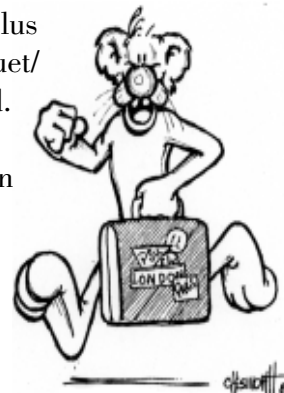


Penn State Alumni Association

GREATER JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER NEWS

Message from the Outgoing President:

The atmosphere, service and congeniality at The Hilltop, plus the excellent food, all helped make our April 3rd Spring Banquet/ General Meeting a pleasant experience for those who attended. Our featured speaker was Drew Jackson, who was then a meteorologist for Channel 4 Eyewitness News. Drew is a Penn State alumnus and was a standout diver for the Nittany Lions. Drew talked about his career in news and weather forecasting and related several very entertaining stories about the fortunes of Penn State's swimming and diving teams. Drew has since accepted another position and has relocated back to his home in the Pacific Northwest. We thank Drew for taking time out of his busy schedule to talk to our group and we wish him much success in his new job.



As reported elsewhere in this Newsletter, a special presentation of the first "President's Distinguished Member Award" was given to Rich Holtz in recognition of his contributions to the chapter.

We had an election for new officers for the July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2006 term. The members present unanimously elected the following officers:

- President – Josiah Pritchard
- Vice President – Jodie Davis
- Treasurer – Bob Streightiff
- Secretary – Danielle Howard

Congratulations to these new officers. This is an experienced group who has loyally served the chapter for a number of years. But they will be looking for help to fill a number of chairs to ensure that the chapter can continue to sponsor events and keep the membership in touch with the University. Don't be shy; contact Josiah or any other officer to find out how you can contribute. Also, please renew your membership with the form available on our website www.psujax.com. The form is also attached to this Newsletter.

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Don't Forget, 2004 - 2005 Local Chapter Dues are Due!

\$10 per Individual Membership/year

\$15 per Family Membership/ year

Renewal Form is Attached to this Newsletter

Summer Bash 2004/Student Sendoff



WHEN: Saturday, August 14, 2004
TIME: 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
WHERE: Debbie & Dave Leininger's House
2852 State Road 13 North, Switzerland, Florida
RSVP: By August 9th to Debbie & Dave (287-0984) or to Rich Holtz (730-9906)

Join us as we close out summer and usher the local students off to Penn State in time for the 2004/2005 academic and football season! There is no cost to attend the party. The chapter will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, plates, napkins, utensils and all the trimmings. Soft drinks will also be provided. Please "BYOB" or other personal beverages if you want them! We ask that each family/individual member bring a dish to share too. In order to make sure that we have a variety of sides (who wants 15 bowls of macaroni salad!) please try to bring a side that corresponds with the first letter of your last name:

A - F Appetizer (chips & dips, cheese & crackers, etc.)
G - L Salad (fruit, pasta, greens, etc.)
M - R Veggie (hot or cold, cooked or raw)
S - Z Dessert (anything sweet)

There is a pool, so feel free to bring your swim gear. You may also want to bring your own lawn chairs. There is also water access for anyone who wishes to come by boat. Kids are welcome, but we gently remind you - please just your own!

DIRECTIONS TO DEBBIE AND DAVE'S HOUSE FROM I-95 HEADING SOUTH

Take exit #96 - State Rd. 210, Green Cove Springs (9.4 mi. after I-295/Orange Park exit). Turn right (west) and continue for 5.1 miles to Y in road. Continue straight on Greenbriar Rd. (210 bears left, Greenbriar continues straight). Continue 5.3 miles to State Rd. 13 (road ends). Turn left onto SR 13 and continue for .9 miles. You will pass Bartram Trail neighborhood on right (house is .3 miles past Bartram Trail). House is on right - Large Tudor house with palm trees lining driveway - 2852 State Rd. 13

FROM PONTE VEDRA


Take 210, cross Phillips Highway and continue on 210. You will pass under I-95, continue on for 5.1 miles to Y in road. Continue straight on Greenbriar Rd. (210 bears left, Greenbriar continues straight). Continue 5.3 miles to State Rd. 13 (road ends). Turn left onto SR 13 and continue for .9 miles. You will pass Bartram Trail neighborhood on right (house is .3 miles past Bartram Trail). House is on right - Large Tudor house with palm trees lining driveway - 2852 State Rd. 13

FROM MANDARIN

Cross Julington Creek bridge and continue for approximately 8 miles. Pass through 2 traffic lights. Pass Greenbriar Rd. on left (house is .9 miles S. of Greenbriar Rd.). You will pass Bartram Trail neighborhood on left (house is .3 miles past Bartram Trail). Turn right into driveway (2852 State Rd. 13) - Large tudor house with palm trees lining driveway.

