



EMERALD COAST CHAPTER NEWS



Winter-Spring Newsletter ~ 2005

Message From the President:

This past Fall saw another less-than-stellar football season, as the team continued to struggle against quality opponents. Compounded by injuries to both our starting QB Zack Mills and his primary backup Michael Robinson, the Lions stumbled to a 4-7 finish, and yet another bowl-less season. As if that wasn't enough, we got a visit from Hurricane Ivan (as if you all didn't know), which pretty well devastated the entire Emerald Coast Chapter area. I doubt that September 16th, 2004 will be forgotten for a long time. Most of us were lucky; damages here and there, but otherwise OK. A few lost their homes, and most everything in it. The area is still in a recovery stage, with thousands of temporary trailer homes/parks set up in and around Pensacola alone. It'll be a long time before we're back to what we used to call 'normal', but everyone seems to be hanging in there and plugging along.

Our Pensacola meeting place, Kooter Brown's West, was one of the casualties of Ivan. With part of its roof gone, and extensive water damage inside, it took 2+ months for the management to get back online. In the meantime, we moved temporarily to Seville Quarter, where the staff there was nice enough to accommodate us even though we weren't 'regulars' there. As such, we did get to be together to watch the second half of the season, even if it was on small TVs.

The news isn't all bad however. Despite poor records the past 3 of 4 years, Paterno's staff turned out another stellar recruit class for 2005. At least count, Penn State had 19 new recruits, two of them top-five at their position in the country. Most every recruiting service has our recruit class in the top 20 nationally, the third straight year. There should be no doubt that we have the talent now; it's a matter of the staff putting it together. Hopefully, Joe will find a way.

Our Chapter website is back as well, thanks to our webmaster Steve Milz. He's also added a couple new bells and whistles, plus updated the season schedules for this and the out-years. Don't forget to visit the site periodically for updates on what's happening. **Don't forget to update your 'favorites' link – we have a new URL!!!! See below!!!!**

Our new board members for 2005 are Tom Wescott, Tim Hauck, and Gene Gentzel. They will serve for a 3 year term along with current board members Stan Allsopp, Amy Crosswaite, Tonie Allsopp, Steve Milz, and Darlene Zampino. Their numbers and emails will be posted at the end of this newsletter. Welcome!!!

Our Chapter continues to shine within the Alumni Association. See below for the latest achievements!

I hope everyone gets back as much to normal as possible after Ivan. Have a great Spring, and hope to see you all at our Spring get-together!

Stan Allsopp '70

NEW!!!!!!!!!! CHAPTER WEBSITE: <http://psu.thepcsweb.com>

DUES REMINDER

We're only a few members short of 100 for the Chapter. If you haven't paid your 2005 dues yet, please remit them now, or send Tonie an email for one. You can get a form on the website. We have loads of plans in the works for service projects etc., and we need your help in order to maintain our active Chapter status. Thanks!!!!

CHAPTER OF DISTINCTION 2004

This past year our chapter was identified as a Chapter of Distinction. In order to receive this honor we had to (at a minimum) submit an entry for an award, do a community service project, meet for football games, get together socially to promote Penn State, send out newsletters, submit a chapter report to the university with a list of our board members and an outline of what our chapter is doing for the year, and many other things. We received a patch to put on our PSU banner PLUS we are also entitled to other special benefits. This is a ***great honor*** and not many chapters achieve this status, so we should all be very happy and pleased to have achieved this status. Now.....we need to keep up the momentum so we stay at the top! Please help in any way you can when called upon.

PLEASE HELP

We have once again been designated as a Partner in Education with C.A. Weis Elementary School, and remain the ONLY Alumni organization from ANY school to be designated as such in Escambia County. Now all we have to do is get some of you to help out...either mentoring, helping a child with reading or whatever. We need some help. We are still planning a trip to the zoo in the spring with Kathy Sabata's Special Ed class.

Tonie Allsopp, who is coordinating the Weis project, would like suggestions as to what else we can do at Weis. She will be meeting with the individual in charge of the groups that are partners at Weis and she wants to know exactly what we can do for Weis. ANY and ALL suggestions will be greatly appreciated. Don't forget, we HAVE to do a community service type project and we have to submit at least one entry for an award PLUS many other items to maintain our Chapter of Distinction status.

SPRING REUNION

Mark your calendars now! April 16th, 2005 (a Saturday) starting at 11:30 at Kooter Brown's West in Pensacola. We'll get together and sit around, catch up on what's happened to everyone since Ivan, and watch some tapes of great PSU games of the past. We've all been sort of out of touch since the storm, and our 'normal' football season wasn't so normal. It was nice of Seville to accommodate us for awhile, but it just wasn't the same, however, so we're hoping to catch up and start off the season on a good note. Please come on out and join us! So I know to tell Kooters how many folks to expect (for tables etc.) please either call or drop an email to Tonie Allsopp at the contact info below. Thanks!

FYI the Blue-White game this year will be Saturday, April 23rd, with a tentative kickoff of 1PM our time. We'll be watching closely to see if this will be televised and if so, we'll also work on a place to bring it in for us.

A LOT OF FOLKS HAD TO RELOCATE, TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY, THANKS TO IVAN. DON'T FORGET TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT EMAIL AND SNAIL-MAIL ADDRESS, AND YOUR PHONE NUMBER! LOTS OF SHORT-NOTICE INFORMATION IS SENT OUT VIA EMAIL ONLY. PLEASE SEND ANY UPDATES TO STAN AT THE EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW. THANKS!!!

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

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