

Alumni Newsletter – November 16, 2005

Meeting Cal Ripken Jr.

On October 27, 2005, the PSBC had the privilege to be one of the sponsors for the Distinguished Speaker Series. Cal Ripken Jr. spoke to a sold out Eisenhower Auditorium about what made him successful for his legendary career. During his playing years, athletes such as Derek Jeter would ask Ripken how he managed to keep the streak of consecutive games alive. Ripken could never answer the question, but he was able to put together a list of traits that he felt was most important in life and in baseball. A few of these traits were having a strong sense of conviction, life management, and being consistent. Ripken stated, "You can't always get the game-winning hit or the game-saving catch, it is what you do in between those two. You need to find ways to make contributions no matter how small." Mark Mihalik and Bill Lippert were fortunate enough to join Ripken for dinner before the speech, and after the speech fifteen members of the PSBC were able to briefly meet Mr. Ripken and pose for the following picture:

http://www.clubs.psu.edu/up/psuhardball/PSBC_and_Cal.jpg

Stadium Cleaning

The day after the Wisconsin football game, the PSBC was up at 6:30 in the morning to clean Beaver Stadium. It took us around six hours to clean the west side of the stadium, but the effort was well worth it as we earned 1600 dollars to help us travel in the spring. I feel it's safe to say that not one fan in Beaver Stadium has ever thrown away their trash during the game. Also, it is to be noted that Jason Shirey threw up multiple times due to the unpleasant stench of trash.

Lifting Program

We will begin our lifting program and indoor practice schedule in early November. We are eager to start lifting in Rec Hall and practicing in the Multi-Sport Facility and Holuba Hall. After a bittersweet regionals exit last year, the PSBC will enter this pre-season with a chip on its shoulder. I, along with the team will make sure that the swagger you guys brought to the PSBC will be back come World Series time.

Football Tailgates

I want to thank the alumni who hosted an awesome tailgate before the Ohio State football game. The last time I have seen that much beer in one location was at the Iron City Brewery. The current players really appreciated the festivities. If anyone is planning on going to the bowl game email me at bah5011@psu.edu. There is a great chance I will be going and I would love to tailgate or party before the game.

Sincerely,

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