Holiday Reminders

As we approach the holiday season, please remember that all “occasional meal” rules still apply for any institutional staff member who wishes to provide a student-athlete or an entire team with a holiday meal. Each student-athlete is limited to three occasional meals per semester, and anyone wishing to provide a meal must clear it with the student-athlete’s head coach, complete the “Occasional Meal Form” (located on the J: Drive,) and submit it to the Compliance Office before providing the meal.

- It is not permissible to provide any student-athletes with holiday gifts.
- It is not permissible to send holiday greeting cards to recruits. The only permissible cards are plain postal service cards and institutional note cards.

Please contact the Compliance Office (2-6000) with any questions.

Opportunities to Make the Season Brighter

• Consider joining with our student-athletes in their Holiday Food Drive and Share Your Holidays projects

As you head for the department’s Holiday Lunch (reminder: it’s next Wed., Dec. 10, at noon on the fifth floor of the North Box), please consider bringing along a non-perishable food item to help provide a meal for someone else. Our student-athletes are in the midst of their annual Holiday Food Drive, which benefits the IFC’s Food Pantry. Stocks are depleted during Thanksgiving and the drive is an effort to help make sure that there is plenty of food for those who may need it this month. Look for collection boxes near the elevators when you arrive on the fifth floor.

If you can’t make it on Wednesday but still would like to participate, food donations will be accepted until next Friday, Dec. 12, and may be dropped in the Student-Athlete Lounge (ground floor of Kenan Field House).

And here’s another way to help this month: Each year, Tar Heel teams adopt needy families through the Share Your Holidays program, organized by the Durham County Department of Social Services. By purchasing gifts from a wish list provided by each family then wrapping and delivering the presents, our student-athletes make the holiday season far merrier for families that are struggling, many of which include children. Offices or groups within our department are invited to join in the fun. If you would like to adopt a family, contact Cricket Lane (cricket@unca.edu, 843-2040) by Dec. 8th. The suggested spending is $50 per family member, with families ranging from three people on up.

Thanks for your consideration and Happy Holidays!

Playing for Another Crown

The UNC women’s soccer team will play for its 20th national title this weekend at the College Cup in Cary. The Tar Heels advanced with a 2-1 overtime win over Texas A&M last weekend and will take on UCLA Friday evening in the NCAA semifinals.

The Carolina men’s soccer team plays this weekend for a spot in its own College Cup, to be held Dec. 12 and 14 in Frisco, Texas. After advancing with a 3-2 overtime win over Illinois-Chicago last Sunday in Cary, UNC hosts Northwestern Saturday for a 2 p.m. game.

And volleyball launches NCAA play this weekend, meeting host American in a first-round game Friday at 7 p.m. It’s UNC’s first postseason appearance since 2005.
DEPARTMENT NEWS

New Tar Heels

November 12th was a big day for births in our department.

• At 1:24 p.m. that day, Natalie Ericsson (football) and her husband, Chris, welcomed son Shawn Thomas Ericsson.

• That evening at 6:30, Erin Lindsey (volleyball) and her husband, Harold, welcomed son Kanoa Daniel Lindsey. He joins big sister Alexis, who will be 2 in February.

Congratulations to the Ericson and Lindsey families!

SECC Campaign Still Rolling

If you have not contributed to the State Employees Combined Campaign, good news -- it’s not too late! The campaign has been extended through the month of December. Donors can designate their contribution to benefit one (or more) of the nearly 900 groups that are part of the campaign.

If you need a new form or a list of the beneficiaries, please check with the team captain assigned to your area, or contact Allison Battle at abattle@uncaa.unc.edu or 843-9270.

• The Athletic Department’s SECC Silent Auction raised an impressive $1,650. One happy winner was Michele Sutton, who grabbed the Cheerleader for a Day experience as a birthday present for her daughter, Holly. Holly had a great time cheering at the Georgia Tech football game and Michele sent along some photos (at right) as proof! Thanks to Allison for organizing the auction -- and the department’s SECC efforts! -- and to all those who have donated.

Holiday Blood Drive

The 10th annual holiday edition of the Carolina Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 16th from 7:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in Fetzer Gym A. Organizers have set a goal of collecting goal of 400 units.

Please visit http://www.unc.edu/blood/ to make your appointment on-line or call 96-BLOOD (962-5663), extension 226, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily up until Dec. 15.

While appointments are encouraged, walk-ins will be accepted. Donors will receive a free long-sleeved American Red Cross t-shirt, great food after the donation process and a chance to register for one of three $1,000 gift cards given away by the Carolinas Region of the American Red Cross during the period of October 1 to December 31, 2008.

Individuals who would like to volunteer their time may sign up on-line at http://www.unc.edu/blood/ or call 962-1483. For more information, call Employee Services at 962-1483.

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Tee off on your shopping list

UNC Finley is gearing up for the Athletic Department Christmas Sale next Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 9th and 10th. Stop by the golf shop anytime from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for great sales on apparel from companies such as NIKE, Polo, Ashworth, Under Armor, Foot-Joy, Greg Norman, The Finley Private collection from Divots, and many more. We look forward to seeing you.
Scott Jackson

- Assistant Coach, Baseball

Born and raised: I was born in Winchester, Va. I grew up moving around the U.S. as my dad was in retail and switched jobs often. I lived in Gaithersburg, Md.; Des Moines, Iowa; Lincoln, Neb.; Omaha, Neb.; Chicago and finally Charlotte.

Education: Campbell University (BS, MEd.)

Family: Wife, Sara, and son, Ryan (2)

Athletic background: I played collegiate baseball at Campbell University.

Before your current position: I coached one year at Wofford College, Barton College, and Campbell Univ. I was at UNC-Wilmington for five years and spent last season at Liberty University.

Job description: My role at UNC is recruiting coordinator as well as coaching our position players.

How long at UNC? Joined the baseball staff in July of 2008

What’s the best thing about your job? I work at the best university and for the best athletic program in the country!!

Favorite pastimes: Hunting, golf

Favorite restaurant: Outback Steakhouse

Favorite book: The Bible

Favorite TV show: Forensic Files

Last movie you saw and grade you’d give it: Finding Nemo (A+)

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The sports medicine department would like to introduce a new member of our team. Dr. Jeffrey Spang is an Assistant Professor within the Department of Orthopaedics at UNC School of Medicine. He also provides team coverage for our student-athletes. A native of Kennett Square, Pa., he received a B.S. in biology from Duke and went on to receive his medical degree from Wake Forest University School of Medicine. After finishing his surgical internship at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia he completed his residency in orthopaedics at the UNC School of Medicine. Dr. Spang completed a fellowship in sports medicine at the University of Connecticut where he assisted with team care for the football, basketball and ice hockey teams. He then accepted a one year research fellowship at the Technical University of Munich in Germany. Dr. Spang is a member of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, the Arthroscopy Association of North America and the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. He has been a speaker at both national and international orthopaedic meetings. Dr. Spang’s practice is focused on sports medicine with an interest in soft tissue trauma of the shoulder and knee. He and his wife Ruth have 3 daughters, Emily, Julia and Annika.