September is done already?

September was insane. There is really no better way to describe last month. Programs, concerts, informational sessions, recruitment events, trainings, and ceremonies filled the September calendar to the bursting point. Students, faculty, and staff have all been busy and it is hard to condense everything into a newsletter under ten pages. Seriously, this is the condensed version. Even so, some of the biggest events of the semester are still to come, including the return of Family Day and Homecoming at the end of October/beginning of November. There are plenty of busy days ahead, so be sure you are checking out the calendar, the Family Day and Homecoming websites, UCAGreeks social media, and OrgSync to stay on top of everything. The Student Life Office staff may be tired, but we are so happy and proud of every student organization, especially our fraternities and sororities, for hosting and participating in so many programs over the last month. Keep up the great work and we look forward to seeing all of you at Family Day and during Homecoming Week!

-Scott Isenga

Greek Life Assessment

On October 3 and 4, the Fraternity and Sorority Coalition Assessment Team visited campus to conduct a Greek life assessment. The assessment was conducted by a team of four (4) fraternity and sorority professionals from across the country. Over the two day period, the team hosted interviews and focus groups to learn as much as possible about the UCA fraternity/sorority community. The meetings went very well and the team had the opportunity to talk with a wide cross-section of UCA faculty, staff, students, and alumni. Now that the interviews are complete, the team will process the data and compile a report that will be available for viewing at the end of the fall 2012 semester. With the help of the assessment, our UCA fraternity/sorority community will gain insights into strengths and areas of improvement. If you have any questions about the assessment, please contact Scott. The Student Life Office would like to thank each of the assessment team members for visiting our campus and helping our community.
Go Greek Info Night and Bear Den Stroll Off

Go Greek info night was held on September 6 and the student center ballroom. The Student Life Office hosts the event each fall semester in an effort to educate non-affiliated students about UCA fraternities and sororities. This year, 370 students attended Go Greek Info Night and learned about the twenty active fraternities and sororities at UCA. Interested students first attended a large general meeting about UCA Greek life followed by smaller meetings broken down by each council.

Following these meetings, all interested students were encouraged to check out the Greek Fair in the Student Center courtyard. The Greek Fair was very successful because it allowed students to interact with more for fraternity/sorority members while also attracting students who did not attend Go Greek info night.

After the Greek Fair, students were able to enjoy the Bear Den Stroll Off, which took place in the newly opened UCA amphitheater. The UCA Bear Den coordinated and hosted the stroll competition, which featured ten Greek organizations in competition against each other for a 250 dollar prize to their choice philanthropy. The competition was excellent and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity emerged as the winner after nearly an hour of performances. The Student Life Office would like to thank all the students who attended, the groups who strolled, and the Bear Den for sponsoring the stroll competition.
**Important Dates Cont.**

**November 2** – SPBC & NPHC Homecoming Greek Show, 7PM, Ida Waldran
- Homecoming Court Rehearsal, 4:30PM

**November 3** – Homecoming Parade, 2:30PM, Bruce Street
- UCA Football vs. Northwestern State, 7PM, Estes Stadium
- Homecoming Coronation, halftime

**November 6** – Bear Den Executive Board applications available on OrgSync
- Greek God Pageant, 7PM, Ida Waldran

**November 7** – Fall Career Fair, SC Ballroom
- SWD Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Program, 11AM-1PM, SC Lobby

**November 8** – OrgSync Refresher Training, X-Period, SC 215

**November 9** – Miss UCA Scholarship Pageant, 7PM, Reynolds Auditorium

**November 13** – OrgSync Refresher Training, X-Period, SC 224
- Dude Looks Like a Lady Pageant, 7PM, Ida Waldran

**November 14** – “Motivating the Middle,” 5PM, SC 215

**November 15** – Panhellenic President’s Roundtable, X-Period
- Great American Smokeout, 1-3 PM, SC Lobby

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

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**All Greek Highway Cleanup**

Panhellenic Council is coordinating an All Greek Highway pickup! How amazing would it be to see Greeks picking up garbage and debris from roadsides in Conway and the surrounding areas on the same day?!?! Well, it will happen on Sunday, October 21. Make sure you contact the local Highway Department to get your vests and trash bags. Also, if you do not have a designated area, please pick up an area in town that needs the love! We will meet in the BBA parking lot for a group picture rocking out in our orange vests and then each organization will head out to their areas. Remember to wear your block letter shirts so everyone can see that UCA Greeks are making a difference!