FROM WATER

South of Mandarin on the St. Johns River. Pass the Julington Creek. Marker Buoy #17. Almost directly across from the Black Creek. We have both a dock house and a boat house on the dock with white roofs. House is beige and brown tudor with screened in pool.

We look forward to seeing everyone there! 

Take Me Out to a Ballgame...

The Jacksonville Chapter is once again organizing a trip to see the Jacksonville Suns Baseball Club as they take on the Mobile Bay Bears. A group of alumni went last summer and



everyone had such a good time they wanted to go again! The game is **Saturday, August 21st**, with a 7:05 PM start. Chapter members should meet outside the main entrance/gate of the new park located on the corner of A. Philip Randolph Blvd. and Adams

Street at 6:30 PM. The Chapter will sit as a group in the Home Plate Box seats. Tickets are \$10.50 per seat and will be purchased at the gate. Food is on your own during the game.

IF WE HAVE 25 PEOPLE INTERESTED, WE CAN BUY A BLOCK OF TICKETS IN ADVANCE AT A DISCOUNTED PRICE!

Please RSVP to Rich Holtz at 730-9906 by **August 14th** if you would like to attend so we can determine how best to purchase the tickets (as a group or individually). 🐾

Contemplating Becoming a Life Member?

The Penn State Alumni Association is introducing a new life member recruiting program for Penn State Affiliate Groups. Under the new program, if a member of the Greater Jacksonville Chapter signs on as a life member, our group will be awarded \$50.

If you would like to become a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association, contact Josiah Pritchard, President, at 646-3357 for an application or write our chapter's unique three-digit code (CAT) on the application mailed from the University.

We look forward to growing our base of committed members and receiving additional chapter funding! It's a win/win situation! 🐾

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Greater Jacksonville Chapter Calendar of Events



- JULY 1** **Chapter Dues were Due!**
Contact Bob Streightiff at 221-4111 if you have questions about your dues
- JULY 16** **Monthly Luncheon at**
Marriott Hotel, Salisbury Road, Noon
RSVP to Rich Holtz at 730-9906
- AUGUST 14** **Summer Bash/Student Send Off**
Debbie and Dave Leininger's House
Please RSVP by August 9th!
- AUGUST 20** **Monthly Luncheon at**
Marriott Hotel, Salisbury Road
RSVP to Rich Holtz at 730-9906
- AUGUST 21** **Jacksonville Suns Baseball Game**
The Baseball Grounds, 7:05 pm
RSVP to Rich Holtz at 730-9906
- SEPTEMBER 4** **PSU vs. Akron (Home Opener)**
Players Grill, 3:30 pm
- SEPTEMBER 11** **PSU at Boston College**
Players Grill, 8:00 pm
- SEPTEMBER 17** **Monthly Luncheon at**
Marriott Hotel, Salisbury Road
RSVP to Rich Holtz at 730-9906
- SEPTEMBER 18** **PSU vs. UCF**
Players Grill, 12:10 pm
- SEPTEMBER 25** **PSU at Wisconsin (Big Ten Opener)**
Players Grill, 5:45 or 6:00 pm
- OCTOBER 9** **PSU at Purdue**
Players Grill, 4:30 pm

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Finally, after three years in office, I leave the chapter presidency knowing that we have a good slate of officers to carry the chapter into the future. It has been a fun and exciting three years filled with numerous challenges and positive accomplishments. I was always proud to represent our fine members. It is usually risky to try to list all of those specific people that you want to thank for supporting and helping you but I'm going to try anyway. So my sincere thanks to my former fellow officers and Board members, in particular:

Vice Presidents Kevin Coleman, who put together our website and has since relocated, and Josiah Pritchard, someone with lots of good ideas who will make an excellent President;

Treasurer Bob Straightiff who kept the books straight and kept us solvent;

Secretary Danielle Howard for her excellent Newsletters, minutes, e-mail notices and all around help;

Volunteer Chairs Jim Schultz for all his beyond-the-call-of-duty work with the HabiJax/PSU students and Judie Crabb for connecting us with the Super Bowl volunteer activities;

Social Activities Chairs Jodie Davis, always there and always helping in any way she can and especially for arranging the parties and dining dates and for joining the Nominating Committee. Thanks also to former chapter member Dee Davies, my guru during my early days as President who is the heart and soul of any PSU Chapter to which she belongs;

Media/PR Chair Meredith Dusack Schecter for editing my PSAA reports and for getting the chapter mentioned in the papers and The Penn Stater;

Sports Activities Chair and Student Send-Off/Student College Fair Coordinator Rich Holtz. See above and elsewhere, for his contributions are too many to mention again;

Nominating Committee Chair Howard Weisz, and Committee members Jodie Davis and Jim Griffith for taking on a very difficult and important task;

Lastly, thanks to "Josh" Joswick for his entertaining fund-raising activities on behalf of the HabiJax and Singing Lions students. His efforts resulted in the chapter exceeding its monetary contribution goals.

