Well-Derived Recognition

Congratulations to Brenda Haithcock and Michael Beale, winners of the Ernie Williamson Award for 2011. The award is given annually to the employees of the Department of Athletics who best exemplify the spirit of the late Ernie Williamson.

The award’s criteria states: “A winner of the Ernie Williamson Award will have an unquestioned love and loyalty for the University, the Department, and our student-athletes. This love and loyalty will be demonstrated by an inspirational work ethic, an encouraging demeanor, and the respect and admiration of his/her coworkers.”

In nominating Brenda and Michael for this award, here are some of the wonderful things that coworkers said about them:

• “Michael is what Carolina and UNC Athletics should be. He is devoted to the athletic department, and understands why he is here. He is an upbeat and positive individual who is never more than a phone call, email, or personal visit away and will always take time to help you out and do what can to make things work.”

• “Brenda is the epitome of a true UNC Tar Heel that bleeds Carolina Blue. Her passion for Carolina athletics and her devotion to this great University are unquestioned. Her always-positive attitude and her warm and pleasant personality have been cornerstones of how she treats everyone that she comes in contact with: coaches, staff, student-athletes, alumni, campus employees, etc. It wouldn’t take more than a 5 minute conversation with her to see just how much she cares about the people of this Athletic Department, the student-athletes that are here now, and the ones that were here before.”

Brenda, an administrative assistant for football, is in her 13th year working in that office. Prior to joining the Department of Athletics, she worked for 24 years in the UNC School of Dentistry.

Michael joined the department as an office assistant in the ticket office in 1998 and moved over to sports marketing in 2000. He now serves as Assistant AD for Marketing.

Congratulations to Brenda and Michael, and thank you for your hard work and dedication to UNC Athletics!

SECC Winding Down

The 2011 State Employees’ Combined Campaign is in its final days and will wrap up on Nov. 17. The Department of Athletics long has been a major supporter of the drive, with 79 department members donating last year.

If you have not yet made a donation, please consider doing so before Thursday. More than 1,000 charities, all of which have been reviewed to ensure accountability, are eligible for donations, and no amount is too small to help.

Additional information regarding the campaign can be found at: http://www.unc.edu/secc/. If you have questions, please contact Josh Boone in the business office at 962-5200.

Welcome to the family!

A warm welcome to the Cunningham family, which officially joins the Carolina family this week as Bubba Cunningham takes over as the seventh director of athletics in UNC history. Pictured with him at his introductory press conference last month are wife Tina and kids (l to r) Matthew, Michael, John and Sarah.

FABULOUS FALL

Congratulations to the field hockey and men’s soccer teams and to cross country senior Kendra Schaaf, winners of ACC titles thus far this fall. Field hockey is on its way to the final four in Louisville this weekend, while men’s soccer is preparing to dive into NCAA Tournament play this week. (The bracket will be announced on Monday afternoon.)

Individually, Schaaf also won the Southeast Regional championship. As a team, the UNC men were third in the conference and the women fifth. The women were third and the men fifth at the Southeast Regional championships, and the NCAA Cross Country Championships are set for Nov. 21 in Terre Haute, Ind.

Meanwhile, women’s soccer also is in the thick of the postseason, headed for a second round game in Gainesville, Fla., on Friday. Volleyball is 21-7 with three regular-season contests remaining, and football is 6-4 two games left to play.

Good luck to all the fall sports winding down their seasons, as well as to the winter sports (see page 7) just gearing up!
New Tar Heel

• Congratulations Trey Parnell (Athletic Facilities) and his wife, Scarlett, on the birth of their son, Mason Randall Parnell. Mason was born Sept. 30th at 10:33 pm. He was 9 pounds, three ounces and 21 inches long.

• Congratulations to rowing coach Sarah Haney on the birth of daughter Emerson Elizabeth Sterling-Haney, who arrived Oct. 7 weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Best wishes to all!

Warm Welcomes

• Ilsy Chappell has joined the Sports Medicine staff. As Sports Nutritionist/Dietitian, her responsibilities include individual nutrition counseling, menu planning, team education, and supplement evaluation. Prior to UNC, Chappell worked at Wakemed Health and Hospitals where she provided nutrition education and counseling. She also has also worked with members of the Carolina Railhawks Soccer Team providing nutrition guidance and counseling.

