



EMERALD COAST CHAPTER NEWS



Winter Newsletter - 2002

Message From the President:

I was re-reading my comments from the Summer newsletter, and it's interesting how this season has panned out, given the thoughts and potentials of the pre-season. We started out ranked somewhere between 20-25, and ended the regular season #10 in both major polls. I had commented on having an exciting QB, and Zack Mills sure didn't disappoint. And my excitement over having a go-to back finally was way understated! Who would have thought that Larry Johnson would have broken so many rushing records, not only Penn State's, but nationally as well, and win the Maxwell Award as the best player in the nation, the Walter Camp Award as best player, AND the Doak Walker Award as the top running back??? Yeah, he didn't win the Heisman, but we all know that's more a popularity contest anyway, don't we? If you missed being at the Nebraska game, all I can tell you is you missed being at the most unbelievable game EVER at Beaver Stadium! But now we have a bowl game to look forward to, the Capital One Bowl (formerly Citrus Bowl) in Orlando. I sent out emails to everyone I had addresses for with up-to-date information on how to get tickets (Hint: if you didn't get those emails, it's because you didn't provide/update it to me). Should be a great game! Get there if you can!

Our civic project – the Weis Elementary 'adopted' class – is continuing, 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 also looking at sponsoring another outing for our Weis kids. See the article later in this newsletter for more information.

Our Chapter didn't win an award this year, but it wasn't because we didn't try. Thanks to Tonie Allsopp for a ton of effort in writing up and submitting those awards packages. They're no fun, and take more effort than most realize.

State College got its first load of the white stuff December 5th. If you haven't checked out the live webcams that are available off the www.psu.edu website, you're missing some fun, and some great live video of the campus.

That's all for this time. Hope everyone has a great holiday season!

Stan Allsopp '70

PENN STATE ACCEPTS BID TO PLAY IN CAPITAL ONE BOWL ON JAN. 1

Penn State has been selected as the Big Ten representative in the Capital One Bowl to be played on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2003. The Nittany Lions (9-3) will be playing in the Orlando, Fla. bowl game for the fourth time, having previously played in the Florida Citrus Bowl on New Year's Day in 1988, 1994 and 1998. Penn State's opponent is still to be selected and most likely won't be known until the Bowl Championship Series teams are announced on Sunday afternoon; Arkansas, Auburn and Georgia are among the teams under consideration as possible Penn State foes. The Capital One Bowl will kickoff at 1 p.m. ET. ABC will nationally televise the contest from the Florida Citrus Bowl. For more on this story, go to www.GoPSUsports.com where you'll find all sorts of information on Penn State sports, not just the Bowl Game.

++ **SPORTS SHORTS**

- RB Larry Johnson now holds the top three per-game rushing records at Penn State.
- RB Larry Johnson and DE Michael Haynes were named First Team All-Americans by the Football Writers' Association, the 72nd and 73rd overall, and the 58th and 59th under Joe Paterno. Johnson also made the AP First Team AA list as of this writing – I'm sure there will be more. Haynes made AP Second Team, and DT Jimmy Kennedy AP Third Team.
- For the 22nd consecutive time, the Women's Volleyball team made the NCAA tournament, but were upset by Temple in the second round.
- The Men's Soccer team made it to the NCAA quarterfinals before dropping to UCLA.
- The Women's Soccer team upset UCONN in the NCAA quarter-finals, eventually losing to Portland in the NCAA semi-finals.
- The 2-time defending National Champions Men's Div-1 Ice Hockey team are again cleaning everyone's clock, and ranked #1 in the ACHA!
- The Women's Basketball team is ranked in the top 25 (as usual) and battling for the Big Ten title. The Men's Basketball team, however.....
- There's actually serious talk of making the Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Club teams full-fledged varsity sports, complete with scholarships!
- The Men's Wrestling team is back to its old form after several dismal seasons, currently ranked 22nd nationally.
- The Men's Lacrosse team is ranked 22nd in the pre-season polls.
- The Women's Field Hockey team advanced through the NCAAs, losing a tough one for the National Championship to Wake Forest.

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....

Many many thanks and kudos to Debbie and Tim Hauck, and Jim Perry, who have come in to assist in our support program. We still need more 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! We've gotten national recognition for this community service project, as well as accolades from the Escambia School District, plus a great article in the Pensacola News Journal. So please consider devoting some time to our on-going service project. Please call Tonie Allsopp if you can help.

March 14th we are hosting a Bowling Party for Mrs. Sabata's class. This is our National Service Week Project. We will then take the kids to MacDonald's for a Happy Meal. **Any monetary contributions would be welcome** to help defray the cost of bowling, snacks, lunch. Contact Tonie Allsopp for more information, or mail in your contribution direct to:

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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>

SPRING FLING: We're thinking of having a Spring get-together, sometime in the March-April timeframe. Details will be forthcoming, and probably via email to avoid excessive postage, so now's a great time to **UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS!!!!** Ideas accepted and welcome – send to psuflorida@cox.net.

Did you know?

- Penn State is **FIRST** in the nation in attendance at football games (home and away) this year, setting an all-time **RECORD** when they played at Ohio State. Each game after that just added to the record!
- RB Larry Johnson set Penn State per-game rushing records three weeks in a row, breaking Curt Warner's 20+ year record, then breaking his own the next two weeks!
- The per-student share of State dollars that are allocated to Penn State is **FAR** below what is allocated to **ANY** other state university, and significantly lower than any other Big Ten school's per-student share.
- Penn State head coach Rene Portland became the seventh women's basketball coach in Division I history to reach the 600-win milestone as the No. 11/12 Lady Lions cruised to a 101-74 win over Maryland on December 4th.

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

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