads & UCA Official Ring Order Days, UCA Bookstore, 9-2 PM

October 15 – Bear Facts Day, Student Center Ballroom, 10:30-12:30 PM
- UCA Football vs. McNeese State, Estes Stadium, 3 PM

October 17-19 – Homecoming shirts for sale, SC Lobby, 10-3 PM

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October 18 – Panhellenic Counselor Training, 225 SC

October 20-21 – UCA Fall Break, Office of Student Life open

October 22 – UCA Football vs. Lamar, Beaumont, TX, 3 PM
- Race for The Cure

October 22 – UCA Football vs. Lamar, Beaumont, TX, 3 PM

October 24-29 – Homecoming Week

October 26 – Career Services Health Fair, SC Ballroom, 10 AM
- SAB hosts Kyle Cease, “Wake the Hell Up” College Tour, SC Ballroom

October 26 – Panhellenic President’s Roundtable, SC 201, X Period

October 29 – UCA HC Football vs. Southeastern Louisiana, Estes Stadium, 6 PM

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

Phired Up to hosted multiple workshops on the topics of Dynamic Recruitment and Social Excellence at UCA on September 11, 2011. Josh Orendi and Shira Tober of Phired Up started with separate men’s and women’s workshops focusing on Dynamic Recruitment methods in the early afternoon. Members of every IFC, IGC, and Panhellenic fraternities/sororities were in attendance. After nearly four hours of hard work, each organization possessed new knowledge and plans for how to recruit larger amounts of high quality students for membership. After these sessions, Josh and Shira presented to NPHC organizations about the need to establish a defined organizational plan to help increase future growth. The NPHC session also encouraged members to further step outside of their existing social circles to make new connections with non-affiliated students. The day wrapped up with the Phired Up duo presenting to eighty percent of the UCA Greek community in Reynolds Performance Hall. During this interactive presentation, students learned and practiced the skills necessary to become more socially excellent. The Social Excellence skills students learned during the evening tied directly back to the previously learned Dynamic Recruitment concepts. In addition, students practiced Social Excellence by donating money at the door for the Fisher House, which supports families of armed service-men/women injured in foreign conflicts. By the end of the day, the majority of UCA Greek students possessed the knowledge to positively impact the lives of others and recruit increased amounts of high quality individuals. The Office of Student Life would like to thank Josh, Shira, and the rest of Phired Up for taking the time to visit UCA and help our students.
Important Council Information

**IFC**

**IFC Fall Recruitment Continues**

Collectively, 58 men have accepted bids to IFC fraternities this semester. These numbers are higher than normal and most organizations are still actively recruiting men. The list below highlights the total number of bids accepted for each organization since the beginning of the fall 2011 semester. Congrats gentlemen!

Kappa Sigma: 17  
Phi Lambda Chi: 12  
Phi Sigma Kappa: 4  
Pi Kappa Alpha: 7  
Sigma Nu: 8  
Sigma Tau Gamma: 10

Please direct IFC recruitment questions to Andrew Reynolds: ucaifcvpre-recruit@gmail.com.

**IGC**

**BYX Beach Bash**

The men of Beta Upsilon Chi (BYX) held a successful Beach Bash benefit on September 9, 2011. The event took place at the UCA Practice Field and Alumni Pavilion. The benefit featured live music performed by BYX alumni, Ryan Howell and Adam Hambrick. In addition to live music, people hung out, met new people, and donated money and/or canned goods. By the end of the event, the benefit raised $137.06 and 70 canned goods, which will be donated to the Bethlehem House. The event attracted plenty of attention and landed BYX a large story in the September 14 issue of The Echo (http://bit.ly/pbChCo). Congrats to the men of BYX on hosting such a great event for a great cause! Keep up the great work gentlemen!

**Fall 2011 Go Greek Info Night**

Go Greek Info Night is a biannual tradition at UCA. Each semester the Student Life Office coordinates this large scale event in order educate non-Greeks about the benefits of joining a fraternity/sorority. This year, well over 300 students attended the event, with at least 200 specifically interested in one or more of the seven UCA NPHC organizations. Overall, the event was a success and large numbers of students learned a variety of new information about UCA Greek life. The most notable new addition to the event was the opening UCA Greek Life video created by Lindsey Osborne. The video included pictures from every organization and the virtual tour of the UCA Greek Village. The video was a big hit and is now available for viewing on the UCAGreeks YouTube page. On January 31, 2012 another Go Greek Info Night is scheduled for individuals specifically interested in joining a NPHC organizations. We look forward to seeing plenty of new faces next semester!