-Story submitted by Lindsey Osborne

**October UCA Greek Village Consultant Meetings**

On October 10 and 11, Daniel Durack UCA Greek village consultant, will be back on campus to hold meetings with various stakeholders. On October 10, Daniel will be meeting with All Greek council representatives at 4:30 PM in SC 215. Daniel will then be meeting with one different representative from each fraternity/sorority at 6:00 PM and 7:30 PM in SC 215. On October 11 Daniel will be meeting with representatives from SGA during X-Period in their office. During the evening of the 11th Daniel will be meeting with the Greek Alumni Advisory Board in the UCA Fireplace Room at 6:00 PM. If you have any questions about these meetings, please contact Wendy Holbrook.

**RSO Fair 2012**

The 2012 RSO fair took place on September 25 in the Student Center courtyard. The RSO Fair featured UCA student organizations at tables around the courtyard from 10 AM to 2 PM. This year, at least 100 student organizations participated and over 500 students attended. In addition, Pop Violinist, Josh Vietti, performed in the new amphitheater courtesy of the UCA Student Activities Board (SAB). The combination of his music and the tables provided a wide array of entertainment for students on the 25th. The Student Life Office would like to thank all the students who attended, the organizations that set up tables, and SAB for adding the amazing musical entertainment.
**Important Council Information**

**IFC**  
**IFC Fall Recruitment**

Below are the fall 2012 recruitment totals for each IFC fraternity as of October 1. Bids may still be extended until 11:59 PM on November 29. Congratulations to all of the men who joined an IFC organization thus far!

Kappa Sigma: 9 men  
Phi Gamma Delta: 10 men  
Phi Sigma Kappa: 2 men  
Pi Kappa Alpha: 15 men  
Sigma Nu: 5 men  
Sigma Phi Epsilon: 7 men  
Total: 48 men

**IGC**  
**IGC Fall Recruitment Recap**

As of October 1, nine men have accepted bids to join Beta Upsilon Chi. In addition, 11 women have accepted bids to Sigma Phi Lambda. Congratulations to all of the new IGC members. If you are interested in learning more about IGC, please contact Desiree Shay, IGC Council President.

**Panhellenic**  
**Spring Formal Recruitment Registration**

Panhellenic spring 2013 recruitment registration is now open! Please encourage interested women to sign up online right here. Registration is open until December 14, so please make sure that women are signing up now. Women who sign up this year will also be required to join the Panhellenic Council portal on OrgSync. If you need more information about the recruitment registration process, please visit the Panhellenic formal recruitment page.

**IGC Service Week**

The Independent Greek Council (IGC) held their first service week from September 30 through October 6. The goal of the week was for IGC to give back to the UCA and Conway communities through a week of service. On Sunday evening, IGC picked up and took out trash in multiple on-campus living centers. Monday was filled with a visit to Soaring Wings for a camp clean up. During the afternoon on Tuesday and Wednesday, IGC volunteered at the College Square retirement community for craft time and Bible study. On Wednesday and Thursday evenings, the men and women of IGC collected non-perishable food items from Conway neighborhoods to donate to Soul Food Ministry. Saturday morning, IGC members helped with Bingo activities at College Square. Overall, IGC Service week was a big success with plenty of service hours donated and 464 non-perishable goods donated to Soul Food Ministry. Congratulations to IGC on their first successful Service Week!