Chappell completed her undergraduate degree in dietetics, foods, and nutrition at Tennessee Technological University. She earned her master’s degree in nutrition from the University of Georgia in 2005. She is credentialed as a Registered Dietitian (R.D) and also is a member of the American Dietetic Association (ADA) and Sports Cardiovascular, and Wellness Nutrition (SCAN) dietetics practice group and the Collegiate and Professional Sports Dietitians Association (CPSDA).

• Wally Richardson joined the UNC Academic Support Program in the summer of 2011 and serves as an Associate Director.

He came to Chapel Hill from the University of Georgia, where he worked from 2007-11 as Associate Director of Academic Support. Prior to that he spent four years as an academic counselor at Penn State, his alma mater.

A 1996 graduate with a B.S. in Administration of Justice, he earned a master’s in Higher Education from Penn State in 2003.

Richardson played quarterback for the Nittany Lions from 1992-96 and was a seventh-round pick by the Baltimore Ravens in the 1997 NFL Draft. He also played professionally for the Atlanta Falcons, the New York/New Jersey Hitmen of the XFL, and the Los Angeles Avengers of the Arena Football League.

• Bradley Bethel joined the Academic Support Program staff in September of 2011 as a Reading and Writing Specialist.

Bethel grew up outside of Toledo, Ohio and graduated from The Ohio State University in 2004 with a B.A. in English. He returned to Toledo to earn his teaching credentials through the University of Toledo. After teaching middle school and completing an M.Ed. in 2010, he accepted a position as a Reading and Writing Specialist at his alma mater, Ohio State. Bethel worked at OSU for one year before coming to UNC to be the Reading and Writing Specialist for the Academic Support Program.

In his spare time, he practices martial arts and writes a blog. He is married to Tracy, and they have two dogs, Penny and Sophia.

• Julie Domina has joined the Olympic Sports staff, working as the administrative assistant for rowing, softball, women’s lacrosse, men’s and women’s fencing, and men and women’s golf. A 2005 UNC graduate and former Tar Heel rower, she earned a master’s in sport psychology from Ithaca College and coached the women’s novice rowing team while she was there. She then served as an assistant rowing coach at Tulsa and Duke before settling in at Carmichael in September.

Welcome to UNC, Ilsy, Wally and Brad, and welcome back, Julie!

Fond Farewell

Gail Basnight retired on Sept. 30 after more than 28 years in the department. As the longtime equipment manager, she saw plenty of changes. “When I started, it was maybe 8-15 pieces per athlete, and now we’re talking 30-50 depending on the sport,” she said.

What she’ll remember most, though, isn’t handing out gear, it’s being a part of the many events that UNC hosted during her tenure, including numerous NCAA Tournament contests and even national championships. “What I’ve enjoyed the most is the people I’ve worked with,” she said.

Chances are you still might spot her out at Finley, as she has some golf in her plans and in fact volunteered at the Tar Heel Invitational mere days after her retirement.

Thank you, Gail, for your many years of service to the department and for your support of the Tar Heels!

Familiar Face, New Place

Kathy Duffy, who formerly called Finley Golf Course home, has moved over to Athletic Facilities, where she has stepped in after Sharon Wagner retired. She serves as administrative assistant for Mike Bunting and also works with Kevin Robinson and Bobby Gales.
Get to Know the Interns

This month, the spotlight shines on the department’s 2011-12 interns, without whom we could not thrive. Thanks to all of them for their hard work and dedication!

 Hunters Culbertson

**Primary Responsibilities:** Assisting with event planning and operations for football and Olympic sports. I will manage a few Olympic sport game days this fall and have also been designated as the Tournament Director for the Men’s and Women’s ACC Soccer Quarterfinals we will host in October/November.

**Before grad school at UNC:** I interned with the U.S. Open (Golf), UNC Campus Recreation, the Durham Bulls, and the College Sport Research Institute here at UNC.

**Hometown:** Charlotte, N.C.

**Undergrad:** UNC, B.A. in Sport Administration and Minor in Coaching Education, 2008

**Background in athletics:** I played tennis in high school, lettering all four years, and was the captain and MVP my senior year. I continued to play tennis on the club tennis team at UNC. In the spring of 2010, I was the head coach of the boys’ middle school tennis team at The Duke School in Durham.

**What would you like to be doing 10 years from now?** Assistant Director or Director of Athletic Event Operations at a Division I school, ideally in the southeast.

