



EMERALD COAST CHAPTER NEWS



Summer Newsletter - 2003

Message From the President:

Our University has made some great strides recently, ranging from significant research grants, new and mutually-beneficial ties with other institutions, and in the collegiate sports arena as well. If you haven't been keeping up with all the happenings, but would like to with minimal effort, I suggest you sign up for the daily newsletters that the University offers. Just visit <http://newswires.psu.edu> and sign up for the newsletter(s) you want. It really is easy (and painless.) Additionally, I've had several folks ask me if I knew what was going on up on campus – check out <http://www.events.psu.edu/cgi-bin/cal/webevent.cgi?cmd=open&cal=cal32&> for information on noteworthy events at Penn State.

Our civic project – the Weis Elementary 'adopted' class – is continuing, but we still need more participation! 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. If anyone has any ideas for a Community Service or National Service Week project, please contact any Board member.

There are new guidelines for Chapters that the Alumni Association has put out, effective July 1st, 2003. Briefly, all the Chapters have to provide more documentation regarding what they're doing – this is directly tied to any success in receiving grants from the Association. We've been successful in the past in getting a grant to support Weis; hopefully we will again – but we need to be real proactive, as the article below shows. There's also some special recognition possible under this new program. Check out the information elsewhere in this newsletter. **WE CAN DO THIS FOLKS!!! Let's all pitch in!**

We've also entered the Alumni Association Awards program again, with a submission in the National Service Week division. Two years ago we won the Community Service project award. I'm not sure when the winners will be announced, so keep your fingers crossed!

We have some Board members to elect/re-elect this year and, in keeping with our Charter, a new President. Our Charter states that a person may be Chapter President for no more than two consecutive years, so it's time for someone else to grab the reins. As we've done since the inception of this Chapter, we'll combine our annual meeting with the opening game get-together – see the article later in this newsletter for more information on that.

I've gotten several email updates from folks; but still have some non-deliveries. If you've changed your email address, or aren't sure I have the latest one, just send me an email (psuflorida@cox.net). Hint: If you haven't seen any emails from me in the past 30 days, it's a guarantee that I don't have your current email address.

And last but CERTAINLY not least, it's time for dues for the 2003-2004 year. A Chapter Membership renewal form is attached to this newsletter. PLEASE respond in a timely manner and send in your dues payment. The form is attached. Our dues remain one of the lowest within the Association.

Stan Allsopp '70

New Chapter Guidelines

Commencing July 1st, 2003, each Chapter must implement the following:

- Complete and submit an Annual Report
- Hold an annual meeting and provide agenda/minutes to the regional director
- Provide the regional director with copies of all mass communications, both paper and electronic

Each Chapter MUST complete at least 3 of the following requirements annually:

- Student support & interaction (scholarships and/or student sendoffs)
- Networking & fellowship (career networking, social activities)
- Sports activities (bus trip, TV watching party)
- Community service
- Membership support & recruitment (getting new members for the Alumni Association)
- Communication
- Participation in National Service Week
- Participation in Alumni Association awards program
- Participation in Alumni Association sponsored training programs
- Participation in Homecoming parade

As you can see, we already 'qualify' with more than 3. However, if we complete at least 6 of the above, we will be recognized as a "Chapter of Distinction". We would receive a special patch for our banner and be eligible for expanded services from the Association, including (1) a supply of membership cards, (2) access to the University hosted email listserv, (3) first priority in the football ticket lottery, and (4) the opportunity to apply for special programming grants. The last item is most important – a Chapter needs to be in this 'Distinction' category to apply for/receive a grant. As mentioned previously, we've already made an impact on our community thanks to a grant three years ago. In order to do so again, we'll need to reach this next plateau. **WE CAN DO IT!**

Elections

We have two Board members whose terms expire this year: Darlene Zampino and Andrew Flock. If anyone desires to run (or nominate someone – including the incumbent(s)), please let the President or Secretary know soonest!

