



Winter Newsletter 2001

Message From the President:

Well, what can be said about this past football season? Not only was it NOT a 'normal' Penn State season, the first half was just plain awful! However, it looked like the team started to put it together in the second half, and the closeout game against Michigan State was almost like old times - but it was COLD up there!!!! Honestly, though, who would've bet any money that we'd see a shotgun formation, slot-back pitchouts, and tight-end slants over the middle while Joe was still coach???? Lots of new stuff on offense (new to Penn State anyway)....and with this incoming recruit class, I'm getting real excited about our prospects for next year - despite having to open against what may be the pre-season #1 team, Miami.

Our community project of support and mentoring to a class at Weis Elementary School is still ongoing, but suffering from a shortage of volunteers. Come on folks....with a group of over 100 strong now, I find it pretty unsettling that only a few of you can find the time to devote even just a couple hours per month or so to help in this most worthwhile project. We've received national recognition and praise (from the main office) for this effort - I don't want to see it come down to depending on 2-3 people to keep it going. This is the only volunteer project we have; as such, I don't feel bad at all 'pressuring' the membership to get more involved. I call on you all to show your PENN STATE PRIDE.

We've got several get-togethers in the works for this year. On March 24th, we'll be having an end-of-winter get-together. Of course, we'll also continue our annual combined picnic/golf/social coming up in June - and I need a volunteer(s) to set that up. There's also our annual membership meeting coinciding with the first football game of the 2001 season (Miami, September 1st). So plan on attending these!

Looking forward to another great summer along the Emerald Coast! GO LIONS!!!!

Stan Allsopp '70

CHAPTER WEBSITE!!! Our website continues to grow and improve, thanks to our volunteer Webmaster Steve Milz. Visit the site at <http://www.thepcsweb.com/psu-ecfl/index.asp>. Bookmark now!

Email Addresses: Our email database is still a bit old....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.

Dues Reminder – Your 2001-2002 dues invoice is inserted with this newsletter. Please take time and mail in your dues now – so you don't forget it!

++ SPORTS SHORTS

Quite a few Penn State winter athletic teams are doing just great!

- The 14-7 Men's basketball team is making a run for a slot in the NCAAs.
 - The 9th-ranked Men's volleyball team, is picked to repeat as EIVA Conference Champs.
 - The defending National Champ Women's volleyball team finished the season #6 and 30-6, after losing to eventual National Champ Southern Cal in the Pacific Regional finals.
 - The 16th-ranked Women's basketball team at 16-6, is tied for the Big Ten lead.
 - The baseball team is starting out ranked #40, a first in pre-season rankings ever.
 - The men's (#6) and women's (#10) gymnastics teams are continuing their excellent seasons.
 - Despite a tough schedule, the wrestling team is still ranked #21.
 - The #2-ranked and defending National Champ Icers Men's Div-1 ice hockey team (22-3-2) has qualified for the national tournament, their 7th in the past 8 years.
 - Mike Munchak, a two-time AA lineman at PSU and many-time All-Pro, was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, the 5th former Nittany Lion to be so honored.
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Nittany Tip:

The Alumni Association webpage is now hosting an "Alumni Store"? There's over 200 items (so far) on the site to browse and buy. Great site! Visit <http://www.alumni.psu.edu/marketplace/default.html> and check it out!

Weis Elementary Project Update:

We have had a busy year with Mrs. Sabata's class. At first there were 10 children, then went up to 13 and now we're back to 10. For those folks who volunteered last year, many of "your kids" have moved on to other schools or classes. We now have 8 boys and 2 girls and need assistance whenever you can spare an hour or two a week or month. These kids get use to seeing us and when you stop coming, they do notice.

There was a great Thanksgiving and Christmas party. For Christmas our club purchased beautiful hardcover books for each child. I also purchased appropriate toys for the boys and girls. The boys received hot wheels trucks and had a blast playing with them all afternoon. These were the large trucks, not the tiny ones. I bought the girls a purse filled with nail polish, lipstick, perfume, powder etc. Of course, we stuffed the rest of their bags with candy and a Christmas ornament. One of the little girls, Charlene said, "I'm going to take these things home and rewrap them to put under my tree."

From Mrs. Sabata:

"Thank you to you and Penn State for making this day so special. It is a shame that every teacher can't have an organization like yours. You have no idea how much I appreciate you and your Club."

Our field trip to The Zoo still has not occurred yet. We've scheduled it twice but cancelled due to bad weather. Presently, we are hoping to go in March or April.

I would appreciate more help with the class. I go in weekly for 3-4 hours, but due to some other commitments, will have to cut back on my time. Mrs. Sabata really can use some help. Friday is movie day, so that's not a good day to go in, but just about any other day is fine. Call Kathy Sabata: 595-6888, ext. 258 if you want to go in to help. Believe me, you will enjoy it. I would like to thank the Hancock's, Rudloff's, Stump's, Watt's and Werner's for their monetary contributions to the class. We need money to help finance parties, field trips and buy Christmas gifts. If anyone has any other ideas as to what we can do for the class, please let me know.

I have submitted a nomination to the Event Management office for a Chapter Award for Community Service. We'll have to wait and see what happens. Any questions, please call me.

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!

SPRING GET-TOGETHER:

An informal "Pre-Blue-White Game" party will be held 2PM til ? at 4535 Deerfield Drive,

Pensacola FL on March 24th. We'll be getting together to talk about the previous season, recruiting, PSU basketball, Happy Valley, Philly cheese steaks, 'soda' versus 'pop', whatever you all want.....just for the heck of it! Beer, wine & sodas on the Chapter. Please bring a hors d'oeuvre (snack, desert, etc) for sharing. RSVP to either Stan or Tonie at 941-0920 or email to rsallsopp@mindspring.com or alallsopp@aol.com by March 21st. Need directions? Let us know.

JUNE OUTING

Need a volunteer(s) to coordinate our June outing this year. Stan Allsopp who usually does that won't be able to. Please let Stan (contact info below) know if you'd like to handle this. HELP!!!

Did you know?

- The Penn State Cheerleaders earned a pair of significant national honors at the recent Universal Cheerleading Association college championships. The women entered in the all-female division finished second overall, while the PSU entry in the 4-woman finished the stunt-partner as national champs.
 - Penn State's football coaching staff is changing. Al Golden departed as LB coach for the Defensive Coordinator job at UVa; Kenny Jackson (WR coach) was hired by the NFL's Steelers to be their WR Coach; and Ron Vanderlingen (former Head Coach at MD) was hired to replace Golden as LB Coach. Rumor has it there may be even more changes (in addition to whoever will replace Jackson) during the off-season. More changes in one season than in the past 10 combined!
 - When the Beaver Stadium expansion is completed this summer, it will be the 2nd-largest college stadium in the nation, after Michigan Stadium.
 - The Miami game, set for September 1st, is presently scheduled for an 8PM kickoff!
 - This year's football recruiting class ended up ranked anywhere between #8 and #18, depending on which self-proclaimed 'guru' you want to believe.
 - And the best news of all, Adam Taliaferro, the freshman CB who was severely injured against Ohio State last year and given little chance of ever recovering movement, walked out of the hospital using only crutches, and is given an excellent chance of full recovery!!!!
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Have a new idea? ... Want to help?... Here's who to contact!!

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