**Ultimate career goal:** Senior Associate Athletic Director for Athletic Event Operations at Division I school, ideally in the southeast.

**Fun fact:** In the summer of 2006, I spent six weeks on a missions trip in Ghana, Africa. While I was there, Ghana played in their first ever world cup and reached the round of 16 knockout stage. The entire trip was an awesome experience.

Devon Fratracangeli

**Student-Athlete Development

**Primary responsibilities:** Everything: CREED, SAAC, Carolina Leadership Academy, Career Services... if it needs to get done I do it.

**Undergraduate education:** Syracuse University, ’08 – dual degree in Broadcast Journalism and Marketing

**Before grad school at UNC:** I worked as a retail store manager and a lacrosse coach for my high school.

**Hometown:** Langhorne. Pa. (northeast suburb of Philly)

**Background in athletics:**

**What would you like to be doing 10 years from now?** Working in either Student-Athlete Development or External Affairs in an athletic department on the east coast

**Ultimate career goal:** To be a director of athletics

**Fun fact about you:** I can count to 10 in 6 different languages (English, Spanish, French, Italian, Swedish, and Hungarian).

Nick Fulton

**Primary responsibilities:** Working with the Rams Club Annual Fund team

**Before grad school at UNC:** I worked in the Wisconsin Department of Athletics as a general administrative intern and assisted the Deputy Director of Athletics. I also coached swimming in Madison during the year between undergraduate and graduate school.

**Hometown:** New Brighton, Minn.

Kendra Hancock

**Academic Support Program for Student-Athletes

**Primary responsibilities:** Assisting academic advisors with tutoring schedules and study hall monitoring. Assisting advisors with office tasks and other duties as needed.

**Before grad school at UNC:** I worked at Villanova University as an equipment manager intern for the 2007-08 school year. I was also a student-athlete mentor at ’Nova. I worked at Carolina as an assistant equipment manager and the College Sport Research Institute office manager during the 2008-09 school year just prior to grad school.

**Hometown:** California, Ky.


**Background in athletics:** I did the official scorebook for basketball starting in middle school, then continued with stats for basketball and baseball in high school. I was head manager for the EKU men's basketball team in undergrad.

**What would you like to be doing 10 years from now?** I would love to be an academic advisor for student-athletes and seeing as close to 100 percent of my student-athletes graduating and becoming successful citizens.

**Ultimate career goal:** I would love to become an Senior Women's Administrator or an Athletic Director sometime, but I know it is going to take a lot of hard work and dedication to reach my ultimate career goals.

**Fun fact:** I work for the Durham Bulls Baseball Club during the baseball season and as crazy as it seems, I love doing tarp pulls. Also, my first baseball hat other than playing little league was an N.C. logo hat, which I still wear to Carolina baseball games. :)

FYI...

- All of the department interns are second-year students in UNC’s sport administration graduate program except for Kendra Hancock (program graduate), Niobra Keah (grad student in sociology) and Nathan Thorp
- Now that we know so much about them, here’s one more important note—the correct way to say their names:

  - Devin Fratracangeli – frat-ark-ANJ-el-ee
  - Niobra Keah – neye-OH-bra KEE-uh
  - Natalie Lutz – LOOTS
  - Scott Palanjian – pa-LAN-je-an

- Undergrad: Wisconsin – B.S. Economics & Political Science
- Background in athletics: I was a swimming student-athlete at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and also have coached swimming at numerous different levels.
- **What would you like to be doing 10 years from now?** Working in a Division I Athletics Department
- **Ultimate career goal:** Become Director of Athletics at a Division I institution
- **Fun fact:** It is my life goal to visit every state capitol – I have been to 17 so far
Scott Howell  
**Primary responsibilities:** Football and men’s basketball coaches’ shows, radio show logs, football and men’s basketball promotions, assisting in fulfillment of sponsorship contracts  
**Before grad school:** I went straight from undergrad at Texas to graduate school at UNC.  
**Hometown:** Richardson, Texas  
**Undergrad:** University of Texas at Austin. B.S. Sport Management and B.A. Hispanic Studies  
**Background in athletics:** I swam and played water polo in high school, but didn’t coach or play in college.  
**What would you like to be doing 10 years from now?** Working for a sport marketing firm  
**Ultimate career goals:** Working for a major city sports council  
**Fun fact:** I was the first person under the age of 18 to have an artificial gum graft surgery in the state of Texas.

