



EMERALD COAST CHAPTER NEWS



Spring Newsletter - 2002

Message From the President:

Although our football team had some major stumbles early in the season, they rebounded with some good wins, and quality play. Joe got his NCAA record of wins, and it was even sweeter to get it against Ohio State in a major come-from-behind victory! Unfortunately, our Lions somehow fell apart in the finale against Virginia. However, there were many bright spots and promising performances from up-and-coming underclassmen, and there's little doubt we have the premier Quarterback in the Big Ten for next year in redshirt sophomore Zack Mills. Despite another tough schedule including perennial power Nebraska, we should do well. Having 8 (yep, count 'em) home games won't hurt either!

Our civic project – the Weis Elementary 'adopted' class – is going strong, but we need more participation from you! Four folks total out of a membership of over 90 is not real great. Won't you contribute just an hour of your month to help? We've also got our national Service Week Project coming up (see below). Let's see a bit of that Penn State spirit and volunteer your time!

I'd like to have a summer get-together again this year....and am open to suggestions. Please let me know (1) your idea(s); and (2) your willingness to help. I've been on the road quite a bit lately (and it doesn't look like it's going to let up soon) and just don't have the time to do it all myself.

I'd also like any thoughts/ideas on fun things for us to do as a Chapter....let's hear from you!

On a sad note, recently one of our student-athletes, Kevin Dare, a sophomore pole vaulter, died in a tragic accident during the Big Ten Indoor Track & Field championships. I know you all join me in expressing our heartfelt sorrow at the loss of a fine young Nittany Lion.

OK....enough for now. Enjoy the summer!

Stan Allsopp '70

DUES REMINDER FOR 2002-2003

If you wish to continue receiving newsletters, emails etc. please make sure that your dues are paid for the 2002-2003 year. Please make checks payable to **PSAA**

Mail to: **Tonie Allsopp**
4535 Deerfield Drive
Pensacola, FL 32526

Family membership (married) \$15.00
Single membership (singles only) \$12.00

ANNUAL MEETING!!! Mark your calendar NOW – tentatively August 31st, 11:30AM (possibly Damon's in Pensacola). We'll be electing (re-electing?) several Board members...and of course settling down to watch the Penn State – Central Florida game afterward. Firmed up plans will be in the Summer 2002 Newsletter.

++ **SPORTS SHORTS**

- The Men's and Women's basketball teams haven't done too well this year.....
- The Men's #5-ranked volleyball team started out slow, but is rolling along with a 12-2 record.
- The Fencing teams are ranked #2/3 nationally heading into Regionals.
- The men's gymnastics team is doing well with a #3 ranking so far.
- The women's gymnastics team is working hard, and holds the #19 spot nationally.
- The women's volleyball team made it to the second round of Regionals before losing to UCLA.
- The wrestling team is having troubles similar to the B-ball teams.....oh well.
- The defending National Champ Icers Men's Div-1 Ice Hockey team continue to blow away all their competition, remain #1, and have an excellent chance to repeat as ACHA National Champs!
- And not to be outdone, the Women's Ice Hockey team is ranked in the top ten nationally, and in the National Tournament (March 1-3)...all this in only their SECOND YEAR in the ACHA!
- 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....

We currently have only four volunteers going to school to help/mentor kids at C.A. Weis Elementary School. These kids range in age from 6-8 years and come from low income families. All of them emotionally handicapped. We need some more participation! This project is worthwhile enough that National has recognized our Chapter with last year's Community Service Award! National even uses a photo of our volunteers with the Weis kids in their promo on Chapter awards (check out http://www.alumni.alu.psu.edu/get_involved/default.htm). Plus we've had an article about our volunteer work in the April and November 2001 issues of the Pensacola News Journal. So please consider devoting some time to our on-going service project.

If anyone is interested in becoming a volunteer, please call Tonie Allsopp or Darlene Zampino. You can spend one hour a week, month or whatever. Mrs. Sabata, their teacher, is happy for any help. These kids are very appreciative of any attention and love it when we come into the classroom. C.A. Weis is a year round school, so they can use us all the time. Tonie has lunch with them quite often (she recommends the Chef's Salad; Stan **highly** recommends the fried chicken).

NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK PROJECT

We need your help!!! National Service Week is coming up the first week in March. For our project we'd like to have volunteers come to C.A. Weis Elementary School to read a story or two to our adopted class. It would require no more than 1/2 hour of your time. Story time is from 8:30-9:00AM in Mrs. Sabata's class, so if you can help out, we sure would appreciate it and so would the children!!!

We'd like to enter this project for a national award but need the help of as many volunteers as possible. We can do this for anytime in March and April, so don't be shy....step up and help us!! Call Tonie Allsopp at 850-941-0920, or send her an email (alallsopp@cox.net or alallsopp@aol.com) to let her know you will help.

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.

CHAPTER WEBSITE: <http://www.thepcsweb.com/psu-ecfl/index.asp>

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!

Did you know?

- Penn State was second in the nation in attendance at home football games last year..
- QB Matt Senneca graduates in May, and will not return to the team this fall. That leaves Redshirt Soph Zack Mills at the helm, with two redshirt freshmen (Michael Robinson and Chris Ganter) as his backups.
- The Governor of PA has announced a 5% cut in funding for Penn State and similar state-supported institutions, citing revenue losses following September 11th as one reason.
- The new All-Sports Museum is now open, in the southwest corner of Beaver Stadium, along with a neat Museum Gift Shop. <http://www.GoPSUsports.com/Museum/museum.cfm>
- Check out this site for some neat photos:
http://www.GoPSUsports.com/MPA_Features/MPA_PhotoGallery.cfm

Have a new idea? ... Want to help?... Here's who to contact!!

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