



An alumni game at Jeffrey Field (above) and a banquet at the Penn Stater (photos below) were part of a weekend full of activities.

## Nearly 100 return to celebrate soccer's 100th

Appropriately, nearly 100 alumni returned to campus Oct. 22-23, 2010, to help celebrate 100 years of Penn State soccer.

Numerous activities over two days allowed alumni and their family members, young and old, to interact, meet and reminisce.

They were also able to compete and contribute.

The competition include an alumni game at Jeffrey Field. And a large number of attendees chose to contribute and make a gift to the soccer program during their return visit to campus.

Those who returned got a private tour of the All-Sports Museum at Beaver Stadium and were honored at halftime of the men's soccer game vs. Ohio State, which the Nittany Lions ultimately won, 2-1, in overtime.

Attendees included Walter Bahr, Jan and Lorraine Bortner, Director of Athletics Tim Curley, Melinda Curley and numerous soccer greats and their friends and family members.

Coach Bob Warming, Bahr, Curley and alumnus Dick Packer had the opportunity to address the crowd during the weekend-ending banquet at the Penn Stater.







Nearly three dozen alumni from all over the country returned to campus for activities that included an alumni vs. current team match as well as an alumni vs. alumni matchup appropriately referred to as the "Geezer Game." A busy day also included a banquet at the Atherton Hotel.

## Men's volleyball alumni compete, contribute—and sing

With nearly three dozen participants, special activities for men's volleyball alumni were busy and well attended on Jan. 8, 2011.

A full day of activities included a practice session in the Rec Hall South Gym and a lunch for alumni.

There was on-court competition, including a match between alumni and current team members and the "Geezer Game" that matched alumni vs. alumni.

Varsity 'S' Committee member Frank Gaudagnino played a key role in organizing the event that was entertaining and fun. In addition, alumni who returned displayed their commitment to Penn State and the program as everyone who returned made a donation back to the men's volleyball program.

Alumni returned from all over the country and they were able to interact with former coach Tom Tait as well as current coach Mark

Pavlik and many other alumni and current student-athletes.

Competition was not limited to the court, either.

During a banquet at the Atherton Hotel, alumni and current team members participated in the annual signing competition.

As has become the case with that tradition-rich element of the reunion, the alumni were again victorious.

### DIVERS AT DAMON'S

Thirty-five diving alumni returned to campus for an alumni event that has been conducted every five years. The Oct. 15-16 weekend included a tour of campus, a diving competition for the alumni and dinner. The weekend was organized by Varsity 'S' Committee member Drew Jackson. A majority of those returning made a gift to the program as part of the weekend.





## Basketball teams attract alumni for festivities

Recent alumni activities for the men's and women's basketball teams produced similarly successful results.

The women's team conducted its event first, on Jan. 29-30, 2011.

More than 20 alumni returned and they were able to attend practice and share time a training table with the team's current players.

They attended the men's basketball game against Wisconsin and were then honored at halftime of the women's game against Ohio State on Jan. 30.

The men's team also brought back more than 20 alumni for its event on Feb. 13, 2011.

They participated in pre- and post-game sessions in the Mt. Nittany Club and, of course, were special guests at the Bryce Jordan Center as the men upended Northwestern.



### A 'DOLL' BABY, HONEST

Heather Doll, a member of track and field teams from 2001 to 2005, and Matthew Doll welcomed a daughter on Dec. 17, 2010. She was 8 pounds, 0.9 ounces and 20 inches long. She has long legs, which should help her follow in her mothers footsteps as a high jumper. The new family resides in Glen Rock, Pa., where both parents work at Pin Oak Lane Farm, a horse farm.

### PROUD PSU PAIRING

Susan Oliver and Zelimir Koljesar currently live in Fort Mill, S.C. Susan graduated in 2004 and played on the women's golf team while Zelimir was a member of the men's volleyball team who graduated in 2003. 'Z' is a web developer and Susan is a stay-at-home-mom to Anthony, who is 8 months old. He was born on May 10, 2010. They're looking forward to attending the men's volleyball national championship in May. Go PSU!