So that's it! I hope to see all of you at the summer functions and at the football parties.

Remember - We are ... Penn State!

Bill Dusack 🐾

Special Award Given to Rich Holtz

During the April 3rd Spring Meeting/Annual Banquet ceremonies, chapter President Bill Dusack announced the establishment of a new special award to be periodically, but not necessarily annually, given to a chapter member who has made notable and exceptional contributions to the chapter's welfare. This very first "President's Distinguished Member Award" was presented to Rich Holtz in recognition of his long and distinguished service to the chapter, his church and his community.



The award is a metal, stylized rendition of the Nittany Lion statue curved to make it free standing. Rich's name and the date of the award are engraved on the Lion. Rich is one of the "founding fathers" of the chapter and has held just about every chapter office and chair, including some that no longer exist. Currently, Rich is our Athletics Chair and Student Send-Off/Student College Fair coordinator. He also schedules our monthly lunches. In his spare time, and in addition to raising a large and active family, Rich has found time to manage a career, run in charity marathons, sell Christmas trees for charity, man concessions stands at Bishop Kenny sports events, work in soup kitchens, etc., etc. The list goes on and on! Rich certainly proves that the old adage that "if you want a job to get done quickly, give it to a busy person."

Congratulations, Rich, you most certainly deserve this special recognition! 🐾

Monthly Luncheon

THIRD Friday

of each month at noon at the Marriott Hotel, 4670 Salisbury Road, (Southpoint area). Call Rich Holtz at 730-9906 or email him at RichardSHoltz@yahoo.com to let him know you're coming. 🐾



Judie Crabb Replaces Long Time Board Member Jim Schultz As Volunteer Chair

The Chapter is pleased to announce that Judie Crabb has agreed to take over the reins from long-time Volunteer Chair Jim Schultz. Judie has served as an ad hoc member of the Board for the last year and we welcome her on as our newest volunteer chair.

Judie has hit the ground running, already contacting the local Jacksonville Hospice program and arranging for the Chapter to participate by manning booths at a local Publix and/or Winn Dixie for two hours on a Saturday morning in November to distribute literature on Hospice.

Judie was also instrumental in getting local Penn Staters in touch with the SuperBowl Host Committee's volunteer network.

As more specifics on this and other volunteer opportunities become available, we will keep you informed via email broadcasts and on the www.psujax.com website.

If you are interested in serving on the Volunteer Committee, or if you have any ideas on how we can volunteer as a group in the community, please contact Judie at 285-2580 (work), 273-8709 (home) or JudiePru@aol.com. 🐾

ROARing Into Spring a Success!

After our fantastic dinners at Ruth's Chris and Olive Garden, we prepared to kick off the football season at the Blue/White game on April 24. We weren't able to get the game on TV, so a few die-hard Blue/White fans enjoyed lunch at Player's, then moved on to Rich Holtz's house to watch the game on the internet. Great sound, great picture, great-looking team. Hope more of you were able to watch at home! Our final ROARing dinner was held on May 15th at Roy's in Jacksonville Beach. About twenty were there for the great atmosphere, and the excellent Hawaiian Fusion cuisine!

Well, that wraps up ROARing into Spring for this year! Look for us again next year! If you know of any restaurants that we just can't miss, contact Jodie Davis (762-9173 or garyandjodie@comcast.net), and we'll try to work them in! 🐾

Alumni Admission Committee

Rich Holtz chairs the local group of Penn State Admission Ambassadors who attend various local college fairs in the Fall that are held for area high school students, act as liaisons to local area high schools guidance offices, and telephone assigned local high school students offered admission to Penn State. The goal is to promote Penn State to college bound students.

We receive information and materials from the admissions office at University Park to perform our duties. If you are interested in volunteering for this worthwhile cause, please call Rich at 730-9906 to find out more.

Also, we are planning a PSU student send-off this summer for current PSU students and their parents. It will be held in conjunction with the Summer Bash on August 14th (see page 2). 🐾

Are you receiving e-mail updates?

If not, send your current e-mail address to secretary@psujax.com and we will add you to our e-mail distribution list.



