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ARKANSAS UNION:
• Weekly Traffic Count: 58,598
• AUAC has set its full meeting at January 26th at 8:30am, and our new GA Mary Raines is eager to take over!
• Union Staff have done a full facility walkthrough and have compiled a large work-order list for the future.
• North Terrace lighting has been upgraded for future evening opportunities

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:
• Full circle campus food pantry will be closed December 22 opening again on January 5th.
• We have over 120 holiday baskets requested for this year, we now have a wait list, if you know someone who needs a basket email pantry@uark.edu

CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL ACCESS:
• 494 new students with disabilities registered for services this academic year.
• 1,081 students have requested academic accommodations for the Fall semester.
• 569 unique projects are being converted to alternate formats for 192 students with print-based disabilities.
• 735 students have requested a note-taker for a total of 1,500 courses this semester, and 8,861 note files have been uploaded by note-takers.
• 2,416 tests proctored so far this semester, which is a 49% increase from Fall 2013. Also, we have 524 tests scheduled for finals week so far.
• 31 students have utilized golf cart services for the term.

GREEK LIFE:
• Six Greek Life staff members attended the Association for Fraternity and Sorority Advisors (AFA) Annual Meeting on December 2-5, 2014 at the Omni Hotel in Nashville, TN. Staff attended several workshops which focused on current issues within fraternity and sorority communities across the country including risk management efforts, becoming a values based community, recruitment/intake practices, and much more.
• During the AFA Annual Meeting, Parice S. Bowser co-presented a workshop entitled “Fresh Fish in Polluted Water: The NPHC New Member Experience” along with other colleagues from the University of Alabama, LSU, and the University of Florida. This workshop was standing room only and deemed as full session mixed with national headquarters staff, campus based professionals, and other volunteers. The workshop received high reviews and recommended to be presented again. Parice Bowser was also recognized during the Annual Meeting as the Association of Fraternal Leadership & Values Board of Directors Chairperson/President. Parice is the first African American to hold this position.
• During the Annual Meeting, Greek Life staff also attended a S.E.C. & Friends meeting to discuss prevalent topics from similar sized institutions and Greek communities hosted by Vanderbilt University. Since this group meets each year, the University of Arkansas was chosen to host the next meeting in Dallas/Fort Worth.
• Greek Life Upcoming Events: Jan. 5: Greek Life Grade Reports will be distributed to chapter presidents & advisors; Jan. 10: NPHC Leadership Gathering Part II; IFC President Retreat; Jan. 24: Greek Summit for chapter & council officers in Reynolds Auditorium; Jan. 29: February 1- AFLV Leadership Conference for Greek officers in Indianapolis; February 6 - February 14: IFC Formal Recruitment

NEW STUDENT & FAMILY PROGRAMS:
• Spring 2015 Welcome Weeks is scheduled for January 8 – 20, 2015. Events can be registered at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2015SpringWelcomeWeeks
• Upcoming Parent & Family Events: Little Rock Regional Parents Club Care Package Assembly Event – December 10th, DFW Regional Parents Club Care Package Assembly Event – December 11th.
OFF CAMPUS CONNECTIONS:
• Staff presented to 35 potential students at Transfer Preview Day on 12/5 about off-campus student life and the resources Off-Campus Connections can offer.
• Staff met with Admissions to review the university’s definition of a non-traditional student. Changes will soon be made to the university’s homepage and related Admissions’ links to provide more accurate information.
• Staff will be volunteering at the Senior Giving Tree Event on 12/9 at the Fayetteville Senior Center as part of our partnership with City of Fayetteville Community Resources.
• Staff will attend the NWA Apartment Association Awards Banquet on 12/9 along with managers from student and conventional properties in the area.
• Between December 1-7, OCC staff spent 3.91 hours assisting 182 students; 3.5 hours were spent in outreach and service-related activities (NWAAA Mtg., NWACH Board Mtg., Transfer Day); and the electronic newsletter for off-campus undergraduates had an open rate of 2,360 (15.6%). The Commuter Lounge was utilized by 194 people (including 96 for Wake-Up Wednesday). OCC Social Media: 15 Facebook Posts, 9 Tweets.