Niobra Peterson Keah  
**Primary responsibilities:** Coordinating Student-Athlete Outreach  
**Hometown:** Philadelphia, Pa./Muskegon, Mich.  
**Graduate education:** UNC, degree in sociology  
**Graduate school:** Working toward a Ph.D. in sociology at UNC  
**Background in athletics:** Track and field athlete at Bradley University and UNC  
**What would you like to be doing 10 years from now?** Playing with my kids and working in athletics  
**Ultimate career goal:** Something that includes working with athletes  
**Fun fact:** This summer I married a fellow Tar Heel!

Natalie Lutz  
**Primary responsibilities:** Monthly monitoring, rules education, eligibility issues, transfer paperwork, ACS, coaches certification exam & designation, Student-Athlete Opportunity Fund  
**Before grad school at UNC:** I graduated from Florida in May of 2010 and began the graduate program at UNC in August of 2011. Over the summer, I was an administrative assistant for the Billy Donovan Summer Basketball Camps.  
**Hometown:** Harrisburg, N.C.  
**Undergrad:** University of Florida, B.S. in Sport Management  
**Background in athletics:** I played varsity tennis, soccer, and basketball in high school, and I participated in a variety of intramural sports while at Florida.  
**What would you like to be doing 10 years from now?** Working in a Division I athletic department or conference office  
**Ultimate career goals:** Men’s Basketball Commissioner at a conference office or Athletic Director  
**Fun fact:** I have been fortunate to be in attendance for two of the University of Florida’s National Championships: Men’s Basketball in 2007 and Football in 2009.

Scott Palanjian  
**Primary responsibilities:** Online auctions, Born & Bred program, marketing the wrestling, swimming & diving, track & field, cross country, rowing and fencing teams  
**Before grad school at UNC:** I worked as a personal trainer in New Jersey, a sales representative for Anheuser-Busch in San Diego, in Campus Recreation at the University of San Diego and as a corporate event operations manager in Chicago. When I first moved to N.C., I worked for Trader Joe’s in Raleigh and as the Office Manager for CSRI (College Sport Research Institute) on campus.  
**Hometown:** Medford Lakes, N.J.  
**Undergrad:** University of Maryland at College Park, Communication  
**Background in athletics:** I played football (punter) at Wake Forest for two seasons before transferring to Maryland.  
**What would you like to be doing in 10 years?** Working as a marketing administrator in college athletics  
**Ultimate career goal:** Head of marketing for a FBS school  
**Fun fact:** My first job out of school was as the one and only Corporate Communications Coordinator for the XFL Football League Office

Lee Roberts  
**Primary responsibilities:** Working with the Annual Fund Team  
**Before grad school at UNC:** After graduation, I lived in Washington, D.C., working for a lobbying firm and then for an insurance wholesaler in account management. I moved to Charlotte, N.C. with the same insurance wholesaler, working in business development.  
**Hometown:** Richmond, Va.  
**Undergrad:** UNC, Journalism and Mass Communication, 2004  
**Background in athletics:** While I was not a student-athlete, I was the coach of the most dominant 8-9 year old Rainbow Soccer team in history.  
**What would you like to be doing 10 years from now?** Working in Development in a Division I athletic department  
**Ultimate career goals:** Become Athletic Director for a University  
**Fun fact:** I got married this summer to my beautiful wife, Julie, who is way out of my league.

Nathan Thorp  
**Primary responsibilities:** Directing public and media relations for softball and volleyball  
**Hometown:** Chapel Hill  
**Undergrad education:** UNC, ’10, B.A. in Classics  
**Background in athletics:** My background in athletics is that I was raised a Carolina fan. I was the 51st member of my family to graduate from UNC, so I always loved Carolina. I played a lot of sports growing up but the only sport I did in high school was swimming. I also played in the CH Parks & Rec basketball league and co-ed softball league throughout high school. And I am an assistant coach for a 7-and under youth basketball team.  
**What would you like to be doing 10 years from now?:** Working in athletic communications as a fulltime SID  
**Ultimate career goal:** To work full-time for Carolina in athletic communications  
**Fun fact:** I’m an identical twin
Please Check and Update Info

It is very important that your information is correct in the online campus directory which is part of ConnectCarolina, the University’s integrated administrative system.

