Donations to Groups Benefitting Prospects

It is not permissible for an institution’s athletics department, in response to requests from high school (or prep school or two-year college) groups, to provide items (e.g., autographed balls, jerseys) to assist in raising money for its programs (athletics or otherwise). An institution may not donate institutional memorabilia (e.g., jerseys, hats, T-shirts) for auction purposes to organizations to raise funds which may provide financial assistance to prospects to attend collegiate institutions. An institution (or an institution’s coach or representative of its athletics interests) may contribute to a nonathletic organization that includes prospective student-athletes and non-prospects (e.g., YWCA, Boys and Girls Clubs), provided the assistance is not earmarked for a particular PSA and is offered in conjunction with the organization’s regular fund-raising activities.

An institution’s athletic department staff member (e.g., coaching staff member) may not provide any financial contributions to a high school (or prep school or two-year college) athletics program through participation in a fundraising event (e.g., paying greens fees to participate in a golf outing when any portion of the greens fees will go to benefit an athletics program). Bylaw 13.15.1.2 prohibits an institution from sponsoring a table, providing memorabilia or otherwise providing institutional support in conjunction with a banquet or other function that will directly or indirectly benefit PSAs (e.g., awards banquet conducted by a sports foundation, high school athletics banquet). Therefore, if a sports foundation provides benefits to prospects (e.g.,
**DEPARTMENT NEWS**

**New Tar Heel**

- Congratulations to assistant wrestling coach Jack Jensen and wife Karissa, who welcomed son Jack Jr. on Sept. 27.

**Recognition for a job well done**

Academic counselor Spencer Welborn has been presented with the Danny Fox Memorial Award for Service to Carolina Lacrosse. The award is named in honor of the late Danny Fox, one of the program’s greatest benefactors who passed away suddenly in 2002 at a young age. It honors his service to the men’s lacrosse program and had been awarded annually under a previous name since 1981. Congratulations, Spencer!

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**High Fives**

If you know of someone in our department deserving of a High Five, please send information to Dana Gelin (dgelin@unc.edu).

High Five to: James Spurling, Butch Williams and the rest of the Kenan Stadium facilities crew for all their efforts in preparing Kenan Stadium for the home football opener vs. Georgia Tech on Sep. 18. Much hard work went into preparing. Many thanks to all involved!

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**Human Resources**

**Upcoming Dates and Deadlines**

- Oct. 23: National Save for Retirement Week
- Oct. 29: Deadline for NCFlex and University Benefits Enrollment
- Nov. 5: Nominations due for The Robert R. Cornwell Unsung Hero Award

(www.unc.edu/oira/public/cornwell/cornwell.html)

We are pleased to call for nominations for the 2010 Robert R. Cornwell Unsung Hero Award, which was established in 1996 in recognition of the long-term contributions of Mr. Cornwell, a university employee who died unexpectedly in 1994. This award is presented annually to a current, full-time, permanent employee who has provided significant service in support of the University over a long period of time and, generally, from a background position.

**Information for Employees**

**Annual Enrollment Reminders & Information**

(www.unc.edu/benefits/BENEFITS_ENROLLMENT)

The annual enrollment for NCFlex and University benefit programs ends on Oct. 29.

Carolina Cares, Carolina Shares

(www.unc.edu/secc/dropoff.htm)

We are off to a great start with over 300 employees contributing $90,000 to the State Employees Combined Campaign during the first week of the campaign.
Women's soccer national players of the year Casey Nogueira and Whitney Engen and All-America swimmer Chip Peterson are the recipients of the 2010 Patterson Medals, the most prestigious awards presented to student-athletes at UNC.

Peterson, a native of Pine Knoll Shores, N.C., has been a member of U.S. Swimming’s Open Water National Team since 2006. He was a three-year All-America at Carolina specializing in the 500-yard and 1650-yard freestyles. He becomes the fifth men’s swimmer to earn the Patterson Medal and the first since Harrison Merritt in 1965.