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be at Kooter Brown's West, on US Highway 98, just west of the Naval Hospital in Pensacola. Date is Saturday, August 30th, at (tentatively) 11AM. Gametime (Temple) hasn't yet been announced; however our first game is usually a noon game. As such, we'll hold our meeting during halftime, unless the kickoff time turns out to be other than noon. Free hors d'oeuvres for members in good standing (meaning if you paid your 2003-2004 dues). For information, Kooter's is now smoke-free in keeping with the recently implemented Florida law.

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

++ **SPORTS SHORTS**

- All-Americans football player Larry Johnson and basketball player Kelly Mazzante were selected as the Male and Female Athlete of the year, respectively.
- The Men's Gymnastics team finished third in the NCAA National Championships, best finish since winning the national title in 2000, after winning their first ever Big Ten championship.
- The Fencing team came up just short, placing second at Nationals.
- The Icers Men's Div-1 Ice Hockey team have three-peated as national Champs in the ACHA!
- The Women's Basketball team made it to the NCAA Mideast Regional Semis before losing to Tennessee.
- The Men's Basketball team has a new coach, Ed DeChellis, who was formerly an assistant under Bruce Parkhill before rebuilding East Tennessee State into a powerhouse in their conference.
- The Wrestling team finished sixth at Nationals, continuing their return as a power in collegiate wrestling. Their four All-Americans tied the team for third nationally in AA numbers.
- The Football program has been quick out of the recruiting gate this year. At presstime, we have 13 top-notch verbals so far for NEXT year's class!

WEIS ELEMENTARY UPDATE....Our Community Service Project

A new school year is coming close to commencing. We still need more volunteers going to school to help/mentor kids in Mrs. Kathy Sabata's class at C.A. Weis Elementary School. These kids range in age from 6-8 years and come from low income families. All of them are 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.

Our Chapter also entered into a "Partnership Agreement" with C.A Weis Elementary this past year. Tonie Allsopp accepted a presentation from Escambia County School Board member Ronnie Clark and Principal Ann Smith recently. We're intending to renew this for the upcoming year, making it our 5th consecutive year supporting Weis.

National Service Week Project

On March 14th we hosted a Bowling Party for Mrs. Sabata's elementary class. Rock Penfold accompanied Mrs. Sabata and the class to Felton's Bowling Lanes in Pensacola. After bowling several games, the children enjoyed a Happy Meal lunch at McDonald's. Many thanks to Rock for volunteering his time, and to others, especially Joyce Blackwelder and Tom & Jean Hancock, for financial help. A special thanks to Tonie Allsopp for all her hard work behind the scenes to make this trip happen.

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 (psufloida@cox.net) or Tonie (alallsopp@cox.net) if you've changed your email address in the past year.

Did you know?

- Penn State finished 5th in the NACDA Director's Cup standings, ranking the most successful Division-1 student-athlete programs in the country. This is the seventh top-ten finish for Penn State in the 10-year history of the Cup, and the third top-five finish in the past five years.
- Penn State's student-athletes have raised the bar again, with a school record 230 Academic All-Big Ten honorees during the 2002-03 academic year. The 230 recipients broke the previous mark of 227, set in 2000-01.
- Tim Curley, Penn State Director of Athletics, has been selected the Division I-A Northeast Region Athletic Director of the Year by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA).
- Four Penn State students and two alumnae will participate in the Miss Pennsylvania Pageant with the hopes of taking the place of reigning Miss Pennsylvania, Autumn Marisa -- a 2002 Penn State alumna.
- Penn State has joined a select group of universities as a Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education, a designation that could mean more scholarships for students and additional research grants for faculty. The recognition by the National Security Agency (NSA) provides Penn State with access to security scholarships and internships for students as well as funds for training and education.
- *Seventeen* magazine has named Penn State as one of the top ten universities for high school seniors to consider in the 'large state or private' category (that includes the Ivy League).
- The Penn State Alumni Association continues to be the largest dues-paying alumni organization worldwide.

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

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DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR DUES!!!! FORM IS ATTACHED