Because ConnectCarolina centralizes management of person information in one integrated system, any information in the directory is duplicated in all of the University's administrative systems (payroll, benefits, etc.).

The purpose of this message is to request that you check your addresses in the directory to ensure that the information is current and accurate.

You are requested to go to http://www.unc.edu/myunc/, click on Update Personal Information (upper left of screen under Account Information in the Service Menu) and log-in using your Onyen and password. Please review and update your directory information, particularly your home and business addresses.

Your home and business addresses are explained below:

Home address: This is your “permanent” address; as such, your home address is the address where your benefits and tax forms (W-2, 1098T, etc.) will be sent. You can update your home address but you cannot delete it.

Business address: This is your University work address and, by virtue of University policy, is viewable by all. You can update your business address but you cannot delete it.

Privacy: Any new or updated home address will be designated private unless designated to be public by you. You can make this change in the directory by going to http://www.unc.edu/myunc/ and clicking Update Personal Information.

If you need help using the online campus directory, please contact the Help Desk at (919) 962-HELP (962-4357).

And belated (or early for 2012!) wishes to those who celebrated September Birthdays:

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Real Men DO Wear Pink!

And plenty of women did so, too, on Oct. 14 for Turn It Pink Day in the Department of Athletics. Above are Student-Athlete Services staffers Nate Yarborough, Robert Mercer, Devin Fratarcangeli, Wally Richardson, Sandy Restivo and Shelley Johnson.

Student-athletes also got into the act, as demonstrated below by the rowing team at its morning workout that day.
Athletic Department Honors

Donohoe, Sossah, Yates Earn Patterson Medals

CHAPEL HILL - Women's lacrosse attacker Corey Donohoe, track and field decathlete Mateo Sossah and football quarterback T.J. Yates are the recipients of the 2011 Patterson Medals, the most prestigious awards presented to student-athletes at the University of North Carolina.

Donohoe, a native of Jarrettsville, Md., is the Tar Heels' all-time leading scorer in women's lacrosse in goals (192) and points (256). She led Carolina to three consecutive NCAA Tournament semifinals and the 2009 title game. In 2010, she set a school record with 77 points. Atwo-time first-team All-America and three-time All-ACC selection, Donohoe established three of the five highest single-season goal scoring marks in UNC history. She was a Dean's List student and made the ACC Academic Honor Roll in each of her four seasons. Recently, she was named to the United States National Team.

"Her stickwork, vision, competitiveness and commitment to being the best and making others around her better are all reasons she may be the best offensive player I've had the privilege to coach," says UNC head coach Jenny Levy. "Corey excelled in the classroom, was a great teammate and gave back in the community -- she just had an unbelievable four years here. She broke many school records and left a legacy here that we hope to continue. Our coaching staff is searching for more players like her, but we've realized how unique she is and how special her talents are."

Sossah is the first person to win the Atlantic Coast Conference decathlon title four times, winning the event from 2008-2011. A native of Mons-en-Baroeul, France, Sossah finished in the top 10 in the (indoor) heptathlon twice and the (outdoor) decathlon four times at the NCAA Championships. He was second in the heptathlon as a junior and second in the decathlon as a sophomore. He won the ACC heptathlon as a junior, giving him five individual ACC titles. Sossah became the first Tar Heel to score 8,000 points in the decathlon in a meet when he compiled 8,044 points at the 2009 NCAA Championship. Sossah is the recipient of an ACC Post-Graduate Academic Scholarship and is currently attending business school in France.

"Mateo always asked what he could do for our team and put that above individual awards and honors," says head coach Dennis Craddock. "He would finish his 10 events in the decathlon over two days and then ask to high jump, throw the javelin and long jump on the third day of competition in the ACC championship. He wanted our team to win more than anything."

Yates started 44 games and established more than 40 school records, including every UNC mark for single-game, single-season and career pass completions and yards. The Marietta, Ga., native completed 795 of 1,277 passes for 9,377 yards and 58 touchdowns. His completion percentage of .623 made him the most accurate passer in school history.

Yates is the only Tar Heel to pass for 400 yards in three different games, is the only Carolina quarterback to throw for 9,000 career yards, holds the top two single-season passing yardage totals (including a record 3,418 yards as a senior), threw for a school-record 439 yards in UNC's first-ever win at Florida State in 2010, is second at UNC with 58 touchdown passes. In 2010, he was named honorable mention All-ACC and was selected in the fifth round of the 2011 NFL Draft by the Houston Texans.

