Holiday Lunch
A reminder than the Athletic Department Holiday Lunch is set for next Tuesday, Dec. 13, at noon. It will be held at the Concourse Club (third level) in the Loudermilk Center.

If you have not already done so, please RSVP to Kathy Griggs by Dec. 7: kgriggs@unca.unc.edu.

Holiday Schedule
The upcoming University holiday schedule is as follows: Winter Holiday, Dec. 23 and Dec. 26. New Year’s Eve: Dec. 30

Compliance Office
Gambling Policy Reminder

With college basketball in full swing and professional basketball set to begin soon, please continue to be aware that the NCAA prohibits sports gambling of any kind at the collegiate or professional level. This applies to ALL collegiate student-athletes, coaches, trainers, and athletics department staff.

NCAA Gambling Policy:
• You may not place or accept a bet of any sort on any sporting event.
• You may not place or accept a bet for any tangible item. This includes cash, tickets, dinners, services, clothing, etc.
• You may not give information to anyone who places bets on college or professional sports.
• You may not place bets with bookmakers, through parlay cards, or any other method employed by organized gambling.

What This Means For You:
• NO wagers on ANY professional or collegiate sporting event.
• NO participation in sports pools that have both an entry fee and a potential prize, including those run online by friends (e.g., college bowl pools, Super Bowl pools, NCAA Basketball Tournament bracket pools).
• NO internet gambling on sporting events.
• NO sports wagering using toll-free or other phone numbers.
• NO participation in fantasy leagues that have both an entry fee and a potential prize.
• NO involvement in “pick-em” contests, or as a “guest picker” of games in a newspaper or online website.
• NO exchange of information about your team with ANYONE who gambles. In other words, do not give out information about injuries, changes in the depth chart, team morale, discipline problems, etc. This information should stay within the department. If shared, this information could aid gamblers and bookies.

Sports Medicine

Hooker, Guskiewicz Honored

Two members of the UNC Sports Medicine Staff recently received prestigious awards and recognition.

Dr. Dan Hooker was awarded UNC’s Priceless Gem award “in recognition of his accomplishments and the positive impact he has had on the University of North Carolina, its community and the student-athletes under his care.” The athletic department declared Dr. Dan Hooker to be a Priceless Gem of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on Oct. 29, 2011.

Dr. Kevin Guskiewicz received the distinguished MacArthur Fellowship. On, September 20, 2011, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation of Chicago, Ill., awarded Guskiewicz a MacArthur Fellowship, an unrestricted award given to talented indi-individuals who have shown extraordinary originality, creativity and the potential to make important future contributions. The 22 fellows, nominated anonymously by leaders in their respective fields, each receive a no strings attached award, informally known as the “genius grant”.

We would like to congratulate Dr. Hooker and Dr. Guskiewicz on their awards and thank them for their service to The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the community.

Papa Tapped for Hall of Fame

Donna J. Papa, head softball coach at UNC since 1986, has been selected as a member of the 2012 class for the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Hall of Fame, the organization announced on Dec. 2.

"I am extremely honored and thrilled on being selected for the 2012 class that will inducted into the NFCA Softball Hall of Fame," Papa said.

"To be considered in the same company with all of those that have gone before me is overwhelming. I appreciate all the support the University of North Carolina has given me in my 27 years here. I am extremely grateful to all of the current and former players and assistants that have been a part of Carolina Softball. I owe a lot to all of them."

With over 1,000 career wins, Papa has been the architect of sustained success at UNC. Under her tutelage, the Tar Heels have had 23 winning seasons, including 13 in a row, and have been to the NCAA tournament in nine of the past 11 years. In the 2010-11 campaign, Papa led the Tar Heels to 27 wins and an appearance in the ACC Tournament Title game for the first time since 2002.

Papa earned her 1,000th career win during the 2011 season, on March 27 in the final game of a sweep of Florida State. She is one of only 11 NCAA Division I coaches to have reached that milestone.
Warm Welcomes

• **Steve Miller** has rejoined the department as Equipment Manager, replacing Gail Basnight, who retired at the end of September. Steve worked as an assistant equipment manager for seven years, from 1998-2005, before leaving to spend more time with his family. While he was gone, he helped out in the office during events and filling in when there was a staffing need.

  He and his wife Christa live in Raleigh with sons Will (10) and Andrew (7).

• **Travis Hipps**, who is working with Steve as Assistant Equipment Manager, is another new addition to the department, but he’s not a new face, either.

  A 2006 UNC graduate, Travis worked for four years as a student equipment manager for football. He completed internships with the Miami Dolphins and Seattle Seahawks before joining the staff at Wake Forest, which is where he was immediately prior to his return to Chapel Hill.

• **Brittany Renn** has joined the department as an administrative support assistant at Finley Golf Course in the maintenance building. A native of Durham, she graduated from East Carolina in 2009. Before joining the staff at Finley, she worked in Raleigh at a clothing boutique owned by friends of hers.

• **Nate Hilton** has joined the department on a full-time basis as Building Environment Technician at Loudermilk/The Blue Zone. He is a 2009 NC State graduate, but was born and raised in Chapel Hill, and his UNC ties run deep. Long-time Tar Heel track coach Joe Hilton is his grandfather. His father, Reid Hilton, attended UNC on a track scholarship. Nate says it has always been his dream to work in this department. Before joining the department full-time, he worked as a part-time employee in Eddie Smith Field House.

Happy Birthday in December to:

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Please Support the Blood Drive!

