Tar Heels Lead ACC in 2007-08 Directors’ Cup

For the 13th time in the last 15 years, Carolina led all ACC schools in the year’s final Sports Academy Directors’ Cup standings, released June 26. With 977.50 points, Carolina was seven ahead of Florida State, 109.5 ahead of 17th-place Virginia and 157.5 points ahead of 19th-place Duke. UNC missed out on a Top 10 finish by 62.5 points, about the number of points awarded for a 13th place finish in an NCAA competition.

Stanford won the award for the 14th straight year with 1,461 points. UCLA, Michigan, Arizona State and Texas rounded out the top five.

The undefeated national champion field hockey team led all Carolina scorers with 100 points, followed by third-place finishes from baseball and men’s basketball (83 points apiece) and fifth-place showings from women’s basketball (73 points) and women’s lacrosse (60 points).

The Directors’ Cup measures a school’s postseason success in men’s and women’s sports. Each school is ranked based upon its 10 highest men’s and 10 highest women’s finishes. The Tar Heels won the inaugural trophy in 1993-94 and have averaged a fifth-place finish in the award’s history.

2007-08 Directors’ Cup Top 20:
1. Stanford – 1461.00
2. UCLA – 1182.00
3. Michigan – 1161.00
4. Arizona State – 1146.00
5. Texas – 1129.50
6. Florida – 1126.75
7. California – 1119.00
8. LSU – 1081.66
9. Penn State – 1041.00
10. Georgia – 1040.00
11. Ohio State – 1033.75
12. Texas A&M – 1031.00
13. Southern Cal – 1011.25
14. UNC – 977.50
15. FSU – 970.50
16. Tennessee, 952.75
17. Virginia – 869.00
18. Wisconsin – 829.50
19. Duke – 820.00
20. Auburn – 761.50

Off to Omaha Again

Congratulations to Coach Mike Fox and the Tar Heel baseball team, which made its third consecutive College World Series appearance after sweeping through regional and super regional play at UNC’s home-away-from-home in Cary. The Tar Heels achieved the program’s first consensus No. 1 ranking at the end of the regular season and finished the year ranked in the top three nationally for the third year in a row.

On Monday, Fox was announced as Baseball America’s National Coach of the Year. He is the first UNC baseball coach to claim national coaching honors and the first ACC skipper to be honored by Baseball America.

The Tar Heels celebrate after clinching a third consecutive trip to Omaha.
**Arrivals and Departures**

- A warm welcome to Joe Breschi, who has returned to Chapel Hill as the head coach for men’s lacrosse. A 1990 UNC graduate and All-America player for the Tar Heels, Joe has been the head coach at Ohio State for the last 11 years. He was an assistant coach at UNC in 1991 and ’92.

  Welcome to Joe and his family!

- The Rams Club announces the hiring of Debbie Mc Dermott, who serves in a joint capacity with University Development and The Rams Club. Debbie is an Associate Director of the Office of Planned Giving with the University. Her Rams Club role entails oversight of Carolina Forever, our planned giving society. A 1998 graduate of UNC, Mc Dermott has extensive experience in financial planning. The Rams Club is thrilled to have Debbie on board to assist donors who wish to secure the future of Carolina Athletics.

  A fond farewell to Doug Roberts, who will bid goodbye to Carolina in July after 12 years in the Academic Support Program. (If Kenan Field House isn’t running so smoothly later this month, you’ll know why.)

  Doug and his family are headed one state south, where his wife, Jane, will be an associate professor in the Department of Psychology at the University of South Carolina. Doug will be working in the USC Arts and Sciences advising program, though he’ll probably be spending the bulk of his time arguing with his new coworkers over which school is the real “Carolina.” The family will live in Chapin, S.C.

  After his departure, you can reach Doug at dugrob13@gmail.com.

  Best of luck to you, Doug. We’ll miss you!

**Wedding Bells**

The month of June brought weddings from a couple of matches made in Blue Heaven:

- The Assistant Director of Marketing formerly known as Brianna Santaramo married Josh Apple on June 7 in Raleigh. They met in 2001 while working for the Carolina football team as students, Brianna as part of the video staff and Josh as a manager. After a honeymoon in St. Lucia, Brianna is back at work, slowly adjusting to her new last name.

- John Brunner, Assistant Director of Athletic Game Operations, married Michelle Greco June 28th at Gerard Hall on campus. The two met when John was an intern in the A.D.’s office and Michelle, now the Executive Director of the Mia Hamm Foundation, was working in Student-Athlete Services. As you read this, they’re off honeymooning in Costa Rica. Stay tuned to the August newsletter for a photo of the happy couple.

**Happy Birthday in July to ...**

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**Human Resources**

**Afterschool at Morehead Planetarium**

For UNC employees with school-age children, it can be challenging to find an afterschool program that’s enriching, fun and affordable. Now children can participate in an afterschool program here on the UNC campus!

Building on its popular and successful Summer Science Camps, Morehead Planetarium and Science Center announces the Morehead Afterschool Program (MAP) for the 2008-2009 school year. This one-of-a-kind program is designed to foster a lifelong love of science within a safe, fun environment for children in grades K-5.