"For four years, we took extreme pride in how Chip represented the University of North Carolina as a student-athlete," says Tar Heel head coach Anson Dorrance. "Chip demonstrated that it is possible to achieve success at the highest levels through his dedication to excellence in academics, his fabulous work ethic in the pool, and his outstanding athletic accomplishments in ACC, NCAA, national and international competition. Chip exemplifies what every coach hopes to see from a young person they work with-- honesty, integrity, passion, discipline, devotion to his team and a joy for his sport."

Peterson, who currently trains full-time in Fullerton, Calif., holds UNC records in the 500- yard freestyle, 1000-yard freestyle, 400-meter freestyle, 800-meter freestyle, 1500-meter freestyle and as a member of the 800-yard freestyle relay team. He capped his career by winning the ACC title in the 1650 free as a senior. Peterson, who majored in biology, was a tremendous student at Carolina. He was named the 2010 ACC Men's Swimming Scholar-Athlete of the Year and was an ESPN Academic All-America selection in both 2009 & 2010. He captured an ACC Weaver-James-Corrigan Postgraduate Scholarship as a senior after being named ACC Men's Swimming All-Academic three times and to the ACC Academic Honor Roll four times. He was named first-team All-ACC twice.

Engen, a native of Rolling Hills Estates, Calif., and Nogueira, who hails from Raleigh, N.C., become the 12th and 13th women's soccer players to win the Patterson Medal in the past 23 years.

“Casey Nogueira technically is one of the best players I've ever coached and I think it's wonderful she's been extended this amazing honor," says Tar Heel head coach Anson Dorrance. "When you look historically at the women's soccer winners of the Patterson Medal they all had some extraordinary qualities and Casey fits that bill. She can strike a ball with power as well as some of the greatest players of all time in the sport. Her game-winning performances in three NCAA College Cups in her four years during this age of parity speak to her extraordinary contribution to UNC athletics."

Nogueira was a three-year starter at forward for Carolina, playing on three NCAA champi-
The Matthew Gfeller Center continues to pursue clinical research initiatives on over 300 athletes in North Carolina. In addition, the Matthew Gfeller Center carries out its mission through a values-based clinical and research agenda. The program guides clinicians to better manage sport-related concussions and traumatic brain injury and apply the values of: injury prevention, education, evaluation, management, rehabilitation, collaboration, integrity, and responsibility.

Since opening in May the staff at the Matthew Gfeller Center have assisted with the development and implementation of both the NCAA and NFL policies/procedures concerning concussion and have assisted with pre-season concussion baseline testing on over 300 athletes in North Carolina. In addition, the Matthew Gfeller Center continues to pursue clinical research initiatives concerning prevention, treatment, and management of brain injury in sport. The Matthew Gfeller Center staff includes: Director – Kevin Guskiewicz, PhD, CAT(C), ATC; Jason Mihalik, PhD, ATC; Johna Register-Mihalik, PhD, ATC; Johna Register-Mihalik, PhD, ATC; and Julienne Toler, MA, ATC. For more information you can visit the website at tiscen-ter.unc.edu or call the Gfeller Center at (919) 962-0409.

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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 John and Joan for this award, here are some of the wonderful things that coworkers had to say:

• “John is a superb employee of UNC Athletics. Very dedicated and professional. Wonderful disposition! She never changes!”
• “John knows UNC Athletics and our policies and procedures inside and out. We could not do without her. She is the glue that keeps us all together!”
• “Sarah and her can do no wrong. Carolina could not be represented any better than we are with John Brunner.”
• “John Brunner, in his everyday attention to detail, epitomizes the requirements of the award. He goes in early or stays late to always uphold excellent operational consistency. He not only accommodates all of our student-athletes and coaches and fans, but also all opposing teams and fans with the ability to make all sides satisfied.”
• “He is the Carolina Way.” His customer service is impeccable and there is not a nicer person on the planet. Carolina could not be represented any better than we are with John Brunner.”

John is in his 10th year as administrative assistant in the baseball office and worked as the administrative assistant for Beth Miller for 15 years prior to that.

John is in his fifth year as part of the operations staff and recently was named Director of Athletic Operations. He also spent three years in the UNC ticket office and interned in the Athletic Director’s office.

Congratulations to Joan and John, and thank you for your hard work and dedication!