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ARKANSAS UNION:
• Union traffic count 9/08-9/13: 86,253
• The Union hosted 285 events
• Welcome Rob Stagni as the new Director of the Arkansas Union. Rob originally hails from New Orleans, but lived all over the United States. A graduate of Texas A&M, he received his Master’s in Higher Education and Student Affairs from Indiana University – Bloomington in 2009. Rob has worked at the University of Missouri, Boise State, and Tulane University, in both housing and Student Center positions.

CAMPUS CARD OFFICE:
• Created 232 faculty, staff and student ID Cards and processed $12,045 in Razorbuck$ deposits
• Loaned card readers to 6 departments totaling 1004 attendees

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER:
• Career Fest | Wednesday, September 10 - Wednesday, October 15 | Various Times | Various Locations
The University Career Development Center presents Career Fest, a semester of professional development events for all UA students. The event is designed to prepare and equip UA students with the skills and knowledge necessary for career success. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn from knowledgeable employers and staff. The semester will include two keynote presentations, Diversity in the Workplace workshop, Fulbright Series, and E2 Series (Engineers Employed). Business Casual Attire Required
• Diversity Networking Event | Wednesday, September 17, 2014 | 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. | Arkansas Union 507-511
• UA Career Fair for All Majors / Veterans Fair | Thursday, September 18, 2014 | 10:00 a.m. - Noon & 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Arkansas Union Ballroom
• UA Graduate and Professional School Fair | Thursday, September 18, 2014 | 10:00 a.m. – Noon & 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | International Connections Lounge ( 3rd Floor in Arkansas Union)

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:
• Volunteer Action Center has applications available for the following volunteer opportunities:
  1) Project leaders for Make a Difference Day, available at http://service.uark.edu
  2) Grant applications are available for Make a Difference Day! VAC is giving out $200-$500 mini grants to support projects for Make a Difference Day 2014! http://volunteer.uark.edu
  3) Project leaders for Dream B.I.G. Day of Service during Fall Break, Volunteers will be assisting with building sets and costumes to help the students of Marvell/Elaine High School present The Wiz! Applications can be found at http://service.uark.edu
  4) Assistant Coordinators for Dream B.I.G. A.C.’s help with the planning of the Dream B.I.G. camp and then during camp become mentors. A.C.’s assist with curriculum development, mentor training, communication and logistics. This is a great training opportunity to build event planning skills. Applications can be found at http://service.uark.edu
  5) Razorback Food Recovery is the newest program of the Volunteer Action Center. The program recovers food in the retail unit on campus and distributes the food to local non-profits. RFR is launching phase II of their program by launching hot food recovery in Pomfret Hall beginning October 1. Applications are now available for Recovery Volunteers. Volunteers will recover that will be repackaged into freezer meals that will be distributed throughout the community. Volunteers are needed from 2:00-3:30 daily- this is an on-campus volunteer opportunity.

CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL ACCESS:
• 289 new students with disabilities registered for services this academic year.
• 809 students have requested academic accommodations in 1,683 courses for the Fall semester.
• 416 unique books are being converted to alternate formats for 148 students with print-based disabilities.
• 34 tests proctored so far this semester.