**Phi Sigma Kappa Philanthropy**

The men of Phi Sigma Kappa set up a small philanthropy table in the Student Center on September 8 and 9. The purpose of the table was to raise funds for the 9/11 Disaster Relief Fund. The men used a firefighter helmet as a collection dish and raised 600 dollars. The men delivered the money to the Conway Fire Department, who will combine the Phi Sig donations with their own departmental contributions. The men of Phi Sig did an amazing job, helped out a very worthy cause, and created a new community partnership. Congratulations and thank you for your service!
IGC Cont.
IGC Recruitment Update

The two organizations comprising the Independent Greek Council (IGC) have been active in their recruitment efforts since the start of the fall semester. Both Beta Upsilon Chi and Sigma Phi Lambda have recruited sizeable new member classes for the fall semester. The steady growth of IGC is a welcome addition to the UCA Greek community. Below you will find total numbers for bids accepted to each IGC organization.

Beta Upsilon Chi: 8
Sigma Phi Lambda: 16

If you have further questions about IGC recruitment, please contact Scott Isenga (sisenga@uca.edu) or Lindsey Osborne (losborne@uca.edu).

Panhellenic
Panhellenic COB Update

Since the start of the fall 2011 semester, every Panhellenic organization has participated in Continuous Open Bidding (COB) process. The women of Panhellenic have been working hard to recruit new women and prepare for spring 2012 formal recruitment. Since the start of the semester, 51 women have accepted bids to join a Panhellenic sorority. Below is a listing of the total number of bids accepted for each organization. Keep up the great work ladies!

Alpha Sigma Alpha: 9
Alpha Sigma Tau: 6
Delta Zeta: 10
Sigma Kappa: 20
Sigma Sigma Sigma: 6

If you have further questions about Panhellenic recruitment, please contact Meagan Davis at meagdanvis@hotmail.com.

Fall Recruitment Update

IFC, IGC, and Panhellenic fall recruitment has produced very exciting results already this semester. On the fraternity side, IFC/IGC fraternities recruited 62 men by the September 9, 2011 bid day. Since bid day, five more men have accepted bids, bringing male numbers to 67. In comparison, 95 men accepted bids to IFC/IGC fraternities at the spring 2011 bid day. The single IGC sorority, Sigma Phi Lambda, has already recruited 16 new women this semester. The Panhellenic community has recruited 51 women collectively this semester, with more still forthcoming. Overall, these recruitment numbers are higher than previous years, but there is still much room for growth. Each organization can continue to recruit registered, eligible members until the day prior to Dead Day. With this timeline and new Dynamic Recruitment knowledge, every chapter has the potential to increase their numbers greatly over the course of the semester and into spring 2012. Specific numbers for every organization are listed in the “Important Council Information” section of the newsletter.

UCA Greek Village Update

Progress is still being made on UCA Greek Village. Recently, a combined committee of staff members from the Division of Student Services met to discuss and review consultant proposals. A number of consultants applied to help with the Greek Village project and the committee decided to employ the services of Dr. Mari Ann Callais. Dr. Callais has a wide range of experiences in Greek Life and village projects at various institutions across the nation. Dr. Callais is tentatively scheduled to visit UCA on November 9 and 10. During this time, she will visit the campus and meet 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. These plans are still tentative, but if you have any questions about the project and/or consultants, 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: http://www.marianncallais.com/.
NPHC Leadership Launch

NPHC Leadership Launch will take place on Saturday October 8, 2011, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Individuals interested in joining an NPHC organization must attend this workshop. There is a $25.00 registration fee, which can be paid in the Office of Student Life (207 SC). Registration for Leadership Launch ends on October 7 at 4:30 PM or when all 150 spots are filled. Currently 25 spots are filled with a minimum of 20 new additions each day, so make you reserve your place today! If you have any additional questions about Leadership Launch please contact the NPHC President, Ashley Lee, at lee.ashleyv@gmail.com.

2011 HIV Testing Tour

The Office of Multicultural Student Services, Student Health, NPHC, Arkansas Dept. of Health, and the Black AIDS Institute helped bring the HIV Testing Tour to UCA on Thursday, September 22. At least 200 students waited in the rain to get tested. This number exceeded the total count for the event’s three city stop in 2010. After being tested, students had the opportunity to hang out, eat free food, and watch some of the NPHC organizations step. Thank you to all of the individuals who supported and attended this great event!

