



# EMERALD COAST CHAPTER NEWS



**Summer Newsletter - 2002**

## **Message From the President:**

We all know about the football team's record the past two years.....but things are really looking brighter for this coming year, and it doesn't take blue-tinted glasses to see it. Just about every poll has our Nittany Lions ranked in the top 25 somewhere. Considering back-to-back losing seasons, that's pretty good. Plus, we have one of the most exciting quarterbacks we've had since Kerry Collins at the helm in Zack Mills, finally a go-to back in Larry Johnson (instead of that RB-by-committee stuff), and what the Big Ten themselves is calling a very solid defensive line. Now, if our receivers have learned to catch the ball, and our linebackers to anticipate and tackle, we should do very well indeed. No, I'm not predicting a Big Ten title (not this year), but I am pretty excited about this year's team. And 8 home games is great too!

Our civic project – the Weis Elementary 'adopted' class – is starting up again with the commencement of the school year, but we still need more participation from you! Won't you contribute just an hour of your month to help? Let's see a bit of that Penn State spirit and volunteer your time!

We're looking at several spots for our weekly game-time get-togethers in the Pensacola area. As some of you know, our usual spot (Kooter Brown's West) was sold; the new owners are anxious for us to return and have really spruced the place up (including smoke eaters). However, we're exploring other possibilities too. It's impossible to please everyone, so what I decided to do is try a new place for our first game/annual meeting, and head to Kooters for the second game, and see what you prefer. See the article on our annual meeting below for more information.

Our Chapter made it in a recent Penn Stater magazine! Check out the website for particulars. We may not be big, but they know who we are!

If you haven't been to the new All-Sports Museum, located on the south side of Beaver Stadium, you're missing a wonderful time! Make it a point to visit the next time you get to State College. And prepare to spend a couple hours browsing – and bring your camera! Make no mistake, you won't regret it!

There's still quite a few folks who didn't pay their 02-03 dues on time. Reminder: Annual membership runs from July to June.....not September to August. Some of the bennies/programs we put in for with National depend in part on Chapter size.....and there's a minimum number of members required just to retain the charter.....

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**

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

**ANNUAL MEETING!!!** We'll be holding our annual meeting in conjunction with our first game against the University of Central Florida, 31 August 2002. Since kickoff has recently been announced as 11:10AM (our time), we'll hold the meeting during halftime. This year we're going to try a new place, Sal's Pizza Pub & Grill, at 620 East Nine Mile Road in Pensacola. For reference, Sal's is on the north side of Nine Mile Road, east of US 29, across from the ballfield complex. Phone # is 479-5858. Plan on arriving no later than 11AM, so you don't miss kickoff. Sal's has a full-service menu to order from, and yes, they DO serve pitchers! Come on out and cheer out Lions on!

### **++ SPORTS SHORTS**

- The Men's Outdoor Track team did very well, with 4 student-athletes earning AA, and 2 headed on to Nationals
- The Men's volleyball team made it to the Final Four (as usual), losing to eventual National Champ Hawaii, finishing 25-4 and 14-0 in conference play.
- The Fencing teams once again walked away with the National Title!
- The men's gymnastics team made it to Nationals once again, where two Nittany Lions made All-American.
- The defending National Champ Icers Men's Div-1 Ice Hockey team repeated as ACHA National Champs!
- The men's swimming team had a great showing at nationals (#15, the highest in school history), and 6 academic AAs!
- Similarly, the women's swimming team placed 14 on the Academic AA list!
- The women's volleyball team is facing a rebuilding year, but is still ranked pre-season in the top 25.
- And finally, the Women's Ice Hockey team made it to Nationals in only their SECOND YEAR in the ACHA, finishing in third place!

### **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....**

The new school year has started, and we need 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](http://www.alumni.alu.psu.edu/get_involved/default.htm)). We've had an article about our volunteer work in the April and November 2001 issues of the Pensacola News Journal, and we made the news again in a recent Penn Stater magazine. 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. Kathy 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. PLEASE HELP!

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**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](http://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. Not even a lackluster season dampened the fans' enthusiasm for a day at Beaver Stadium!
- Redshirt Soph Zack Mills will guide the 2002 Nittany Lions at the helm, with two redshirt freshmen (Michael Robinson and Chris Ganter) as his backups.
- Tuition and room & board have once again been raised significantly, thanks in large part to a significant cut in funding from the State.
- 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](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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