

## SO, WHAT'S NEW?

- Chinese House, entering its second year as part of MLP, has a thriving student count.....
- Our Manager Board has expanded to incorporate more undergraduate leadership in the Modern Languages Program....
- Academic programming in the House will be taking a step forward next year with an enhanced upper-classman mentor program, major selection dinners, a series on international travel and study, increased resident faculty involvement in Dinner with Gregory, and GA-run programs on graduate school admissions and lifestyle....
- Last year's staff, bolstered by the addition of undergraduate Resident Advisors, received our highest satisfaction marks ever in the annual College Houses survey....
- No major renovations this summer to the buildings (shocking!) but we do have new ultra-bright lighting in the hallways (unfortunately, that means you can see the carpets better), free laundry machines, and something of a facelift to our brickwork outside. We're working on installing high definition projectors in the Film/TV lounges in each building and we may have a computer lab expansion into the Van Pelt basement....

# Gregory College House Alumni Society Newsletter

To find out what's going on at your old home-away-from-home, check out this year's edition of the Gregory Guidebook at <http://gregory.house.upenn.edu/brochure.pdf> for staff and event listings, website guide and more. Also see us on facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/group.php?gid=2204202906>

## Alumni Reunion Brunch

Most Alumni Society members are recent grads, but on May 18th we were delighted to meet some true House veterans: the founding fathers of Van Pelt House (classes of 1972-1975). A strong turnout of enthusiastic Van Peltians filled the piano lounge for a bustling Sunday brunch and reminisced about exciting days gone by (apparently the buildings haven't changed much, to none of our surprise!). A few of our undergraduate staff and house council members

were on hand to mingle and learn about a much different era in Penn's history (thanks to sophomore Hayley Germack for photos, available at <http://picasaweb.google.com/gregorycollegehouse/AlumniWeekend2008>).

We'd be thrilled to host future reunion events, during alumni weekend or other times; let us know if you're interested in corraling some of your former housemates...



## GA/RA Reunion

Speaking of reunions, there's a special one in the works to help commemorate the College House system's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. On Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 5-7 PM, there's a celebration for former (and current) GAs and RAs at the Inn at Penn.

Registration will be available from the Homecoming website: <http://www.alumni.upenn.edu/homecoming2008/>. Of course, we'd be happy to host any Gregory staff veterans for a "post-celebration celebration" in the House.

For more on the CHAS anniversary (and seriously, where would the college houses—and especially Gregory-- be without our best RAs & GAs?) see <http://www.collegehouses.upenn.edu/tenth/>.

# Gregory Graduates, 2008



One last congratulations for our graduating class of 2008: Thura Al-Windawi, Tsega Anbessie, Gustavo Centeno, Kai Chin, Vanessa Cid, Erica Denhoff, Tyler Giddings, Amit Khasgiwala, Teri Kirby, Robert Medina, Sergei Peysakhov, Erin Pirruccello, Caitrin Rinehimer, Amanda Santana, Ray Seghal, Maki Shibati, Ashish Shrestha, Justin Sykes, Andrew Watterson, Philip Whitehead, and Graduate Associates Jennifer Crewalk, Danie Jackson and Gunder Varinlioglu. And though she isn't leaving Penn, longtime Faculty Fellow Heather Love and her wonderful family are also moving on; we'll miss her many con-

tributions to the House, including her extremely generous and popular writing help sessions.

This year's recipient of the Joanne Lucid Award for service to the Gregory community was Gustavo Centeno; other honorees were Thura Al-Windawi and Teri Kirby. You can see the list of past winners and honorable mentions at <http://gregory.house.upenn.edu/lucidaward.aspx>.

## Bon Voyage to Winnie

Those alums who graduated in the last two years, or who wrote to us about visits, guest suite rentals, alumni swag, etc, no doubt got to know Winnie Tang, our House Coordinator. This newsletter marks the end of Winnie's time in Gregory; she's leaving us for grander pastures, having been awarded a Fulbright to teach and do research at the Hong Kong Institute of Education in New Territories, Hong Kong. Winnie has been instru-

mental in getting our Alumni Society off the ground, and she made the office a fun place for our residents to visit by increasing services and expanding office hours on nights and weekends. Oh, and by being charming, of course. We'll be announcing her successor on the facebook group later this summer, but in the meantime we congratulate Winnie for her move from Alumni Society Officer to Alumni Society member.

## Opening Barbeque!



In Philly for Labor Day weekend? Alumni Society members are welcome to take part in a full day of Gregory festivities on Monday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, including our annual cookout and karaoke. Just drop a line to Chris or the new Coordinator, particularly if you require vegetarian options. More info—including start time—will be posted to the facebook group later this summer. Expect more invites throughout the year to events in-house and also excursions with current Gregory residents!