The Council of Student Leaders is in the process of planning for an exciting new year.

- **CSL Retreat**
  - The Council will be having its fall retreat September 12th-14th at Montreat Conference Center. During the retreat we will be planning and preparing for the 2008-2009 school year. We will partake in a variety of team building activities to help unify the Council.

- **Membership**
  - I am currently working on filling all of the automatic positions on the Council. As some of you may know the Council is made up of 36 members: 17 automatic members, 17 annual members, and 2 advisors. Five positions are reserved for new students, including freshman and transfer students. At the beginning of the school year, advertisement will be placed throughout campus informing new students of upcoming deadlines to be a member of CSL.

- **University Committees**
  - The Council is proud to announce that all of the University Committees have been filled. The process of filling these positions was different than in past years because it was opened to the entire student body for applications, which gave us a larger pool of qualified students to choose from.

- **I-LEAD**
  - Maggie Szeman (Orientation Staff Coordinator) and I will be attending The Institute for Leadership Education and Development (I–LEAD) leadership conference July 20th-25th in Bloomington, Indiana. This conference places a strong emphasis on diversity, while also exploring leadership, community development, and change. This year we decided to look for a person to attend the conference outside of CSL, to assure that we benefit as many students as possible.

As the new student representative to the board of trustees, I am looking forward to working with every single one of you this upcoming year, it is truly an honor. I am also very excited to have the opportunity to serve the student body. As chair I will strive to improve communication, create a more inclusive community, and continue our ongoing committee commitment, in hopes that this year will be as successful as possible. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.