

The Penn State Alumni Association

Lawrence County Chapter

September 2008



What a year it was for the Lawrence County Chapter of the Penn State Alumni Association. The dinner honoring all the former Lawrence County Penn State football players was a huge success. If you were unable to attend, you missed a great evening. Twelve former players attend along with Defensive Coordinator Tom Bradley.

We are still getting cards, letters and Emails congratulating us on a first class event. Please see the article enclosed about the dinner. I want to personally thank everybody who worked so hard to make this affair a huge success.

Due to the dinner's success, we raised enough money to award three \$500.00 scholarships to deserving Penn State Freshman. The three scholarships is an increase from two that we have offered in the past years. The winners were presented their scholarships at our annual Freshman Send-Off on August 4th, at Pearson Park. Thirteen incoming freshmen and their families attend along with a special guest, the Nittany Lion himself. Dr. Ira Saltz, the curriculum coordinator for the PSU-Shenango campus was the guest speaker. I want to thank all the Chapter members who showed up to help with this special event.

With your continual help and support, we hope to make the 2008-2009 year a successful one. Our membership roster is nearing the hundred level. Let's go over that number.

This year we will once again work closely with the Penn State-Shenango Alumni Society and the Youngstown and Mercer Chapters. The Youngstown Chapter is sponsoring a raffle for 2 tickets to the PSU-Ohio State game. The PSU-Shenango Alumni Society has a raffle for 2 tickets to the PSU-Michigan game. Both tickets are \$10.00 and they benefit their respective scholarship funds. Contact me if interested in either or both raffles.

We will once again sponsor our annual bus trip to Happy Valley for the Penn State - Illinois game on September 27th. Please note that this is a night game with an 8:00 PM kick-off. Use the reservation form in this newsletter to order your tickets today!! Remember, we sell out our allotment every year, so please get your reservation in as soon as possible.

We are currently working on our own website, www.psuLAWRENCECOUNTYalumni.com. In the next few weeks we should have everything up and running. Please plan to check it often for up to date information.

I am looking forward to another great year for the Nittany Lions and the Lawrence County Chapter. Hope to see you at one or more of the TV parties. Let's go LIONS!!!

Anthony "Bucky" Richards
Chapter President

Bus trip to Happy Valley on Saturday, September 27th

Penn State vs Illinois

Game ticket with a bus ticket are available for only \$105.00 and includes a tailgate before the game. As in the past years, if you have your own game ticket and want to hitch a ride with us, a bus ticket can be reserved for \$45.00. The deadline to order tickets is September 20th. All tickets (game and bus) are on a first come, first serve basis. *You must be a paid member of the Lawrence County Chapter to purchase any of these tickets.*

Meet our 2008 Scholarship Winners!!

Christopher Wheeler

Christopher is a graduate of Mohawk High School and plans to attend the Behrend Campus of Penn State. Christopher is the son of Don "Duke" and Debbi Wheeler. While at Mohawk, he was active in the National Honor Society and the Spanish Club. He played baseball during the summer months and for Mohawk in the spring. He will pursue a degree in chemistry and chose the Behrend Campus because of its excellent chemistry department and the beautiful campus and facilities.

Brianna Fulkerson

Brianna is the daughter of Bonnie and Dan Fulkerson and graduated from Shenango High School. Brianna will attend Main Campus and major in microbiology. She plans to continue on for a Master's and a Ph.D in genetics. Brianna plans to pursue a career in genetic engineering.

While in high school, Brianna played the French horn since fifth grade and participated in honors band her last three years. She was also active in the National Honor Society, SADD, Spanish Club, and Peer Leadership. She also participated in the Big Brothers Big Sisters high school program and has had a little sister since her junior year. Brianna also played softball and volleyball for Shenango.



Alexandrea Pitzer

Alexandrea, the daughter of Lorri and Ben Pitzer, is a New Castle High School graduate. She will attend Main Campus and study graphic design. And hopefully open her own graphic design business one day.

While at New Castle High School, Alexandria was active in the Spanish Club, International Club, Art Club, Academic Games, National Honor Society and Tennis Club. She also volunteers at the New Castle Public Library and the YMCA. She also works part-time at McDonald's.

In order to continue our funding of the freshman scholarship and our other activities, we are once again sponsoring a raffle for a Steeler Fan Gift Basket. It is everything the rabid Steeler Fan needs to complete the 2008 season (included are a set of game tickets). Tickets are only \$2.00 a piece or 3 for \$5.00. We ask that all members help this important scholarship effort by offering to sell tickets or to purchase tickets. Contact 'Bucky' Richards to purchase tickets.



We ARE...PENN STATE!!

Are you a Life Member of the Penn State Alumni Association?

If you are not, now is a great time to join or to convert your annual membership to a life membership. If you wish to do so: contact the Alumni Association at 1.800.548.LION.

When you complete your lifetime membership application, be sure to indicate the Lawrence County Chapter reference code: CAX. The Alumni Association will forward \$50.00 of your membership fees to the Lawrence County Chapter.

Join or Renew Your Lawrence County Membership Today!!

Please fill out the form below and sign up for another great year of Penn State success. Please indicate any events or activities you wish to see organized in the upcoming year. Also, we need your help in selling tickets for our fundraisers. You can also donate to our Scholarship Fund to support our annual scholarships.

We ARE...Under Construction

Our new website is being built as you read this. Please check it often for the latest in Chapter news. www.psuLAWRENCECOUNTYalumni.com

EMAIL...EMAIL...EMAIL

The cost of mailings and the amount of time spent printing, stuffing, and addressing the mail has gone up. We can save time and money (and actually communicate better) by using Email. Please be sure to include your Email address on the registration form.

Questions on upcoming events or about the Lawrence County Chapter?

Contact "Bucky" Richards
(W) 724.654.7818
(H) 724.658.4648

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

2008-2009 Dues (if you have not paid them earlier) \$10.00

Number of game/bus tickets _____ X \$105.00 = _____

Number of bus tickets ONLY _____ X \$45.00 = _____

Donation to the Scholarship Fund _____

Total remitted at this time. _____

Check one: _____ Renew Membership _____ New Membership

Please make all checks payable to: *Lawrence County Chapter - Penn State Alumni*

Activities or events we would like the Chapter to offer: _____

Mail to: J. Bruce Bauman
2615 Graceland Road
New Castle PA 16105



On Thursday, May 15th the Chapter invited and honored all past football players from Lawrence County at a dinner held at the New Englander Banquet Center. Every high school in Lawrence County was represented and twelve former players were in attendance. Defensive Coordinator Tom Bradley was the main speaker.

Tailgating was the theme and we even had the Penn State Creamery Ice Cream and the Diner's Grilled Stickies. All proceeds from the event benefited our scholarship fund. Thank you for all who attended and helped make this evening such a success.

Some player comments about the Spring dinner to honor the football players from Lawrence County.

"I didn't know what to expect, but you guys raised the bar for anyone to duplicate this affair."

"I was not expecting such a first class event. It was a pleasure to see old friends, classmates, teammates, and meet new people."



Penn State vs Syracuse

Our first football TV Party will be for the Syracuse game on September 13th. We will be meeting at the Crane Room Bar & Grill on Wilmington Road. Party begins about a half hour before game time. There will be a cash bar and we will collect a small donation to cover all the wings and pizza you can eat!!

GO PENN STATE

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