GREEK LIFE:
• Greek Life set another record! On Sunday, the Interfraternity distributed more than 690 bids. Prior to 2004, IFC had only 150 men participating in the entire recruitment process. Recruitment 2014 has been a tremendous success. Thanks to all chapters, alumni advisors, Greek Life staff, and other university departments who played a major role this fall!
• Social Policy Training for chapters were held on September 9 & 11, 2014. More than 60 chapter members and alumni advisors were present. This training was facilitated by UAPD and the Whiteside Greek Life Leadership Center.
• UA Greek fraternities will be participating in a Sexual Assault Prevention Training on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 in the Arkansas Union. Facilitators will include various Greek alumni such as Scott Varady, Rodger Hunter, and Matt Lindsey as well as current council leaders. Collaborators include: the Interfraternity Council, National Pan-Hellenic Council, the UA Office of Equal Opportunity and Compliance, Academic Initiatives and Integrity, the Whiteside Greek Life Leadership Center.
• Greek Life will be supporting Integrity Awareness Week September 22-26 at the University of Arkansas. For more information, please visit this web link: [http://newswire.uark.edu/articles/25082/integrity-awareness-week-sept-22-26?utm_source=Newswire&utm_medium=email2014-09-10&utm_campaign=integrity-awareness-week-sept-22-26](http://newswire.uark.edu/articles/25082/integrity-awareness-week-sept-22-26).
• There will be an NPHC Chapter Advisor Meeting on September 22 in the Whiteside Greek Life Leadership Center at 6 p.m.
• Greeks Keeping It Real will be held on September 29 in the Arkansas Union Ballroom beginning at 6 p.m. & 8 p.m. All new members are required to attend.

NEW STUDENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS:
• Family Weekend is this week. On track to be the largest ever with over 2,700 packages purchased. A schedule of events and activities can be found at [http://parents.uark.edu/familyweekend.php](http://parents.uark.edu/familyweekend.php).
• FNL: Casino Royale on Friday @ 8:00 PM – 12:00 Midnight. Co-sponsored by RIC and Parent & Family Programs. Event will include casino games, novelties, and more. All are invited to attend.
• Emerging Leaders applications are available at [http://nsfp.uark.edu/4289.php](http://nsfp.uark.edu/4289.php). Encourage any first year student interested in developing leadership skills to apply.
• Upcoming Events: DFW Regional Parents Club Fall Meet & Greet @ Frisco – Friday, September 26th; DFW Regional Parents Club Tailgate Party with Alumni Association – Saturday, September 27th.

OFF CAMPUS CONNECTIONS:
• Staff attended a Transfer Recruitment meeting on Sept. 4 with admissions and advising staff to plan future events for potential transfer students and coordinate the best ways to recruit and assist transfers. OCC will have a presentation at the two Transfer Preview Days in the fall on Oct. 17 and Dec. 5.

PAT WALKER HEALTH CENTER (PWHC):
• RESPECT has distributed more than 200 t-shirts to students, faculty and staff for the “That’s So 6%” campaign. They will continue to hold short information sessions in the upcoming weeks. For more information, visit [http://respect.uark.edu/thats-so-6](http://respect.uark.edu/thats-so-6). Click on Facebook and Twitter at the top of the page to find out when the next information sessions will be. World Suicide Prevention Day was September 10. Counseling and Psychological Services teamed up with the Dean of Students to offer an informational table in the Student Union Food Court. Students wrote more than 70 messages of hope and encouragement for those who have been affected by or are having thoughts of suicide.
• The Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) had its first meeting of the semester on Tuesday, September 16. SHAC will meet the first and third Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m. in Pat Walker Health Center room 283.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES:
Associated Student Government (ASG)
- Alex Marino, a doctoral student in History, was selected as the first Speaker of the ASG Graduate Student Congress, this past weekend.
- 60 freshman successfully interviewed for the Fresh HOGS Fall cohort. 20 freshman will be selected for the semester long-program.
- 27 Senators and 22 GSC Representatives were elected this past week. The Fall Vacancy Election had the highest voter turnout in three years. Election trusts can be found at asg.uark.edu.

Distinguished Lecture Committee (DLC):
- Bill Nye is speaking on Friday, September 19 at 7pm in Barnhill Arena. Open to students, faculty, staff and general public. No tickets for event.
- Kevin Hines and Kevin Briggs - Call For Hope speaker will be on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fayetteville Town Center. This event is a suicide prevention program that is co-sponsored with the Social Work Department, Phi Alpha and the NWA Suicide Prevention Coalition.