"T.J.'s innate ability to be an effective leader is his most outstanding quality," says interim head coach Everett Withers. "He was a calming presence in the huddle and helped navigate our team through some difficult and challenging circumstances throughout his career. He has tremendous character, a strong family and is an outstanding representative of the University."

The Patterson Medal is based primarily on career athletic accomplishment at the University of North Carolina. Sportsmanship and leadership are also considered. A committee of athletics, faculty and student representatives selects the winners, who are nominated by their respective head coaches. The award was first given in 1924 by Dr. Joseph Patterson in memory of his brother, John Durand Patterson. The Patterson family continues to present the award.

Ballen Honored with Beech Award

Senior Associate Athletic Director and Chief Financial Officer Martina Ballen (UNC '80) was one of four winners of the Harvey E. Beech Award for 2011. The Beech Outstanding Alumni Award recognizes outstanding African-American UNC alumni who have been stellar leaders within the University community and/or their local community.

Congratulations, Martina!

Tar Heels Score High in Graduation Rates

The NCAA released data that shows the University of North Carolina's latest Graduation Success Rate for student-athletes is 88 percent, eight percent higher than the national average.

Nine different Tar Heel sports measured a perfect 100 percent, including men's and women's fencing, women's golf, gymnastics, women's lacrosse, rowing, women's swimming and diving, women's tennis and volleyball. Each of UNC's 28 sports achieved at least 73 percent with 20 measuring at least 80 percent and 15 measuring at least 90 percent in the NCAA ratings.

In addition to the teams scoring 100 percent, Carolina teams measuring above the national average of 80 percent include baseball (93), men's basketball (89), women's basketball (85), men's cross country/track (82), women's cross country/track (89), field hockey (93), men's golf (88), men's lacrosse (95), softball (94), men's swimming and diving (92) and men's tennis (92).

Welcome to Loudermilk!

On Nov. 4, Student-Athlete Services hosted an open house at the Loudermilk Center for Excellence, welcoming around 300 people from the campus community for facility tours and refreshments. Above, academic counselor Spencer Welborn leads a tour through one of the center's study areas.
2011-12 WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Oct. 28  UNC Pembroke (exh) Chapel Hill  7:30 p.m.
Nov. 11  vs. Michigan State San Diego, Calif.  7 p.m.
Nov. 13  at UNC Asheville Asheville, N.C.  4 p.m.
Nov. 20  Mississippi Valley St. Chapel Hill  2 p.m.
Nov. 22  Tennessee State Chapel Hill  7:30 p.m.
Nov. 25  vs. South Carolina Las Vegas, Nev.  10 p.m.
Nov. 26  vs. S. Cal./UNLV Las Vegas, Nev.  10:30 p.m.

ACC/Big Ten Challenge
Nov. 30  Wisconsin Chapel Hill  9:30 p.m.
Dec. 3  at Kentucky Lexington, Ky.  Noon
Dec. 6  Evansville Chapel Hill  7 p.m.
Dec. 10  Long Beach State Chapel Hill  7 p.m.
Dec. 17  Appalachian State Chapel Hill  6 p.m.
Dec. 19  Nicholls Chapel Hill  7 p.m.
Dec. 21  Texas Chapel Hill  7 p.m.
Dec. 29  Elon Chapel Hill  7 p.m.
Jan. 1  Monmouth Chapel Hill  3 p.m.
Jan. 7  Boston College Chapel Hill  2:30 p.m.
Jan. 10  Miami Chapel Hill  9 p.m.
Jan. 14  at Florida State Tallahassee, Fla.  2 p.m.
Jan. 19  at Virginia Tech Blacksburg, Va.  9 p.m.
Jan. 26  NC State Chapel Hill  7 p.m.
Jan. 29  Georgia Tech Chapel Hill  6 p.m.
Jan. 31  at Wake Forest Winston-Salem, N.C.  9 p.m.
Feb. 4  at Maryland College Park, Md.  4 p.m.
Feb. 8  Duke Chapel Hill  9 p.m.
Feb. 11  Virginia Chapel Hill  7 p.m.
Feb. 15  at Florida State Tallahassee, Fla.  7 p.m.
Feb. 19  NC State Chapel Hill  1:30 p.m.
Feb. 24  at Maryland College Park, Md.  8:30 p.m.
Feb. 26  Duke Chapel Hill  3 p.m.