PATIENTS NEED YOU! The 13th annual Holiday Carolina Blood Drive is set for Tuesday, December 13th from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Woollen Gym.

The goal for this drive is 400 units. Please sign up to donate blood or your time at: http://www.unc.edu/blood/

To give at the drive, you must be healthy, at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and not have donated whole blood since Oct. 18 or double red cells since Aug. 23. Individuals 18 years of age and younger must also meet specific height and weight requirements.

Appointments are highly encouraged to manage the flow of the drive, but walk-ins will also be accepted. Those who give blood at the drive will receive a free soup mug and recipe from Cat Cora, as well as the chance to win a pair of tickets on Delta Airlines round trip to any destination in the continental United States. Donors will also be given a hearty snack following the donation process.

University and community residents are all invited. With a supervisor’s permission, drive time is work time for UNC employees.

Parking will be free on the fourth and fifth levels of the Cobb Deck, accessible from the driveway to the Center for Dramatic Art off Country Club Road.

During the holidays, blood donations typically decrease, but the need for blood remains steady. So this year, celebrate the holidays by giving the gift of life to someone in need in our area.

Thank you and happy holidays,
The Carolina Blood Drive Committee
Tyson Lusk
• Baseball Clubhouse Manager

Born and raised: Winston-Salem, N.C.
Education: UNC ’09, Bachelors Degree in Political Science
Family: Single, but I do have a 5-year-old nephew who will probably be a three-sport star at Carolina in a few years
Athletic background: Play basketball and football with my Little Brother (Big Brother/Big Sister program, mentioned below)

Before your current position: Undergraduate student manager from 2005-09, hired summer 2009 at current position

Years in current position: 2+
Job description: Order and maintain all UNC baseball apparel and equipment, and serve the baseball student-athletes and coaches with whatever needs they might have

What is something about your job that other people would be surprised to know? I get to know the umpires, and most of them are very nice people.

What are the best things about your job? The coaches and players I get to interact with every day.
Favorite pastimes: Fantasy Football, sports, reading, TV
Favorite restaurants: Firebirds
Favorite book: The Carolina Way
Favorite TV shows: Criminal Minds, Modern Family, NCIS
Last movie you saw and grade you’d give it: The Pianist, A-
A fun fact about you: I’m a volunteer for the Big Brother/Big Sister program and have a Little Brother, Deshawn, who I hang out with and hopefully mentor.
Pet peeve: The sound your car makes when you leave the keys in it
Dream job: Athletic director
What would you do with a completely free day? Sleep, go to a Carolina sporting event
If you could have dinner with anyone, who would it be? Jackie Robinson – be interesting to talk to someone who had such an everlasting impact on athletics.
What’s a little-known talent that you have? I have a knack for finding cheap airline flights and negotiating good deals for our team meals.
What would be your dream vacation? Baseball road trip to see all nine of the UNC former players who are in the MLB right now and a stopover at Wrigley Field
If you won the lottery, what’s the first thing you’d buy? Whatever my mom wanted

Thank you to the coaches and staff members who help make this event possible. Most of all, thank you to the student-athletes who took time out of their already busy days to give back to those who make their experience at Carolina possible.
**Operations**

**The Year So Far ...**

During the first half of the 2011-2012 academic year, the Department of Athletics has hosted more than 100 athletic contests. Our teams have achieved a stellar success rate winning more than 90% of these home contests. Nearly 600,000 fans have visited our campus and our athletic venues.

Successfully orchestrating these many events, often multi-event days, is a tremendous challenge and is not accomplished by any one unit or department. Athletic Operations, along with our Smith Center and Finley Golf Course colleagues, would like to both thank and recognize the efforts of our internal and external event management partners including: Athletic Communications, Athletic Facilities, UNC Ticket Office, Tar Heel Athletic Hospitality, UNC Sports Medicine and Athletic Training, Chapel Hill Sportswear, Promotions & New Media, UNC Public Safety, Show Pros, South Orange Rescue Squad and Aramark Concessions, in addition to our dedicated and devoted game day staff. These individuals and groups work in concert with one another to provide the optimum game day experience for all our fans and stakeholders.

During this holiday season, please join us in celebrating the team efforts that help us provide a safe, secure, and enjoyable experience for our teams, spectators, game officials, administrators, and media partners.

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**Human Resources**

**Supplemental Disability Plan Enrollment**

The University is offering you a one-time opportunity to enroll in a supplemental disability plan from Dec. 1-22, without providing evidence of good health. This opportunity is open to all eligible employees who are not yet enrolled in supplemental disability, and have not been previously denied coverage.

If you participate in the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System (TSERS), you are eligible for supplemental disability coverage under Liberty Mutual; if you participate in the Optional Retirement Program (ORP) you are eligible for coverage under The Standard. Visit [http://hr.unc.edu/benefits/CCM3_027450](http://hr.unc.edu/benefits/CCM3_027450) for additional rate and plan information, as well as enrollment instructions. All coverage will be effective Jan. 1, 2012.

If you currently participate in either Liberty Mutual or The Standard, you DO NOT need to take any action - this is just an opportunity for employees who wish to participate to enroll without having to provide evidence of good health.

Review your pay stub to determine if you already participate in a plan. TSERS participants who are already enrolled will have a “Liberty Life Assurance” deduction. ORP members who are already participating will have a “The Stan” deduction.

Contact the Benefits office at 962-3071 or by email at benefits@unc.edu with any questions.