**All Greek Council**

The All Greek Council (AGC) had their first meeting on September 26 in the UCA Student Center. This first meeting covered these five things: 1) Introductions; 2) Purpose and score of AGC; 3) Constitution updates; 4) Planning for the next meeting; and 5) Chapter updates. The meeting was well attended with only three organization not in attendance. During their next meeting, the AGC will meet with Daniel Durack, Greek Village Consultant, and discuss their thoughts and opinions on the housing project. After the meeting with Daniel, the AGC will hold nominations and elections for Executive Board positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The group also decided that they will continue to meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:30 PM in the Student Center. If you have any questions or concerns about AGC, please contact Scott or Lindsey.
2012 Greek Convocation

Dr. Lori Hart spoke to all UCA fraternities and sororities during Greek Convocation on September 9. Dr. Hart's topic was "Making Greek Great," which encourages fraternity/sorority members to hold themselves and their brothers/sisters to higher standards each day. Dr. Hart was a hilarious and inspirational speaker that had nearly 700 fraternity/sorority members thinking about their actions one minute and laughing loudly the next. Many students informed us that she was the best Greek Convocation speaker they had ever seen. The Student Life Office would like to thank Dr. Hart for visiting UCA and inspiring our fraternity/sorority members!

Greek Alumni Advisory Board (GAAB) Update

The Greek Alumni Advisory Board (GAAB) has met twice since the start of the semester. The first meeting took place during Greek Convocation with Daniel Durak, UCA Greek village consultant, President Courtway, and four members of the UCA Board of Trustees. This initial meeting was a reintroduction to our Greek village project for alumni and the Board of Trustees. This meeting not only showed our alumni that UCA is committed to building a Greek village, but that the thoughts and input of every organization are essential to make the project a reality. GAAB met again on September 24 to learn about and discuss the current status of the UCA fraternity/sorority community. During this meeting, Dr. Roberts, Mr. Williams, and the Student Life staff updated the alumni on the status of fraternity/sorority community grades, achievements, size, marketing, and plans. Following the presentation, GAAB members were given time to ask staff members questions regarding information they received and have heard from students and/or advisors. The next GAAB meeting will take place on October 11 at 6:00 PM in the UCA Fireplace Room. The meeting will be led by Daniel Durack and will focus entirely on gathering more information on feelings and expectations regarding the UCA Greek village project.

Congratulations to Alpha Sigma Tau member, Molly Gardner, for winning the 2012 Greek Goddess competition.
IFC/IGC Fall 2012 Bid Acceptance

IFC/I GC bid acceptance ceremony took place on September 14 on the front steps of Old Main Hall. Bid acceptance is a formal recognition of all the men who have accepted bids to an IFC or IGC fraternity up until that point. Collectively, IFC and IGC recruited approximately 50 men by bid day. Since that date, the recruitment totals stand at 48 men for IFC and nine men for IGC. Overall, this total is comparable to the amount of men that are typically recruited during the fall semester. Some fraternities still have outstanding bids, so expect more men to join organizations throughout the remainder of the fall semester. Congratulations to all the men who have accepted bids to join an IFC or IGC fraternity this semester!

Sig Ep Donation

The men of Sigma Phi Epsilon held their “Rock the Yard” concert on August 30 to raise funds for the Faulkner County Boys and Girls Club. The concert was a huge success and Sig Ep raised 5063 dollars for the Boys and Girls Club of Faulkner. The money will assist with building costs for building a new and improved Boys and Girls Club facility on the corner of South German Lane and Robins Street. Representatives from Sig Ep presented the Boys and Girls Club with a donation check on September 13 during the topping out ceremony for the new facility. As part of the ceremony, representatives from Sig Ep signed a beam that will be utilized in the construction of the new complex. The Student Life Office would like to thank the men of Sig Ep for hosting the concert and raising this money for such a great cause. If you would like to read more about the donation and the dedication ceremony, please click here. Pictures from the event can also be viewed on the UCA Sig Ep Facebook page.

Great article by Amanda Cross of Sigma Sigma Sigma about wearing your sorority letters with pride!