March 1-4 at ACC Tournament in Greensboro, N.C.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S FENCING

Nov. 5  Temple Open (W) Philadelphia, Pa.  8 a.m.
Nov. 6  Temple Open (M) Philadelphia, Pa.  8 a.m.
Nov. 19  Penn State Open (W) State College, Pa.  8 a.m.
Nov. 20  Penn State Open (M) State College, Pa.  8 a.m.
Dec. 3  Penn St. Dual Meets State College, Pa.  8 a.m.
Dec. 4  Brandeis Dual Meets Waltham, Mass.  8 a.m.
J. 13-16  Div 1/Jr. NAC Portland, Ore.  8 a.m.
Jan. 21  Penn Dual Meets (M) Philadelphia, Pa.  8 a.m.
Jan. 22  Temple Dual Meets (W)Philadelphia, Pa.  8 a.m.
Jan. 28  Penn St. Dual Meets State College, Pa.  8 a.m.
Feb. 4-5  Nwesentral Dual Meets Evanston, Ill.  8 a.m.
Feb. 11  Duke Dual Meets (M) Durham, N.C.  8 a.m.
Feb. 12  Duke Dual Meets (W) Durham, N.C.  8 a.m.
Feb. 26  Nat’l Squad Champs New York, N.Y.  8 a.m.
March 10  NCAA-MAS Reg. TBA  8 a.m.

MARCH 22-23 at NCAA Women's Championships (Columbus, Ohio)
March 24-35 at NCAA Men's Championships (Columbus, Ohio)

GYMNASTICS

Jan. 15  GW Invitational Washington, D.C.  1 p.m.
Jan. 29  William & Mary Chapel Hill, N.C.  2 p.m.
Feb. 5  at Maryland College Park, Md.  2 p.m.
Feb. 10  Maryland Chapel Hill, N.C.  7 p.m.
Feb. 17  Temple Chapel Hill, N.C.  7 p.m.
Feb. 24  George Washington Chapel Hill, N.C.  7 p.m.
March 2  Penn State, Michigan State College, Pa.  7 p.m.
March 10  Ohio State Chapel Hill, N.C.  1 p.m.
March 16  at Alabama Tuscaloosa, Ala.  7:30 p.m.
March 24  EAGL Championships Pittsburgh, Pa.  TBA

SWIMMING and DIVING

Oct. 6  at East Carolina Greenville, N.C.  5 p.m.
Oct. 8  Blue vs. White Chapel Hill, N.C.  9 a.m.
Oct. 21  at Georgia Tech Atlanta, Ga.  5 p.m.
Oct. 22  Georgia Athens, Ga.  1 p.m.
Oct. 28  Virginia Tech Christiansburg, Va.  3 p.m.
Oct. 28  NCAC Mile Meet Chapel Hill, N.C.  5:30 p.m.
Nov. 5  Maryland Chapel Hill, N.C.  11 a.m.
Nov. 19  Penn State Open (W) State College, Pa.  8 a.m.
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Nov. 20  Penn State Open (W) State College, Pa.  8 a.m.
Nov. 20  Penn State Open (M) State College, Pa.  8 a.m.
Nov. 27  at Maryland College Park, Md.  7 p.m.
Dec. 7  Lipscomb Chapel Hill  7 p.m.
Dec. 11  East Tennessee St. Chapel Hill  2 p.m.
Dec. 18  South Carolina* Myrtle Beach, S.C.  3 p.m.
Dec. 20  East Carolina* Myrtle Beach, S.C.  7 p.m.
Dec. 29  Savannah State Chapel Hill  2 p.m.
Dec. 30  N.C. Central Chapel Hill  7 p.m.
Jan. 2  Miami Chapel Hill  7 p.m.
Jan. 5  at Virginia Charlottesville, Va.  7 p.m.
Jan. 8  Maryland Chapel Hill  1 p.m.
Jan. 12  Clemson Chapel Hill  7 p.m.
Jan. 16  at Connecticut Storrs, Conn.  7 p.m.
Jan. 19  at Virginia Tech Blacksburg, Va.  5 p.m.
Jan. 22  at NC State Raleigh, N.C.  1 p.m.
Jan. 25  Boston College Chapel Hill  7 p.m.
Jan. 29  at Wake Forest Winston-Salem, N.C.  2 p.m.
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Feb. 6  at Duke Durham, N.C.  7 p.m.
Feb. 8  at Miami Coral Gables, Fla.  7 p.m.
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Feb. 15  at Florida State Tallahassee, Fla.  7 p.m.
Feb. 19  NC State Chapel Hill  1:30 p.m.
Feb. 24  at Maryland College Park, Md.  8:30 p.m.
Feb. 26  Duke Chapel Hill  3 p.m.