Registered Student Organizations (RSO):
- Officer Development Series: Advertising and Outreach, Sept. 22, ARKU 308, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- University Programs (UP):
  - Currently taking applications for our web designer position. This is a paid position. Students that are interested can pick up an application in the Office of Student Activities (Union A-665) or get it from the OSA website, osa.uark.edu

Upcoming events:
- 9/15 Gallery Reception: First Year Photo project, AKAG, 6 p.m.;
- 9/16 Disney Film Series: Little Mermaid, UP Video Theater, 7 p.m.;
- 9/17 Trivia Night, ABP, 7 p.m.;
- 9/18 Hispanic Heritage Month Movie: Cesar Chavez, UP Video Theater, 7 p.m.

STUDENT STANDARDS & CONDUCT:
- For dates 9/09 to 9/16: 76 conduct cases including: 54 use/possession of alcohol, 6 public intoxication; 8 disorderly conduct; 9 possession/use of controlled substance; 1 prescription medication misuse; 2 theft; 1 harboring pets; 3 smoking/tobacco (These numbers may include several violations for one individual).

STUDENT MEDIA:
- The 2014 Razorback yearbook is scheduled for delivery on September 26 and will be distributed to the campus in early October.
- UATV studio digital conversion upgrade continues on schedule and will be completed in October.
- The Arkansas Traveler printed a notable special section examining Fayetteville’s civil rights ordinance in the Sept. 17 edition.
- If your department or RSO has an event to promote, be sure to ad it to KXUA’s event calendar. Just click on http://kxua.uark.edu/event-promotion/ and follow the instructions.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING:
- Residence Education and the Fulbright Advising Center are collaborating on a Life Raft Debate program that will occur on Tuesday, October 28. The program’s purpose is to help first-year students discover the practical, “real world” relevance of disciplines constituting the core curriculum. The program also seeks to enhance students’ appreciation of the liberal arts and to inspire them to reflect on the value and utility of their chosen subjects of study.
- Residents’ Interhall Congress will be sponsoring the Casino Night program during the September 19 Friday Night Live.
- Reid Hall is sponsoring a weekly Cinema Sunday’s series on Sunday evenings; hall will be hosting the Chocolate Wasted program on Sunday, September 28, at 8 p.m.

UNIVERSITY DINING:
- Planning and preparation is in the works for Union Day. We will be featuring Sushi with Gusto and will be serving an asian-inspired iced tea along with some coupons to drive awareness of the new brand and it’s location.
- Specialty cake orders (i.e. birthday) are now being taken at Fresh Baked at Fulbright. Publicity materials are going out this week.
- Planning is ongoing for the World Food Day events (Oct. 15-17) 5-6 different events will focus on food
insecurity on campus and in NWA. Student volunteers (RSOs) are being sought. The ultimate deliverable will be a student-created submittal for the NACUFS Loyal E. Horton award (Spring 2015)

- Social media activities this week include: Free Peet’s coffee with purchase at Fresh Baked at Fulbright, Peabody Perks is the best kept little coffee oasis, National Guacamole Day feature at Rojo and Where’s the Bagel for Einstein Bros. (This week the Bagel is dressed up as Miss Arkansas---diamond tiara included)
- Family Weekend Tailgate is going on on the Union Mall this Saturday. Directional yard signs are being produced to help tailgaters find us.
- Monday Night (Chicken) Wing Madness is in place for 9/29 in all three dining halls.

VETERANS RESOURCE AND INFORMATION CENTER:
- Assistant Director, Robert Ainley, name Veteran Home Town Hero for the Razorback game against Northern Illinois.
- VRIC, Air Force ROTC, and Army ROTC will be recognized during the Razorback game against Northern Illinois.
- Completed 88 GI Bill Certifications.
- Processed 36 National Guard 25% tuition discount waivers.
- Department of Defense conducting audit until Thursday, September 18th.
- Chancellor Gearhart and Dr. Charles Robinson will receive the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Patriot Award for support of staff currently serving in a military reserve component. The ceremony will be held on September 19th in the Center for Multicultural and Diversity Education at 2:30 p.m.