



EMERALD COAST CHAPTER NEWS



Summer Newsletter - 2007

Message From the President:

I apologize for not getting out a Spring Newsletter. I had a medical 'surprise' in April; went in for a heart catheterization, expecting at worst a stent or two, and ended up with a quadruple bypass operation. Fortunately, all turned out well, and I'm well on my way to total recovery. I do have to say though, that I don't wish that on too many people.

We're going to do our Annual Meeting at a new Beef O'Brady's, at their Nine Mile Road location in Pensacola just off I-10. In order to get sufficient space reserved, we'll need your RSVP no later than August 25th (see the announcement on the back page). The meeting will coincide with our first game against Florida International University. The game itself is being broadcast only on the Big Ten Network, and while the BTN has said they'd broadcast our game against FIU, it's regional along with 3 others. The BTN still hasn't been able to secure contracts with the major cable outlets, like Cox and Comcast. As such, we just don't know yet how this will turn out, regarding our 'lesser' games. In the past, those games would be on ESPN Gameplan, ESPNU, or some other regional network (like Jefferson Pilot). No longer. If it's not a scheduled ESPN/ESPN2/ABC/CBS/NBC broadcast, the only way you'll get to see a game is by being there, or being where there's a DirecTV connection – and one that HAS the game on (even DirecTV will be regional). So, for our Annual Meeting/first game, we're betting on the come that we'll be able to watch the game, as nothing's been put out yet by either the BTN or DirecTV regarding where the PSU-FIU game will be available. If you're like me, then you're not too happy right now with the conference and anyone involved in this fiasco.

Our Chapter continues to shine within the Alumni Association; however we are as always in great need of some volunteers, AND some donations, in order to keep our charitable endeavors going strong, as well as maintaining our status as a Chapter in good standing.

This year, among other things, we were a sponsor for the 37th Annual Bill Hargreaves Fishing Rodeo. The Hargreaves Rodeo is the oldest fishing rodeo dedicated to kids on the Gulf Coast; the concept began by involving kids in healthy pursuits with family, instead of 'hanging out' and exposure to drugs, alcohol, etc. That continues today, and this year's Rodeo expanded on that by donating a portion of all proceeds (plus a percentage of each sponsor's donation) to the Drug & Alcohol Adolescent Residential Treatment (DAART) center at Lakeview. The Rodeo, held on Father's Day weekend, was a huge success with great weather and hundreds of kids and their parents participating.

It's also time for dues. Enclosed you'll find a membership form for joining/renewing. Please remit your dues expeditiously. The Treasurer/Membership Chair will appreciate it immensely.

The 2007 version of the gridiron Nittany Lions is looking to be exciting. Once again we have one of the pre-season top linebackers in the nation (Dan Connor) anchoring a solid defense. Anthony Morelli showed what he can do at QB in the bowl victory over Tennessee, and he has a bevy of first-class receivers to complement that arm. Tony Hunt is gone, but Austin Scott is reported to be in mid-season form already. Nobody should really pay much attention to pre-season predictions, but it's a nice surprise to see so many predicting the Lions to contend for the conference title. Personally, I think we should be in the driver's seat if we can (finally) beat the hated Wolverines – albeit we have to play the game in the Big House. I just hope this year's game doesn't last 60 minutes and 2 seconds.....or the sidelines shrink inward whenever our guys get close.

See you all September 1st! GO STATE!

Stan Allsopp '70

2007-2008 DUES REMINDER

It's that time of the year again and we have to get our roster current. Enclosed you will find a membership form to join/renew. Please fill out the information and return it with your dues ASAP. Thanks!!!

Annual Membership Meeting

Saturday, September 1st
11 AM
Beef O'Brady's
2101 West Nine Mile Road
Pensacola, FL 32534
850-332-5040

This is a brand-new Beef's, located just off I-10 (Exit 7). Take Pine Forest Road north to Nine Mile Road (light). Turn right onto Nine Mile, and Beef's is on your right @ 500 yards.

RSVP BY AUGUST 25TH TO 850-941-0920 OR ALALLSOPP@COX.NET

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