March 8-11 at ACC Tournament in Atlanta, Ga.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Nov. 9  Carson-Newm. (Exh.) Chapel Hill  7 p.m.
Nov. 12  Gardner-Webb Chapel Hill  1 p.m.
Nov. 13  USC Upstate Chapel Hill  2 p.m.
Nov. 16  UNC Greensboro Chapel Hill  7 p.m.
Nov. 22  Presbyterian College Chapel Hill  4:30 p.m.
Nov. 27  Kennesaw State Chapel Hill  2 p.m.

Big Ten/ACC Challenge
Nov. 30  at Penn State University Park, Pa.  6:30 p.m.
Dec. 7  Lipscomb Chapel Hill  7 p.m.
Dec. 11  East Tennessee St. Chapel Hill  2 p.m.
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WRESTLING

Nov. 6    Hokie Open    Salem, Va.    All Day
Nov. 12   Hershey Duals    Hershey, Pa. All Day
Illinois   Nebraska   Ohio State Boston University
Dec. 2-3   Cliff Keen Invite    Las Vegas, Nev.   All Day
Jan. 1-2  Southern Scuffle Chattanooga, Tenn. All Day
Jan. 9    Duke    Chapel Hill 7 p.m.
Jan. 13-14 Virginia Duals Hampton, Va. All Day
Jan. 21    At Virginia Charlottesville, Va. 1 p.m.
Jan. 22    At Virginia Tech Blacksburg, Va. 2 p.m.
Jan. 27    Maryland    Chapel Hill 7 p.m.
Jan. 28    Navy    Chapel Hill 1 p.m.
Feb. 3    NC State    Raleigh, N.C. 7 p.m.
Feb. 11    Campbell Duals Northwestern Buies Creek, N.C. 10 a.m.
Feb. 19    Sacred Heart    Charleston, S.C. Noon
March 3    ACC Championships Chapel Hill
March 15-17 at NCAA Championships in St. Louis, Mo.

MEN’S AND WOMEN’S TRACK & FIELD

Jan. 13-14 Dick Taylor Invit.    Chapel Hill All Day
Jan. 27-28 Razorback Invit. Fayetteville, Ariz. All Day
Jan. 27-28 UNC Invit. Chapel Hill, N.C. All Day
Jan. 28    Navy Invitational    Annapolis, Md. All Day
Feb. 4    Kent Taylor Invit. Chapel Hill, N.C. All Day
Feb. 11    Spire Invitational    Geneva, Ohio All Day
Feb. 18    Gene Anderson Invit. Chapel Hill, N.C. All Day

ACCESS Indoor Championships
Feb. 24-25 in Boston, Mass.
March 3    Alex Wilson Invit.    South Bend, Ind. All Day

ACCESS Indoor Championships
March 9-10 in Boise, Idaho
Mar. 23-24 Wake Forest Open Winston-Salem, N.C. All Day
Mar. 30-31 Raleigh Relays Raleigh, N.C. All Day
April 6    Cardinal Invitational Palo Alto, Calif. All Day
Florida Relays Gainesville, Fla. All Day
April 7    Cardinal Invitational Palo Alto, Calif. All Day
Florida Relays Gainesville, Fla. All Day
April 14    Kent Taylor/Joe Hilton Chapel Hill, N.C. All Day

ACCESS Outdoor Championships
April 19-21 in Charlottesville, Va.

Penn Relays
May 12    NC State Invitational Raleigh, N.C. All Day
UVA Invitational Charlottesville, Va. All Day

NCAA Regional Championships
May 24-26 in Jacksonville, Fla.

NCAA Outdoor Championships
June 7-9 in Des Moines, Iowa

As always, UNC student-athletes have been active in the community this fall, including meeting with some local students during their visit to Morehead Planetarium.

Please direct newsletter comments, suggestions, corrections and/or submissions for future issues to Dana Gelin at dgelin@unCAA.unc.edu or 962-0083

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