2011 RSO Fair

The 2011 RSO Fair took place on Thursday, September 22. During this half day event, every active RSO at UCA has the opportunity to host an informational table in the Student Center Courtyard. Students are able to peruse organizations at their leisure in order to find one or more that peaks their interests. The weather was a bit cool during the event and it rained briefly in the morning, so many groups packed up early. Even so, the majority of groups returned and ended up meeting hundreds of interested students over the remainder of the day. The event even made it into The Echo, so be sure to get the full story here: http://bit.ly/ohlJBN. Thank you to all of the groups and individuals that participated this year!

Fall 2011 IFC/IGC Bid Acceptance

Each fall semester, individuals interested in joining an IFC or IGC fraternity accept their bids individually in the Office of Student Life. This year, the IFC Executive Board made the decision to hold a more formalized ceremony on September 9, 2011. Any man that accepted a bid to an IFC or IGC fraternity since the first day of school had the opportunity to participate in the ceremony, which was held on the steps of Old Main Hall. Before the start of the ceremony, IFC Executives welcomed all of the new men with pizza and soda and discussed their new responsibilities as a fraternity man. After the initial meeting, all new fraternity men lined up in the main hallway of Old Main. Outside, all IFC/IGC fraternities waited on the lawn of the Old Main circle drive. One by one, the new Greek men strolled out onto the front steps, grabbed the microphone, announced which fraternity they joined, and ran out into the lawn to join them. Crowd energy was high and all individuals (especially the new men) enjoyed the updated process. Congrats to the men of IFC Executive Board for hosting such a successful event!
RSO Training

On September 29, the Office of Student Wellness and Development (OSWD) hosted the 2011 Recognized Student Organization (RSO) Training. This training is a requirement for all active RSOs at UCA to complete. Kyle Boyd, Graduate Assistant for OWSD, coordinated the entire event with the help of various student and staff members from across campus. Topics covered in the training included effective organizational planning and management, improved marketing, running effective meetings, and proper SAFA application procedures. Representatives from various offices across campus also presented during a session to inform students and student organizations on the services their offices offer. RSO Advisors also enjoyed a special session on how to maximize their advising potential. The event was a great success and the Office of Student Life would like to thank OSWD, volunteers, presenters, and all of the students who attended.

2011 NPHC Week

The 2011 NPHC Week was hosted from September 6-9. During these days, all NPHC Greek organizations at UCA come together to host and attend a variety of events. This year, NPHC hosted a karaoke at Bear’s Den on Wednesday, Music on the Yard on Tuesday and Thursday during X Period, and a game night on Thursday in the Student Center Ballroom. NPHC also collected money and canned food items at the game night to help the Soul Food Café with their recent disaster. Congratulations to NPHC for hosting successful events and helping out with a great cause!

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**2011 Homecoming Events**

October 24th – 29th

“Forever the ROYAL PURPLE and the GRAY”

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**HOMECOMING COURT VOTING**

Oct. 12-14, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Student Center lounge across from bookstore. Only students are eligible to vote and a current UCA student ID must be presented.

**HOMECOMING SHIRTS**

Homecoming shirts are on sale for $10
Oct. 17-18 & 24-28, 10 a.m.–3 p.m., Student Center Lobby & Buffalo Alumni Hall

**BANNER COMPETITION**

Monday, October 24
Banners must be displayed by 12 noon along the end zone fence facing Bruce St. Each organization is responsible for putting up and taking down their banner. Winners will be announced Friday night at the bonfire & football game.

**HOMECOMING PEP RALLY**

Tuesday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m., Farris Center
- Fight Song competition
- Spirit stick given to most spirited group
- Homecoming Court announced
- Bring canned food items for a food drive sponsored by AFA

**SAB PRESENTS COMEDIAN/SPEAKER KYLE CEASE**

Wednesday Oct. 26th, 8 p.m., Student Center Ballroom

**COACH CONQUE CALL-IN SHOW**

Thursday, Oct. 27, 6-8:30 p.m., JJ’s Grill
$5 burger or sandwich and fries for UCA Students. Current student ID must be presented.

**BEAR SPIRIT MARCH**

Friday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m., Carmichael & Schichtl parking lot
2nd Annual “Bear Spirit March” sponsored by Housing & Residence Life. Display your Bear Pride as we parade through campus with our torchbearers leading the way to the bonfire! Spirit materials will be provided! All students groups are invited to participate.

**THE “GREAT BEAR SPIRIT” BONFIRE**

Friday, Oct. 28, 8:30 p.m., “The Pit” behind Physical Plant
- Chant Competition

**SPBC GREEK STEP SHOW**

Friday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m., Ida Waldran, Main Hall
For information call 450-3135

**SATURDAY, OCT. 29**

**TAILGATING**

Bruce St. will be open at noon for tailgating.
Check for full tailgating details at ucasports.com.