## Opportunities abound for alumni assistance

Former Penn State student-athletes and Varsity 'S' Club members may choose from a variety of ways to support "For the Future: The Campaign for Penn State Students."

Options range from easy, such as simply attending an alumni event, to more committed, such as giving to the Nittany Lion Club. And, by participation in the Nittany Lion Club, former student-athletes may designate their support to a specific team and still earn NLC benefits.

Gifts of any size make a difference in the success of each and every varsity sports program. A committee of more than 30 former stu-

*For the future*  
THE CAMPAIGN FOR PENN STATE STUDENTS

dent-athletes has been created to assist the Varsity 'S' Club and Penn State Intercollegiate Athletics with reaching out and reconnecting with our more than 11,000 former student-athletes.

Volunteer representatives on the committee from each of the sports will be contacting alumni from those sports in the near future to seek more participation from all of our alumni.

### A Plan: One Gift, Any Size, Every Year

As you know, Penn State is a fully self-sustaining athletic department, meaning it does not utilize state funds, University funds or tuition dollars to finance its 29 varsity sports.

We rely heavily on private donations through the Nittany Lion Club. And, we are continuing the opportunity for former athletes to designate their NLC donations directly back to their team, helping make an immediate impact on the sports that have given them so much.

It doesn't take a million dollars to make a difference, either.

If you are looking for other ways to financially support your team, contact any of the following:

- RJ Gimbl (814) 865-5576 / [rjg20@psu.edu](mailto:rjg20@psu.edu);
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- Ken Cutler (814) 863-6761 / [kmc2@psu.edu](mailto:kmc2@psu.edu).

In 2010, former student-athletes gave more than \$2.6 million to Intercollegiate Athletics.





## Mail from Mike ... For the Glory, For the Future

Dear Fellow Nittany Lions,

Every day in Happy Valley seems to bring more good news and opportunities for Intercollegiate Athletics—and for our former student-athletes to be a part of that ongoing success.

For example, the “For the Future Campaign,” created to keep a Penn State education affordable, continues to move toward its goal, and a recent *Wall Street Journal* poll found that corporate recruiters rank our University as the No. 1 place to find new members for their teams.

Our many Penn State teams remain competitive in the conference and nationally, with at least some of that success attributable our facilities.

We continually to improve existing facilities on campus—such as Rec Hall, where scoreboards and video screens were recently added—and the state-of-the-art softball stadium will debut this spring.

### Contact the Varsity ‘S’ Club



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Find Varsity ‘S’ on Facebook!



Plans for the ice hockey arena are being designed right now, and plans for upgrades to other sports’ facilities are under discussion.

We’re also planning a number of activities for Varsity ‘S’ members to enjoy next fall. Watch for details about those events in the near future.

We truly appreciate when former student-athletes return to campus, and hope you can make time to do so as soon as possible.

I encourage you to get engaged with the Varsity ‘S’ Club if you have not been in the past. Or to stay involved if you have been. Your time, talent and contributions are important to keep Penn State successful.

*Michel Milliron*

(’05 Baseball)

## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

**IMPORTANT!!!- We really want to report on what our former athletes are up to in their lives after Penn State Athletics. Tell us about your recent accomplishments, and personal milestones and send us pictures. Don't be shy. If you don't submit, we can't write about it. Email us your story at [VarsityS@athletics.psu.edu](mailto:VarsityS@athletics.psu.edu).**



Please submit your stories and photos! We want to see and hear of new Nittany Lions (children of our former athletes). Also if you are two Varsity 'S' Club members and you recently celebrated a marriage or anniversary, let us know. Photos of folks and tots dressed in Penn State gear will be given first preference.

If you need to update your contact information or wish to submit news for possible inclusion, please e-mail [VarsityS@athletics.psu.edu](mailto:VarsityS@athletics.psu.edu) with “VSC Member Update” in the subject line.

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