

NITTANY NEWS

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

JAMIE NELSON, PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Penn Staters:

Since this is the first Nittany News for 2007 let me wish you a Happy New Year! The Chapter is busier than ever serving the community, building our outreach to the student population and offering you, our membership more networking opportunities than ever before.

As you will see in the pages that follow the Chapter is experiencing tremendous growth. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome some new members to the Chapter Leadership; Mark Bagley,

Community Service Director, Jessica Carswell, Professional Development Director, and Erin Konkle, Scholarship & Student Outreach Director. Mark, Jess, and Erin along with the rest of the Board of Directors will be recruiting for committee members in the next few months so if you've thought about becoming more involved with the Chapter cease the moment.

In June the Chapter will hold its bi-annual elections for all of the Officer and Director positions. I encourage all to attend the elections process to voice your opinion on the

direction you would like to see the Chapter go with your votes. If you are interested in running for a position I encourage you to touch base with myself or Darryl Bundrige, Vice President of the Chapter.

As always please stay tuned to the chapter website; www.psualum.com/chapter/philadelphia for more details on upcoming events, leadership/volunteer opportunities, and news in the Penn State community.

Get Your Roar On!
Jamie Nelson '02 Psy

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A KNIGHT FOR THE KIDS

JAMIE NELSON, LIBERTY BALL '07 CHAIR

Over 150 attendees, a 16 piece swing band, and DJ joined together on Saturday February 10th, for the 2007 *Liberty Ball, A Knight for the Kids*. The Liberty Ball is a semi-formal event that benefits the Four Diamonds Fund through donation of funds raised to the Penn State Dance Marathon.

The crowd started to shuffle into the Mezzanine level of the historic Warwick hotel at 7:00 pm and enjoyed a social hour complete open bar and butlered Hors d'oeuvres. Once the Grand Ballroom was opened attendees settled into their seats to watch a video on Penn States Dance Marathon and soon after welcomed the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Brian Baker,

best known as the Sprint PCS spokesperson ("the trench coat guy"). He lead the program with humor and introduced Dr. A. Craig Hiliemeir, and Meredith and Steve Kirby.

Dr. Hiliemeir spoke on how the money raised and donated to the Four Diamonds Fund, through events such as the Liberty Ball, really help to improve the kind of care provided to the Hershey Medical Center patients.

Meredith and Steve Kirby gave a heart-rending account of how their son, four year old Max, was diagnosed with pediatric cancer. Max was treated at the Hershey Medical Center, and

pronounced in remission as of January 2005.

The night continued with dancing by the Sounds of Swing and Absolute Entertainment. Guests enjoyed a three course meal, dancing and a silent auction. After dancing the night away the grand total of \$8,232.00 raised for the kids was announced to the attendees with great celebration. Thank you to everyone that came and supported a great cause!



MEMBER PROFILE: BRUCE MCKENZIE

MIKE ZIRILLI, MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



Hometown: Military brat – lived several places before attending PSU

Graduation year: 1969

Major: Engineering Science

PSU Associations: Zeta Psi

What is your favorite PSU memory, location, or event?

As the time since my student days lengthens, I don't know that I have a favorite memory other than the entire Penn State experience.

I fondly recall football games, afternoons in the HUB, trips to Whipple's Dam and exploring the surrounding countryside. But what sticks the most is memories of people I met and times we shared together.

Sadly I've lost contact with many of them, and that is part of why the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter appeals to me.

What was your career path and what do you do for a living now?

My first job out of school was working for Uncle Sam – my draft number came up mid way through my efforts toward a Masters Degree.

Following military service I joined Burroughs Corporation as a computer programmer, doing something that I thoroughly enjoyed during my PSU courses and graduate work. In 1978 I joined SEPTA as a senior programmer and moved into a supervisory role. My responsibilities increased over time and I now hold the position of Chief Information Officer.

How did PSU prepare you for your career?

My engineering education taught me how to approach

problems and business situations.

Gather all the facts, draw a logical conclusion and plan a stepwise solution

Is there any advice that you would to pass along to recent graduates who are just starting their careers?

Do something that you like. If you enjoy your job then it isn't really work at all.

If you or someone you know would like to be featured in the next membership profile please contact Chapter Membership Director; Mike Zirilli, Mike.Zirilli@vanguard.com

PSU ALUMNI GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

DARRYL BUNDRIGE, VICE PRESIDENT

Ten Penn State alumni gathered at Martin Luther King High School on January 15th. Their mission: to answer Dr. King's question, "What are you doing for others?" They gathered with hundreds of other volunteers to give their time and skills to the community and ultimately honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's memory.

While some read to young children, and others prepared emergency kits, Penn Staters spent time weather-proofing the homes of senior citizens in the West Oak Lane and Mayfair sections of Philadelphia. They caulked windows and doors and hung

plastic sheeting in the windows. Participants Mark Bagley, Bill McDonnell and Jennifer Cross volunteered to travel to the Mayfair area when no one else did. But Bagley said they really enjoyed their experience and were pleased they made the decision to go. Other alumni in this event included Deborah Cohen, Darryl Bundrige, Jeff Bunn, Courtney Muhammad and her son, Mubarak, and Mike Raak.

