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Holiday Message

Hey Everyone!!

I'd first off like to thank all of you for your willingness to help us form the foundations of the CCSG Alumni Interest Group, a community that we hope will get stronger every year and help reunite old co-workers and friends. Things have been very hectic for Central Staff and I this past Fall Semester. We have many exciting projects we have been working on, including a First Year Seminar Survey done with USG's Academic Assembly, a lobbying campaign that is in full force, the development of a System-Wide Student Summit on Diversity, and continued growth and development of "The Councillor", which will have it's online debut this January . With that being said we are looking forward to an even better and more productive spring semester. If any of you are ever in the University Park area, please stop by the office and say hello.



In the meantime, if you have any ideas, comments, questions, criticisms, donations, or advice, please call me at (814) 863-0697 (good ol' 229 HUB!) or email me at mikecooper@psu.edu. Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukah, Happy Kwanzaa, and a Healthy and Happy New Year!

For the Glory and the Kids,
Mike Cooper
CCSG President

We're still looking for former members of Council and Central Staff If you know someone that is interested in the Alumni Interest Group, please contact, Vera Spina, Public Relations Director, vxs163@psu.edu



What would you like to see in the AIG Newsletter? Send your ideas to Vera Spina vxs163@psu.edu



CCSG AIG Update:

The CCSG Alumni Interest Group is well on its way to becoming an official entity of the Penn State Alumni Association. All we need is to have 50 membership forms completed by CCSG Alumni that are active members of the Alumni Association (dues-paying members). As of now we are halfway there and only need 25 more membership petition forms filled out. Once we get the 50 forms I will turn in a completed application with the petition forms, by-laws for the AIG and an Interim Board Member list to the Alumni Association. Once the 50 names are verified then the CCSG AIG will be given "probationary" status. However there are many benefits that come with this status. Most importantly some financial assistance will be given to help plan meetings and events, which will help put into motion the true potential of this organization.

Finally, after one full year of successful activity the CCSG AIG will be up for review by Alumni Council in Spring 2004. If after this review the AIG is seen as viable (and I know it will be) the group will be granted "official" status and become a full-fledged Alumni Interest Group.

So please take time and fill out the membership petition form if you have not already done so or send it to someone you know that was once involved in CCSG. I am looking forward to watching this AIG grow and to working with the great people that made CCSG the amazing organization that it is.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year. And Go Penn State!!!

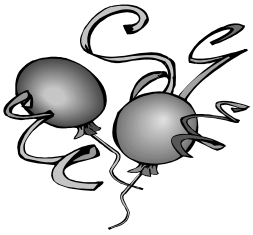
Richel Perretti, CCSG Advisor Class of '97

Reunion?

As always, Alumni are encouraged and welcomed to attend Council Meetings, your attendance at a Spring Council meeting would mean a tremendous amount to Central Staff and Council

There has been discussion about a possible Reunion Party following the first Council Meeting of the Spring, January 31 and February 1

If you are interested in participating in the Reunion Party, or if you have ideas for possible reunion sites, please contact Vera Spina, vxs163@psu.edu



Spring 2003
Council Meetings
January 31-February 1
March 21-22
April 4-5

"Penn State Pride Commonwealth Wide"

What is CCSG up to?

- Governmental Affairs Director, Anthony Bizzaro is in the process of planning the 2nd Annual Rally in the Rotunda for Spring 2003. If you are interested or would like more information, contact aqb103@psu.edu
- *The Councillor* is now a 12 full page news paper that is distributed to the Commonwealth Locations 6 times a year
- CCSG is planning the first ever Penn State Student Summit on Diversity for Spring 2003. This unique Summit will help foster relationships between diverse organizations throughout the Commonwealth
- CCSG has begun, along with USG, to distribute FYS Surveys to ease the transition for incoming students to college life
- Developing a Legal Affairs department in CCSG to ensure that students understand their rights within the Penn State Judicial Affairs system

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