**HOMECOMING PARADE**

2:30 p.m., Donaghey & Bruce St.

**HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME**

UCA vs Southeastern Louisiana, 6 p.m.

**CORONATION**

Half-time., Estes Stadium
2011 UCA Homecoming Queen
NOMINATION FORM
Deadline: October 3rd, 2011
Return to Student Center 207 by 4 p.m.

PLEASE PRINT:
Organization(s) Name: ________________________________________________________________
Contact Person: _________________________________________________________________
Name of Nominee: ______________________________________________________________
Nominee’s Email/Phone Number: ______________________________________________________

*When submitting this form, be sure to pick up the “HOMECOMING QUEEN NOMINEE INFO SHEET” for each nominee.

NOMINATION POLICY
There will be a $25 fee for each nomination. If a nominee is being sponsored by more than one organization, please send only one check. Divided payment should be arranged between the organizations. We will not accept partial payment for any nominee.

Make checks payable to The Bear Den.

2011 UCA Homecoming Activities
REGISTRATION FORM
Deadline: October 3rd, 2011
Return to Student Center 207 by 4 p.m.

Indicate which homecoming activities your organization will be participating in.
For more information contact the Student Life office at 450-3137.

Circle one or several:
Banner Competition
Fight Song Competition
Bear Spirit March
Chant Competition @ The Great Bear Spirit Bonfire
Parade Float

PLEASE PRINT:
Organization Name: ________________________________________________________________
Contact Person: _________________________________________________________________
Email Address/Phone #: __________________________________________________________

*For more info about Homecoming activities contact the Student Life Office at 501-450-3137.
2011 UCA Homecoming
“Forever the ROYAL PURPLE and the GRAY”

UCA 2011 Homecoming Queen:

HOMECOMING QUEEN NOMINEES
Nomination Policies:
- Any recognized campus organization is eligible to nominate a candidate(s). Each organization can nominate as many candidates as it desires.
- There will be a $25 fee for EACH nominee.
- Make checks payable to The Bear Den.
- The candidate must be a UCA student.
- Individual nominee photographs will be taken October 6th in East McCastlain Fireplace Room for the voting display. Each nominee must have her picture taken by our photographer! No other pictures accepted.
- All nominations must be turned in to Amir Rostampour in Student Center 207 by 4 pm., Monday, Oct. 3rd.
- When you turn in your nominee(s) form, you will be given a “Homecoming Queen Nominee Information Sheet.”

HOMECOMING COURT ANNOUNCED
During Homecoming Pep Rally, Tuesday, October 25th at 7 PM
All nominees are asked to dress up for the Pep-Rally, as pictures will be taken of the new Homecoming Court.

HOMECOMING CORONATION
Saturday, Oct 29th at 6:00 PM in Estes Stadium.
The crowning of the Homecoming Queen and presentation of royalty will take place during half-time of the football game.

UCA HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES:

BANNER COMPETITION
Banners must be displayed by noon on Monday, October 24th, along the end zone fence facing Bruce Street. Each organization is responsible for putting up and taking down their banner. Banners must be taken down by Sunday, October 30th. Banners should be creative, adhere to “Forever the Royal Purple and the Gray” theme and prominently display the name of the organization. Judging will be based on: Use of Theme; Originality; Overall Appearance. The Bear Den is not responsible for lost or stolen banners. Winners will be announced during the Great Bear Spirit Bonfire and football game. Entry Deadline: October 3rd.

FIGHT SONG COMPETITION
During Homecoming Pep Rally, Tuesday, October 25th at 7 PM
Winners receive $50 prize! Entry Deadline: October 3rd.

UCA HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE BEAR SPIRIT MARCH 2011
Friday, Oct. 28th, 7:00 p.m., Carmichael & Schichtl parking lot
For Questions regarding the Spirit March contact Craig Seager 501-450-3302

UCA CHANT COMPETITION
During The Great Spirit Bonfire on Friday, Oct. 28th at 8:30 PM
Most creative UCA chant & spirited dressed group wins $50 prize! Entry Deadline: October 3rd.

HOMECOMING PARADE
Saturday, Oct. 29th at 2:30 PM
Float theme: Forever the Royal Purple and the Gray. Float line-up is 1:30 p.m. at the softball fields. Floats will be judged on: Best Overall Float, Most Spirited, & Most Creative! Winners will be announced during the football game. Sponsored by National Bank of Arkansas. Entry Deadline: Oct. 3rd. For questions regarding the parade contact Tommy Kennedy, (501) 357-6994.