Penn State Alumni in the Philadelphia area volunteer on a regular basis with many different organizations.

In December, Chapter members sorted food at the Philadelphia Foodbank.

Penn State Alumni are encouraged to show their Nittany pride and give back to the community whenever they are needed. If you are interested in helping out in future community service days, please contact Community Service Director, Mark Bagley, at mbagley260@gmail.com.



PENN STATE MEETS KING TUT

DAVID PAPA, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

On February 14th, 2007 PSU Alumni spent a Valentine's Day to remember. But the romance was not one of love, but one of wonder as alumni were granted special access to **Tutankhamen and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs** at the Franklin Institute and a presentation by Penn State's world-renowned Egyptologist Donald Redford on the famous King Tut and life in ancient Egypt.

The exhibit itself was rife with treasures from King Tut's tomb and historical information. Artifacts and descriptions awed onlookers by taking them to an ancient world of family royal dynasties,

religious turmoil, and mummification. Ancient ceremonial objects, vessels for organs of the dead, and a golden tomb were among the more intriguing items.

But the highlight of the night was Dr. Redford's presentation. His expertise and insight were only matched by his wit and joviality. With photographic slideshow and a great sense of humor Dr. Redford immersed listeners in the political world of Ancient Egypt during Tutankhamen's time. From the legacy of King Tut's grandfather, to the mysterious deaths that befell his family, the presentation left listeners with a renewed appreciation for the

historical significance of King Tut and ancient Egypt.

This event was part of the Alumni Association's City Lights Tour, which provides alumni the excellent social opportunities around the country. The Philadelphia Chapter will continue to publicize these events in the Philadelphia region through our email blasts and our website.



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WE WANT YOU ...

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COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

Activities, Communications, Community Service, Membership, Professional Development, Scholarship & Student Outreach

One Philadelphia Chapter is seeking three motivated, organized and Penn State Proud Alumni leaders to help grow the Chapter in 2007! If you are bursting with school spirit, find yourself the lead in social planning situations, and are looking to foster friendships and maintain the feel of the Penn State community in the Philadelphia area we have the spot for you!

Please contact Chapter President, Jamie Nelson; jdn02@psualum.com or Chapter Vice President Darryl Bundrige; dbstate93@psualum.com for more information to be a general volunteer.

The Chapter's mission; *To unite and maintain a network of Penn State alumni, while giving back to the community, providing scholarship, demonstrating pride and promoting Penn State in the Philadelphia area.*

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SHOWCASE YOUR PENN STATE SPIRIT, JOIN THE PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER!!

Most people are unaware that being a graduate of Penn State does not automatically make them members of the Alumni Association or what the difference is between the Alumni Association and the Philadelphia Chapter.

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The Philadelphia Chapter is an organization that promotes the welfare of the Penn State University in the Philadelphia area and provides services to our Chapter members. As a dues paying member of the Philadelphia Chapter, not only do you receive discounts for Chapter events, but you help us to maintain our mission statement by providing scholarships to local students, bringing local alumni together for social and networking events, and by adding value to our community through various community service projects.

The Chapter upholds annual dues for its membership that help to offset set up costs for events and service activities and allow us to provide annual members with event information via newsletters, mailings, and special email updates.

Membership Dues (12 months):

Single Membership \$15.00

Family Membership \$20.00

New Graduates (within 2 years) \$5.00

Senior Citizens Discount (65 or older) \$5.00 off any membership type.

Penn State Alumni Association

Joining the Penn State Alumni Association connects you to the University for life. Your membership allows you to join with more than 150,000 Penn State alums who together are working to strengthen the University for generations of students to come.

If you really want make your membership work extra hard, go to the Alumni Association website: www.alumni.psu.edu/4life and sign up for a lifetime membership with the Alumni Association with the Philadelphia Chapters code (ATL) referenced on your application! This offers additional resources to the Philadelphia Chapter, which translates into additional services and benefits to our members.

To request further information regarding membership, please contact Michael Zirilli, Membership Director, at mikepsualumni@comcast.net

Did you just graduate?
Did you recently move to Philly?
Do you know someone who did?
We'd love to hear from you!
 Networking Events, Community Service,
 Social Events and more...



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2007 Outback Bowl Recap

SEAN SOMMER, TREASURER



On January 1st Hundreds of Philadelphia and surrounding area alumni gathered for the Philadelphia Chapter's hosting of the Outback bowl at the Mad River Bar and Grille on Chestnut street in the heart of olde city. Mad River was ready with their customized Penn State menu with grilled stickies and much more. The fans were expecting a great game as the Nittany Lions came into the bowl with a record of 8-4 and a 25 BCS ranking, winning four of their last five games. This was mainly due to a stellar defensive squad anchored by Paul Posluszny who led the team and was third in the big ten in tackles. Other defensive standouts were defensive tackle Jay Alford who led the team for 12.5 tackles for a loss and eight sacks, outside linebacker Dan Connor who ranked fourth in the big ten for tackles and Anthony Scirrotto who led the big ten with five interceptions. The defense would be facing Erik Ainge the second leading passer in the SEC with 2,722 yards and 19 touchdowns.

