EARLY FALL UPDATES

Class of 2012 Outreach Campaign

UA members have been hard at work since they returned to campus. To complement our Freshman FAQ project, which provided freshman students with a brochure of FAQs and answers, UA members have aimed to visit (and continue to visit) the over 2,000 freshman doors in the College Houses to ensure that students have received the Freshman FAQs. The UA hopes to extend this unprecedented outreach campaign to all doors in the College Houses.

New York Times/UA Collegiate Readership Program

The UA is pleased to announce that the second year of the New York Times/UA Collegiate Readership Program, with support from College Houses and Academic Services (CHAS) and the Provost’s Office, commenced on the first day of classes.

On September 24, 2008, as part of the readership program, the UA, in collaboration with the Daily Pennsylvanian, CHAS and Penn Student Agencies, will be hosting New York Times front page political commentator Adam Nagourney in Huntsman Hall 350 at 7 PM.

Penn Democrats & College Republicans Debate

The UA and Penn Leads the Vote are co-sponsoring a Presidential debate between the Penn Democrats and College Republicans that will take place on September 30 at 7:30 PM in College Hall 200. This event will serve as a voter registration and education effort.

UA Across Campus Initiative

On September 21, 2008, the UA began its UA Across Campaign initiative, bringing the UA directly to where students are located. This initiative allows the UA to host its meetings in various locations across campus throughout the year. Our first stop was Hill College House. Other upcoming stops include other College Houses and cultural centers on campus.

UA Project Spotlights

Move-Out Deadline Concerns: The UA is working with Housing and Conference Services and other various departments across campus to address undergraduate concerns about the move-out deadline. At the end of last semester, many students felt that there was not adequate time
to move out between the last final and the move-out deadline. We are currently working through a number of recommendations regarding both short-term and long-term solutions.

**Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) NSO Safety Proposal:** Sponsored by the IFC and a UA member, this proposal urges the University to un-ban registered parties during NSO. The proposal passed on Sunday, September 21, 2008.

**Sister Hall Pilot Program:** The Sister Hall Pilot Program partnered select halls in different College Houses during NSO programming. The goal of the pilot program was to evaluate the potential utility and effectiveness of inter-College House programming during NSO. We are currently reviewing the response to this year’s pilot program.

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We absolutely look forward to working with the University Council this year!

Submitted,

Wilson Tong
Chair, Undergraduate Assembly