PAT WALKER HEALTH CENTER (PWHC):
• Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) held its first Play Day event in the Student Union Connections Lounge. Students were able to relieve some stress before finals with coloring, legos, play dough, yoga and breathing exercises, tips from counselors and more. This event kicked off the CAPS “Take 5 for Mental Health” initiative. Throughout the rest of the academic year, CAPS will have 4 more “Take 5” events where students can receive a mood ring and be entered to win $100 in Razorbucks if they collect all 5.
• Our primary care clinic has been seeing several cases of the Flu this season. We encourage you to practice good respiratory hygiene to help prevent the spread of germs. Cough into your elbow or cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Wash your hands frequently, especially before touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
• There is still time to get the flu vaccine! Walk in clinics continue Monday-Friday from 3-5 p.m. in the Allergy, Immunization and Travel Clinic. If you cannot make it between 3-5 p.m., you can call and make an appointment for a flu shot at 479-575-7723.
• Follow the Pat Walker Health Center on social media by connecting with us at @UofAHealth on Twitter and Instagram or on Facebook at http://facebook.com/UofAHealth. You can find out more about our events, hours of operation, get tips on wellness and more.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES:
Associated Student Government (ASG)
• Fresh HOGS are conducting a toy, food, and clothing drive, all to benefit patrons of the Richardson Center. Fresh HOGS and the Richardson Center will be hosting a Holiday Party on Saturday, December 13th at the Center as well, with a special visit from Santa who will distribute toys to children in attendance. Anyone wishing to donate a toy please drop it off unwrapped in the ASG Office, ARKU A665.
• ASG Judicial has set dates for the Spring Legislative Vacancy Election. Students interested in running for either Senate or Graduate Student Congress can pick up an application on January 12th in the OSA Office. The application has information regarding when the application is due by and other key components in running.
• The Safe Ride Committee held their first meeting of the semester this past week. Overall ridership was down compared to this time last year, as was mileage driven. Factors such as the spring in new commercial student housing and proximity were attributed to this decrease. The program remains active and steadfast in its mission.

University Programs (UP):
• Excited to announce that Niyah Phillips will be our new concerts committee chair and Luke Linder will be our Daytime chair for the spring 2015 semester.
• Upcoming events: 12/10 Improv Workshop, Union Theater, 8 p.m.

STUDENT STANDARDS & CONDUCT:
• For dates 12/2 to 12/9: 24 conduct cases including: 21 use/possession of alcohol, 7 public intoxication; 2
harassment; 2 disorderly conduct; 2 violation of safety systems (These numbers may include several violations for one individual).

**UNIVERSITY HOUSING:**
- Contract numbers for new Freshman are up 11% from this time last year
- Residence hall staff members are sponsoring a variety of finals week stress reliever activities.
- NRHH is sponsoring a Finals Week Study Break program in the Maple East Living Room on Monday, December 15, from 7 to 9 p.m.
- University Housing is sponsoring a Study Break at Mullins Library on Tuesday, December 16, from 2 to 4 p.m.
- Dr. Stephanie Adams is the 2015 recipient of the Northwest Arkansas Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Council’s Ernestine White-Gibson Individual Achievement Award. She will be recognized at the annual MLK Recommitment Banquet on January 19, 2015.
- December 12: NRHH Care Packages should be distributed to residents by this date
- Sexual Harassment Training underway for all personnel.

**UNIVERSITY DINING**
- Ugly sweater contest on Instagram has earned us over 100 new followers in two short days!
- Full Circle Soup Donation/Drive is going gangbusters. Students are being encouraged via social media to use their FLEX$ to purchase soup and other shelf stable items for the pantry. The two boxes have been filled to capacity 4 times this week. So great to see students participating.

**VETERANS RESOURCE AND INFORMATION CENTER:**
- The new Federal Tuition Assistance Policy requires current military Reservists to choose between Federal Tuition Assistance and their GI Bill. In addition, VRIC workstudy students currently in the Reserves will have to choose between Federal Tuition Assistance and their Veterans Affairs workstudy positions as the two programs cannot be used simultaneously.
- 58 applications were received for the Spring 2015 Military Book Scholarship and 10 scholarships will be awarded.
- Student Veteran Matthew Beard was honored as the Hometown Hero for the Arkansas vs Ole Miss football game. He is also currently in the Vet2Vet Professional/Student Mentorship Program and because of his participation, Matthew recently completed training with his mentor. Matthew will begin an internship this Spring 2015 at JB Hunt, his mentor’s place of employment.

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