

Alumni Newsletter – February 15, 2006

All your Valentine's gifts have been given. The Pro Bowl has passed. The Olympics are still alive, but nobody really cares about "sports" that do not take place on grass and dirt. The weather topped 60 degrees in State College today (although it will likely plummet down to 30 immediately), and pitchers and catchers have started to report in Florida and Arizona. That's right...

Baseball season is officially here.

The Penn State Baseball Club is kicking it off right. Tonight, a final indoor practice will give us our final swings and throws before heading down to the Wolfpack Invitational in Raleigh, North Carolina on Friday afternoon. On Saturday, we are set to play Elon University at 12 pm, and then face the University of North Carolina at 5 pm. The results from these games will decide if we make it to the four-team bracket on Sunday or settle for a consolation game on Sunday morning. Of course, we will be gunning for the bracket, where some of the top teams in the South will be playing. We will keep you posted on how it goes.

Aside from those exciting on-field developments, this week also marks the launching of our new website. Mark Mihalik and Chris Connors have spent the last month designing it (which explains why the old website was becoming a bit neglected), and they feel that it just may be the greatest website in the entire NCBA. See for yourself here:

<http://clubs.psu.edu/up/psbc/>

You may have noticed that we changed the URL from "psuhardball" to "psbc" for the sake of simplicity. We recommend that you update your bookmarks, but the old URL will redirect you to the current site. Also, some links (the alumni contacts and some of the pages in the archives in particular) lead you to blank pages, but they will be complete soon. We just wanted to make sure that we had the new site up before the season began.

New features include the online store, which this time around is really online at CafePress.com, and coming soon will be an online donation system through MySportsDreams.com. Take a minute to look around and feel free to let Mark and Chris know what you think.

Aside from that, it is business as usual for the PSBC. We are scheduled to play James Madison University next weekend, and then we hop on a bus to Tampa the following week. Check the website for updates, and come on out to some games if you are in the area.

Sincerely,

Mark Mihalik, *President*
Greg Lisa, *Treasurer*

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