

NEWSLETTER

August 15, 2006

ALUMNI WEEKEND

The twelfth annual Alumni Weekend is coming September 15, 16, and 17 and there is still time to sign up. The weekend starts on Friday with our third annual Sprint Football Golf Tournament. Ray Castellani '86 has prepared a great outing with tons of prizes. There are plenty of sponsorship opportunities at the event.

The weekend also includes several meals, opportunities to hang out with old teammates and coaches, and a full contact with pads football game against the current team. There are still spaces open on the team but space is limited so sign up soon.

All forms, schedules, and information for the weekend are available at www.princeton.edu/~sprintfb/alumni.

SPRINT TEAM GETS A NEW HEAD COACH

Tom Cocuzza has been hired as the new head coach of our program. Coach Cocuzza has an extensive coaching background, which includes working at Kean University as the offensive coordinator and Essex Catholic High School as the head coach. Tom also coached former Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Tommy Maddux and New Orleans Saints wide receiver Michael Lewis while coaching in the arena league. Coach Cocuzza will bring a renewed enthusiasm to the program and his unique perspective on the game should give the Tigers an advantage over their opponents.

MESSAGE FROM COACH COCUZZA

I would like to thank everyone for the help I have received in my first four months on the job. Each alumnus I have spoken to understands the positive effect football can have in developing competitiveness, drive, and resiliency. These traits combined with a Princeton education give our players many of the tools they need to achieve their lifelong goals. I am honored to be in a position to help this program flourish.

Currently we have 36 players on the roster including 4 already from the class of '10. The players are excited and motivated. During Spring practices, many of the players would stand on line and mimic the drill while waiting for their next repetition. I have seen few players do this, and never have I seen a majority of a team doing self-reps. I think that this effort will show results. The players have some areas of need. We worked hardest in the Spring to fix the greatest deficiencies. We stressed that they need to continue the drills during the summer. If we are to fulfill our goals they need to work harder than any of our opponents.

My staff recognizes my commitment to the program and understands that we must be the best staff in the conference if we are to achieve our goals. Offensively, we are installing a Texas Tech-type offense with two yard line splits and four and five receiver sets. Defensively, we blitz, blitz, and blitz. We have over eighty blitzes in our play book. On special teams we teach assignments and aggressiveness. Historically, our defense and special teams have paid immediate dividends. However, the offense tends to get better with each game the players are in the system. For this reason, we expect to have many competitive practices during camp starting on September 5th.

All in all, I am very pleased with our direction. We expect to be in possession of the William Wagner Trophy by the end of 2007, if not sooner.

After (hopefully) surviving the alumnae game we will be opening the season at home versus Cornell on September 22nd. We will be making road trips to Virginia (VMI), Cornell, West Point, and Penn. We hope as many alumnae as possible will come out to support us in our first season during this new era.

Thomas Cocuzza
Head Coach, Princeton Sprint Football

<i>Date</i>	<i>Game and Location</i>	<i>Time</i>
Sunday 9/17	Alumni Game	Noon
Saturday 9/22	Cornell	7:00 PM
Friday 9/29	University of Pennsylvania	7:00 PM
Friday 10/6	@Army	7:00 PM
Friday 10/13	@Cornell	7:00 PM
Friday 10/20	Navy (Parents/Alumni Night)	7:00 PM
Saturday 10/28	@Virginia Military Institute	1:00 PM
Friday 11/3	@University of Pennsylvania	7:00 PM

Scores and recaps from the games are available throughout the season at
www.princeton.edu/~sprintfb

PARENTS/ALUMNI NIGHT

If you can only attend one game this season, I encourage you to attend the final home game against Navy on October 20. At this game the friends association will cater a post game party in the lobby of Jadwin Gym. The event is open to all Sprint Football parents, friends and alumni. At the event we hope to celebrate a triumphant season and to honor all the seniors for all their hard work. If you plan on attending the event please RSVP to Eric Gillman at egillman@alumni.princeton.edu or 610-462-6325.

ENDOWMENT FUND

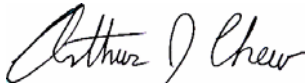
Sprint Football is a rare sport that exists at only four other universities. Sprint Football is also a great sport that gives many students an opportunity to become student athletes. With Title IX and possible budget constraints, Sprint Football at Princeton could someday be unfortunately cut. That day does not seem to be anywhere in the near future

since the university recently built a stadium for the team and has an assistant director of athletics who also serves as the Sprint Football League's commissioner. Times can change and I would not want the program to be cut. In order to prevent this from ever happening, we need to get the program endowed.

Last year we raised over \$75,000 in donations with almost all of this money going in the endowment account. Currently, we have over \$1.1 million in our endowment account. In the coming school year, I think as the second largest alumni group at Princeton we should be able to increase our donations again and \$100,000 to go towards endowing the program.. Please use the enclosed donation card to make your tax-deductible donations to this outstanding program. Without your continued support this program could not survive and Princeton students would be deprived of a very unique experience. I would like to thank you in advance for your generous support to the Sprint Football Endowment Fund.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the friends group or in endowing a coaching position, please contact me at (609) 653-7066

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arthur J. Chew".

Arthur "P.J." Chew '95

PS – This letter can be sent via email, by sending me your address to ajchew@alumni.princeton.edu