Morehead is piloting MAP this year with children from four elementary schools: Carrboro, Ephesus Road, Frank Porter Graham and McDougle. Check the MAP Web site at <www.moreheadplanetarium.org/go/afterschool> for full details about this exciting new afterschool program. Online registration is open now! If you have questions about MAP, please contact Jonathan Frederick, Science Programs Manager, at 843-7951 or <jfred@email.unc.edu>.

**★ Save the Date: Saturday, Aug. 16 ★**

**Meet the Heels with Carolina Football**

*For more information, stay tuned to TarHeelBlue.com*
Jason Andrews  
**Assistant Director of New Media**

**Born and raised:** Born in Columbia, S.C., but grew up in Burlington, N.C.

**Education:** B.A. in Communications with a concentration in Media Production from UNC-CH

**Family:** Parents John and Joann Andrews and a brother, William

**Athletic background:** Did not play any organized sports in college. I currently, however, am an unstoppable force at Noon ball.

**Before UNC:** I worked as a bartender as well as doing freelance production and part time editing.

**Job description:** Staffing for and help with running the video boards and LEDs for football and basketball games. Produce and create weekly coach’s shows, content for coach’s websites such as Inside the Huddle with Butch Davis, weekly and postgame news conferences, DVDs, highlight videos, online streaming such as ACCSelect, Signing Day Live, and Tar Heel Tipoff. Create video content for TarHeelBlue.com.

**What’s something about your job that other people would be surprised to know?** The door to our studio is labeled “Pantry.”

**What's the best thing about your job?** The best thing about my job is that every day I get to come to work at the Smith Center (how many people can say that?) and have the opportunity to do things that people would love to be a part of.

**Favorite pastimes:** Long walks on the beach, fruity drinks with little umbrellas, and hitting the local rollerskating rinks.

**Favorite local restaurant:** IP3

**Favorite book:** I take my book advice from Oprah. She is the leader of the free world, right?

**Favorite TV show:** LOST

**Last movie you saw and grade you’d give it:** Lars and the Real Girl – surprisingly good for an in-flight movie.

**A fun fact about you:** I used to have long hair. Bad life choice, I know.

**Biggest pet peeve:** The labels on CD’s. I can’t ever get those things off.

**Dream job:** Director of New Media, so watch out Ken Cleary…

**Greatest athletic achievement:** I hit a layup, free throw, and a three-pointer during the first media timeout of the UNC vs. UConn basketball game in 2004. I’m still waiting for that scholarship offer from Coach Williams… Call me…

**What would you do with a completely free day?** A completely free day? What’s that? They still make those? No, I don’t know, maybe just sleep in and lay around my house.

**If you could have dinner with anyone, who would it be and why?** Erin Andrews. ’Nough said.

**What are some little-known talents that you have?** Nunchuck skills, bow hunting skills, and computer hacking skills

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Brenda Haithcock  
**Recruiting Administrative Assistant for Football**

**Born and raised:** I was born in Apex, N.C., and grew up in Chatham County.

**Education:** Northwood High School; Dental Assisting Program, UNC School of Dentistry

**Family:** Husband, Gary, and children Derek (23) and Lauren (21)

**Before UNC:** Cheerleader at Northwood High School

**Job description:** Maintain recruiting database, prepare prospect mailings, process a lot of questionnaires, assist in planning and registration process for recruiting events (home games, official and unofficial visits, junior days, etc.), record all compliance paperwork for compliance staff to review, assistant to Corey Holliday and Joe Haydon

**Prior jobs at UNC:** Twenty-four years in the School of Dentistry. I was a dental assistant for 14 years before becoming the secretary for the Department of Operative Dentistry. This is my 10th season in the football office.

**What’s something about your job that other people would be surprised to know?** To anyone not involved in athletics, it would be that athletics is a year-long process, not just a “season.” Now that I am a part of this side of athletics, I have an incredible amount of respect for coaches, staff and student-athletes and the hours and dedication that go into preparing for each season.

**What’s the best thing about your job?** Getting to know the recruits and their families and forming relationships that will last a lifetime; the entire recruiting process leading up to Signing Day and waiting for those faxes to come through; and everyone I work with.

**Favorite pastimes:** Going to the beach

**Favorite local restaurants:** Maggiano’s & The Farm House

**Favorite book:** The Purpose Driven Life

**Favorite TV show:** I Love Lucy

**Last movie you saw and grade you’d give it:** The Bucket List - 10

**A fun fact about you:** Gary and I have been married for 31 years and we met at Kenan Stadium – it was after a snow storm and, along with many other students, we were sledding down the big hill where Kenan Football Center now stands.

**Biggest pet peeve:** Quiet stands in Kenan Stadium on game day – GET LOUD!

**Dream job:** To own my own florist and gift shop

**Greatest athletic achievement:** I was one of the original “Cheer Moms” at Northwood High School. I successfully completed one tumble!

