

Roy Williams' statement, July 28, 2011:

"This is a sad day. Anytime you have this type of disruption it is very difficult on the student-athletes, but also for families. It is a sad day for both Butch Davis and Dick Baddour and their families. I hope now that the Tar Heel family will get behind Chancellor Thorp, pull together and move forward from this difficult day. Our student-athletes have shown tremendous ability to bounce back from adversity and I fully expect that the young men on the football team will continue to do that and represent UNC with the same heart and effort that they did last fall.

Dick Baddour is one of the finest gentlemen I have ever known. I can't think of anyone that loves the University of North Carolina more than Dick. For some time I've known that this was probably going to be his last year as athletic director and I worried about how I would handle it. But the suddenness and swiftness of today's action makes it even more difficult. By offering to step aside earlier than expected, he has sacrificed personally for what is best for our student-athletes and University. We should applaud and support him in that decision.

I've been so fortunate to have known and worked with Dick for many years. He has given 45 wonderful years of service to the University. He has an entire family of Tar Heels.

Dick was extremely important in my return to UNC eight years ago. I probably would not have come back at that time had he not handled the hiring process the way he did. I will miss working with him a great deal.

I have been fortunate to work with two fantastic athletic directors in Bob Frederick (at Kansas) and Dick Baddour – they set an unbelievably high standard for any other athletic director to match. They stand for all that is right in college athletics."