

VICE PRESIDENT FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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Madame President and Esteemed Assembly Members:

The following highlights recent news on and developments in GAPSA's public affairs work:

Como Cookout. GAPSA partnered with the Southeast Como Improvement Association, the Student and Community Relations Office, the Office of University Relations, and Van Cleve Park to welcome student renters back to the neighborhood and encourage connections between long-term residents and renters. The event included free food, live music, family-friendly entertainment featuring the Raptor Center and a resource fair highlighting University and Community Organizations – such as GAPSA, as well as local businesses.

2008 "Support the U Day" Planning and Promotion. Although the "StUD" planning committee has yet to meet, we have scheduled the 2008 "Support the U Day" for Wednesday, February 20, 2008. Similar to last year, the event will include a noontime rally in the Capitol Rotunda followed by opportunities for students to meet with their legislators, and, of course, a free box lunch for all students.

Public Affairs Committee. The Public Affairs Committee (PAC) met on September 12, 2007. The committee discussed plans for the upcoming Como Cookout, as well as the PAC fall agenda and fall meeting dates/times. Fall meetings will be held at 5:45 PM on the following dates:

- Wednesday, October 10
- Wednesday, November 7
- Wednesday, December 5

In addition, the PAC decided to seek executive committee authorization to participate in the "Legislative Action Day" of the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS) on October 11 – 12 in Washington, D.C. The PAC also agreed to support submission of a panel proposal on GAPSA's 2007 "Support the U Day" planning and promotion efforts to the NAGPS annual conference.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any comments or questions.

Thank You,

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