



Summer Newsletter - 2001

Message From the President:

Well, here another summer is almost over...the kids start back in school in a few weeks, our football team is already conducting informal practices, and Dear Old State is gearing up for another academic year. I hope you all have had a wonderful summer so far, and that what remains will be fun too.

The annual meeting this year is going to be a bit different than in the past. Normally as you know we hold our annual meeting – where among other things we elect our Board – in conjunction with the first football game of the season. This year however, our first game has several 'firsts' attached to it: (1) It's going to be the first game in our newly-renovated and expanded stadium; (2) We're going to face off against one of the top-rated teams in the country in the University of Miami Hurricanes (pre-season #1-3, depending on which prognosticator you read); and (3) it's going to be the first night game at Beaver Stadium since 1996. Compounding this is the fact that it's a 7PM (Central) kickoff, it's during Labor Day weekend, and further that there are quite a few of our Chapter who will be at the game. For these reasons (the latter three), I've decided that it wouldn't be in everyone's best interests to try and hold our annual meeting September 1st.....some of us will be at the game (me included), some will be on vacation, and some won't want to be out on the road late after a night game. Our second game this year won't be any better of a selection; it's Thursday night September 13th at the University of Virginia. That leaves the THIRD game as our best choice. So.....we'll be holding our annual meeting September 22nd, in conjunction with the Wisconsin home game. Not sure yet where...or even when (TV schedule isn't that far along as yet). I'll let you all know.

Oh, one thing that we ALL should be proud of: The Emerald Coast Chapter was selected at the 2001 winner of the Community Service Award from National!!!!!! This is a significant achievement, since we're a small Chapter membership-wise. However, we DO need more volunteers to help out with our Community Service project. Please read the related article elsewhere in this newsletter, and give Tonie a call with your pledge of help. Remember, **WE ARE....PENN STATE!**

Stan Allsopp '70

DUES REMINDER FOR 2001-2002

If you wish to continue receiving newsletters, emails etc. please make sure that your dues are paid for the 2001-2002 year. Notices were sent out in the spring and again for those who were

delinquent and then again. Please make checks payable to **PSAA**

Mail to:

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Family membership(married) \$15.00

Single membership (singles only) \$12.00

If you have a red star by this notice, you have NOT paid your dues for this year.

++ SPORTS SHORTS

- The Men's basketball team made it to Regionals in the NCAAs
- The Men's volleyball team again made it to the Final Four, where they were beaten by eventual National Champ BYU.
- Three Lion baseball players were drafted by Major League teams, the most ever. Yes, they all graduated too.
- The men's gymnastics team finished 5th at Nationals, including a National Champ on rings.
- The women's gymnastics team finished 16-11 and made it to Regionals before bowing out.
- The women's volleyball team is the pre-season favorite to win the Big Ten.
- Despite a tough schedule, the wrestling team is still ranked #21.
- The defending National Champ Icers Men's Div-1 ice hockey team blew away all their competition, and repeated as National Champs!
- A really great Penn State fan site is at www.nittanyfootball.com - excellent online discussion forum too. Check it out!

Nittany Tip:

The Alumni Association webpage hosts an "Alumni Store"? There's over 300 items on the site to browse and buy. Great site! Visit <http://www.alumni.psu.edu/marketplace/default.html> and check it out!

WEIS ELEMENTARY UPDATE....

A new school year is starting on August 13th and we need volunteers to go into Kathy Sabata's classroom to help. We were down to 2-3 people last year, which is hardly a commitment from our group.

Last January, I submitted a nomination form to the Awards and Recognition Program at the Penn State Alumni Association. I described what we did with the special education class at Weis Elementary; telling them about purchasing school supplies, helping with Christmas

parties and paying for several field trips for the class. In this I had to include how this program supported our goals within our organization, what the long and short-term benefits were and what impact it had on our club. In May, Stan was notified that the Emerald Coast chapter was receiving the Chapter Award for Community Service. This award recognizes chapters that have distinguished themselves through exceptional program offerings. There will be a recognition dinner honoring all award winners. Stan and I will be traveling to State College in November to attend this banquet and accept this award on behalf of our chapter.

With this in mind, I would encourage all of you to help in whatever way you can to support this very worthwhile project. We will be setting up a classroom library and will be purchasing books to stock the library. If you have any contributions (books that are in good shape), we will welcome them. Of course, a monetary donation will be welcome. We will continue to help with the Christmas party and I have already purchased some Back-to-School supplies for the class to start out the new school year. Each child will receive a Welcome Back to School Bag full of goodies.

If you can help in ANY way, please call me. (941-0920)

TONIE

Email Addresses: Our email database is **OUT OF DATE**....several of you have changed your provider or identifier, but forgot to tell us. The Chapter relies on email to keep costs down when getting the word out, as well as keeping members updated on football and other happenings in Happy Valley. Please take time and email Stan or Tonie if you've changed your email address in the past year.

E-Commerce is Alive and Well!! Don't forget the price break that you get from BackOnCampus.com, the online store that specializes in college clothing and paraphernalia. In essence, every time you shop at this site and let them know our special code (PSU-10), you get a 5% discount on everything you buy. Just as neat, the Chapter receives a 5% commission on all sales that have that "PSU-10" code annotated (compounded quarterly). It's simple, and a secure site as well. Details on how to get the discount are on our Chapter website - or call Stan for the information. Visit www.backoncampus.com and check it out!

ANNUAL MEETING

As noted in the President's Remarks, the annual meeting will be September 22nd, at a time and place to be announced later. Please mark this on your calendar, and plan on attending. As soon as the TV schedule is firmed up, we'll be able to set this up. **DON'T** wait until then to pay your dues – **YOU'LL** be too late.

Did you know?

- Penn State is ranked third among Division 1A schools in the number of Academic All-Americans; fourth in the number of football players achieving that recognition.
 - For the third consecutive year, Penn State led the Big Ten in Academic All-Conference selectees across all sports, with a record 227 selections. Ohio State is a distant second.
 - With the Beaver Stadium expansion completed this summer, it is the 2nd-largest college stadium in the nation, after Michigan Stadium.
 - In addition to new Linebackers coach Ron Vanderlingen (former HC at Maryland), Paterno has brought in two more: Kenny Carter from Pittsburgh to coach the WRs, and Brian Norwood from Texas Tech to handle the secondary.
 - And more news of Adam Taliaferro, the freshman CB who was severely injured against Ohio State last year and given little chance of ever recovering movement....not only is he back in school and walking, he has announced his intention to lead the team out of the tunnel against Miami!!! What an inspiration this young man is!!!
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Have a new idea? ... Want to help?... Here's who to contact!!

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