This is a great way to stay current on Chapter events and save the Chapter excess postage!

2004 Football Schedule

Football season will soon be upon us again...Yea!!!! Coach Joe Paterno's squad returns 32 lettermen and 15 starters for the upcoming season. The Nittany Lions will face eight teams that played in bowl games last season, including all four Big Ten home opponents: Purdue, Iowa, Northwestern and Michigan State.

The Greater Jacksonville Penn State Chapter may again have several home parties to watch the games together and cheer on our Nittany Lions. So far, no one has volunteered their home! If you are interest in volunteering your home to host a home party for a game, please call Rich Holtz at 730-9906.

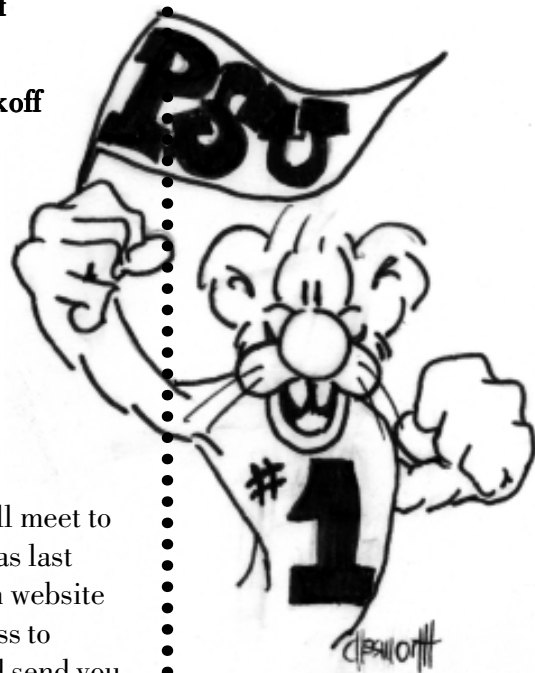
Following is the 2004 football schedule that will determine the identity of this year's team.

September 4	Akron (Home) - 3:30 pm kickoff
September 11	at Boston College - 8:00 pm kickoff
September 18	UCF (Home) - 12:10 pm kickoff
September 25	at Wisconsin - 5:45 or 6:00 pm kickoff
October 2	at Minnesota - TBA
October 9	Purdue (Home) - 4:30 pm kickoff
October 23	Iowa (Homecoming) - TBA
October 30	at Ohio State - TBA
November 6	Northwestern (Home) - TBA
November 13	at Indiana - TBA
November 20	Michigan State (Home) - TBA

When we don't have a Home TV Party scheduled, the Chapter will meet to watch the game as a group at Players Grille, Mirimar (same location as last year) at 4456 Hendricks Avenue, 448-6670. (See www.PSUJAX.com website for kick-off times as they become available, or send your email address to secretary@psujax.com and we will add you to our distribution list and send you a reminder email prior to each game.)

Players Grille is located on Hendricks Avenue just north of the San Jose/ Hendricks split and between the University Blvd. and Emerson Street intersections. The front entrance is on Hendricks in the Mirimar Shopping Center and the rear entrance is on San Jose Blvd.

If you need any additional information about football events, contact Rich Holtz, Athletics Chair, at 730-9906. 🐾





(Membership current through June 30, 2005)

Yes! Please sign me up for membership in the Penn State Alumni Association, Greater Jacksonville, Florida Chapter. Membership is not restricted to Penn State graduates and Alumni Association members. To join, all you have to do is love Penn State!

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP (\$10 PER YEAR)

Member Name _____

Are you a (choose one):

Alumni Association Status (choose one):

- Alumni of Penn State
- If Yes, Year of Graduation _____
- Friend of Penn State
- Parent of Current Penn State Student

- Life Member
- Annual Member
- Not a Member

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (\$15 PER YEAR)

Member Name _____

Are you a (choose one):

Alumni Association Status (choose one):

- Alumni of Penn State
- If Yes, Year of Graduation _____
- Friend of Penn State
- Parent of Current Penn State Student

- Life Member
- Annual Member
- Not a Member

Spouse Name _____

Are you a (choose one):

Alumni Association Status (choose one):

- Alumni of Penn State
- If Yes, Year of Graduation _____
- Friend of Penn State
- Parent of Current Penn State Student

- Life Member
- Annual Member
- Not a Member

Please list names of other family members you want included in membership _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Make checks payable to **Penn State Alumni Club of Greater Jacksonville** and mail to:

Bob Streightiff, Treasurer
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Jacksonville, FL 32225

If you have any questions regarding your annual dues please contact Bob Streightiff at 221-4111.

2004-2005 ANNUAL DUES FORM