The game started out with Tennessee taking the lead with a field goal after an impressive drive. The Nittany Lions came right back with a field goal to tie it up after the start of the second quarter. After our defense stopped Tennessee on their next drive our offense drove 92 yards to take a 10-3 lead. The lead was short lived as the Vols came back with a big run to tie up the game before the half 10-10. After the half the fans watched a defensive struggle as neither offense put points on the board during the third quarter. During the fourth quarter we found the wait well worth it as our Nittany Lion defense forced a fumble which was recovered by Tony Davis for an 88 yard run converting a touchdown. Penn State finished the game scoring another field goal beating the Tennessee Volunteers 20-10.

Fast facts about the game/season:

- The Nittany Lions have won 22 of their last 27 games overall, dating to the final two games of the 2004 season.
- Penn State (9-4) has won nine or more games 26 times in Joe Paterno's career.
- The Nittany Lions improved to 3-2 vs. Tennessee all-time, with wins in the 1992 Fiesta Bowl, 1994 Citrus Bowl and 2007 Outback Bowl.
- Penn State did not have a turnover for the first time this season. The PSU defense recorded its sixth game of the season forcing three or more turnovers. Penn State had two fumble recoveries and an interception on the day. Penn State forced 25 turnovers on the season.
- Penn State held Tennessee to 83 yards rushing. The Lions held eight opponents to under 100 rushing yards this season (PSU won all eight games).
- Penn State's 92-yard, eight-play scoring drive for a TD in the second quarter was the Nittany Lions' longest drive by yardage this year.
- Outback Bowl MVP Tony Hunt ran the ball a career high tying 31 times for 158 yards posting his 8th 100-yard game of the season and the 15th of his career moving him into a tie with Lydell Mitchell for fifth all-time in career 100-yard games at Penn State. All eight of Hunt's 100-yard rushing games this season were for 130 yards or more.
- Tony Hunt finished his career second all-time on the Penn State career rushing charts with 3,320 yards on first all-time with 654 carries (5.08 avg.). He passed D.J. Dozier (3,227), Curtis Enis (3,256) and Blair Thomas (3,301) on the day and finished just 78 yards behind career leader Curt Warner's total of 3,398 on 649 carries (5.2 avg.), the second most carries all-time.
- Hunt finished the season with 1,386 yards on 277 carries (5.0 avg). His yardage total ranks sixth all-time as he passed Blair Thomas (1,341 in 1989) and Curtis Enis (1,363 in 1997) on the day. His 277 carries are the second most all-time behind John Cappelletti's 286 in 1973.
- Tony Hunt's 31 carries are the most by an opposing player vs. Tennessee in a bowl game and his 158 rushing yards are third-highest vs. the Vols in a bowl game.
- Hunt finished the season with 1,645 all-purpose yards, good for sixth all-time as he passed Lenny Moore (1,486 in 1954), Curtis Enis (1,501 in 1996 & 1,578 in 1997), Blair Thomas (1,535 in 1,535) on the day. His 4,231 career all-purpose yards rank fourth all-time. Hunt also ranks tied for eighth with 25 career rushing TD's and tied for 10th with 88 career receptions.
- QB Anthony Morelli moved into third place all-time on the Penn State single season passing charts with 2,424 yards on the season. Morelli completed 14 of 25 passes on the day for 197 yards and one touchdown. Morelli also set PSU's single season pass completion (208) and attempt (386) records this season while completing 53 percent of his passes. Morelli's 197 yards vs. Tennessee were seventh-highest by a Penn Stater in a bowl game.
- Safety Anthony Scirrotto recorded his sixth interception of the season in the third quarter. He is tied with nine other players for the 10th best single season interception mark in Penn State history. Current Tampa Bay Buccaneer Alan Zemaitis recorded six last season.
- With three catches for 73 yards on the day, Deon Butler finished the season with a team leading 48 catches for 637 yards. His 48 catches rank tied for sixth all-time in a season. Butler, a sophomore, now stands 12th all-time for career receiving yards at Penn State with 1,328 and 13th with 85 career receptions.
- Paul Posluszny recorded eight tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss (-10). He finished his career as Penn State's all-time tackle leader with 372 and 12th all-time with 35 tackles for loss. Posluszny is the first player to lead Penn State in tackles three consecutive seasons.
- Dan Connor led Penn State with 10 tackles on the day. He moved into a tied for fifth all-time on the career tackle charts with 274 equaling the marks set by John Skorupan, and Shane Conlan.

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Single Annual Membership \$15.00		
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<p>Once you have completed this form, please detach and send with membership dues, check, or money order payable to: The Penn State Alumni Association – Philadelphia Chapter PO Box 21233 Philadelphia, PA 19114</p> <p>Or send electronically to Michael Zirilli, Membership Committee Chair at mikepsualumni@comcast.net with membership dues sent via US Mail to the PO Box listed above, or through our website using PayPal</p>		

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