**What would you do with a completely free day?** Spend it with my husband playing golf – at Finley

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EACH MONTH, THE NEWSLETTER profiles several members of the department. Thanks this time around to Jason Andrews and Brenda Haithcock!
Honor Roll
Dawson is Honda-Broderick Top Five
Field hockey senior Rachel Dawson was among five finalists for the prestigious Honda-Broderick Cup as the Collegiate Woman Athlete of the Year. Three of the finalists were from the ACC: Dawson, Duke golfer Amanda Blumenherst and Virginia Tech softball player Angela Tincher. Tennessee basketball player Candace Parker, the award winner, and Arizona State track and field athlete Jacquelyn Johnson rounded out the top five.

The finalists were chosen from previously-announced Honda Sports Award winners in 12 NCAA-sanctioned sports by a vote from among more than 1,000 NCAA-member institutions.

Beijing Bound
Olympic trials continue in track and swimming, but several Tar Heels already have been named to U.S. teams for the Summer Games.

• As is the norm, the Carolina program is well-represented on the U.S. women’s soccer team, with Lori Chalupny, Tobin Heath, Heather O’Reilly and Lindsay Tarpley named to the roster and Kacey White selected as an alternate. Heath, a rising junior at UNC, is the youngest player on the U.S. squad.
• In April, the U.S. qualified to play in the Summer Games in field hockey for the first time since 1996. Six Tar Heels helped secure that berth, and all six were named to the 16-player Olympic roster announced last week. Representing the U.S. will be Kate Barber, Rachel Dawson, Katelyn Falgowski, Jesse Gey, Carrie Lingo and Amy Tran. Dawson, Falgowski and Gey were members of the 2007 NCAA title team at UNC. Falgowski, a rising sophomore, is the only college player on the U.S. team.
• Last Friday on the first day of the track and field trials, former UNC runner Shalane Flanagan won the 10,000 meters to earn a spot on the U.S. team, joining Blake Russell, who already had qualified in the marathon. Alice Schmidt finished second in the 800 meters on Monday night to earn her first Olympic berth.

More Academic Honors for Berry, Dawson
Rachel Dawson and men’s golfer Barden Berry, both of whom were recognized in the last newsletter for having earned Academic All-District honors, were named to Academic All-America teams for at-large sports. Dawson was named to the women’s first team and Berry to the men’s third team.

Two Named Academic All-District for Track
Ian Reynolds and Morgan Stengel were named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District track and field/cross country teams, Reynolds to the men’s first team and Stengel to the women’s second team.

Reynolds, a senior from Skillman, N.J., competed in the shot put for the Tar Heels. He graduated from UNC in May, majoring in political science with a 3.68 grade point average. A two-time NCAA Regionals qualifier, he twice was named the team’s winner of the Athletic Director’s Scholar-Athlete Award and represented the track and field team as part of the Student-Athlete Advisory Council.

Stengel, a junior from Nashville, Tenn., competed for both the cross country and track and field teams during the 2007-08 school year. A business administration major, she earned a GPA of 3.95. Stengel was a 2008 NCAA Regional qualifier in the steeplechase with a career-best mark of 10:47.66 and finished ninth in the 5,000 at this spring’s ACC Outdoor Championships.

SMI at UNC
The UNC Department of Athletics was honored to partner with the Kenan-Flagler Business School to host the Sports Management Institute in June.

The SMI is run by a consortium of six athletic departments – North Carolina, Southern California, Michigan, Texas, Notre Dame and Georgia – and their schools’ business schools. Participants, who are selected athletic administrators looking to further their professional development, came from all over the country for a week of training on the Carolina campus. Susan Maloy (compliance) and Tim Sabo (ticket office) were this year’s participants from UNC, and John Blanchard continues to serve on the Executive Committee. Among the speakers at this year’s event was Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany, a UNC graduate.

“SMI was a great opportunity to interact with administrators throughout the country and broaden our experience,” Sabo said. “The athletic department, in coordination with the Kenan-Flagler Business School, hosted a great program and I look forward to completing the program in January.”

After returning to their schools, participants work on projects that they will present during three additional days of training in January. That session will be held at the University of Southern California.

Haithcock (continued from page 3)
If you could have dinner with anyone, who would it be and why? My family, because Derek and Lauren are pretty much on their own now and family meals are becoming few and far between.

What are some little-known talents that you have? I love doing all types of “Blue &White” crafts and sewing.

What would be your dream vacation? To travel and see the United States.

If you won the lottery, what’s the first thing you’d buy? A BMW for my husband – his choice, of course!

Tar Heels Take Carlyle Cup; Pringle and Little Honored
LaToya Pringle (women’s basketball) and Greg Little (football) were honored as UNC’s TAG Heuer Most Valuable Performers against Duke for 2007-08. Pringle averaged 16 points and 8.3 rebounds in three women’s basketball wins over the Blue Devils and Greg Little rushed for 154 yards and the game-winning touchdown in overtime against Duke.

The TAG Heuer MVP’s represent the finest performances by Carolina student-athletes in the annual Carlyle Cup. UNC won the eighth-annual competition against the Blue Devils, 18-8. The Tar Heels have won three times and tied once in the last four years of the event that matches the two schools in 23 different sports.

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