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MOESER, BADDOUR TO RECOMMEND 2-YEAR CONTRACT EXTENSION

## BUNTING TO REMAIN



UNC coach John Bunting (left) embraces Chancellor James Moeser. Moeser will recommend a two-year contract extension for the coach.

BY JACOB KARABELL  
SPORTS EDITOR

DURHAM — After rumors of a coaching change as recently as a few weeks ago, UNC Chancellor James Moeser said Saturday that he will recommend a two-year contract extension for football coach John Bunting to the University's Board of Trustees.

Moeser made the announcement after Saturday's 40-17 win against Duke alongside Director of Athletics Dick Baddour and Bunting, whose team had just clinched a winning record and bowl eligibility.

"We believe in this man; we believe in this program," Moeser said. "It's headed in the right direction, and we're going to be competitive at the very highest level. I'm extremely proud of John and his staff and his team. It really represents Carolina at its best."

Bunting's current deal runs through 2008, so the extension would keep the North Carolina alumnus under contract through 2010. He previously received an extension the winter after his first season in 2001.

"It's really important that everybody associated with the program has a strong sense of stability in the program," Baddour said. "We need to get out of this transition."

And while Baddour said after the game that Bunting would have received support for an extension even with a Duke victory Saturday, the win culminated not just a turnaround of the season, but potentially the program as well.

"I think it's terrific to have the extension because it's going to help us with recruiting because so many people have been saying so many things out there," Bunting said. "They always want to take

shots at you, and that's unfortunately the nature of recruiting."

The win assured the Tar Heels no worse than a fifth-place finish in the ACC, besting teams like Clemson and Maryland that were ranked in the preseason top 25.

The extension was announced to the players in the locker room after the game, and the team greeted it with an uproar.

"We owe it to that man," said senior Jason Brown. "He bleeds Carolina blue, and we have no bigger fan than Coach Bunting. We truly owe it to him, and we love him."

So, instead of the program spending the upcoming weeks searching for a head coach, Bunting and his team will continue to practice awaiting bowl selection.

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### A WINNING SEASON

Coach John Bunting's Tar Heels have persevered through the ups and downs of the season.

■ **SEPT. 11** Bunting laces into his team in a post-game tirade after Virginia embarrasses UNC 56-24 in its conference opener.

■ **OCT. 9** A fierce goal-line stand preserves a 30-24 win against archrival N.C. State.

■ **OCT. 16** The Tar Heels allow a school-record 669 yards in a blowout loss to No. 11 Utah.

■ **OCT. 30** Connor Barth's 42-yard field goal clinches UNC a shocking upset of No. 4 Miami.

■ **NOV. 20** After a 40-17 win against Duke assuring bowl eligibility, Bunting is likely to receive a contract extension.

## ASG, UNC face a schism

BY EMMA BURGIN  
STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

RALEIGH — Many of the UNC system's campus leaders met Saturday to approve a couple of new officers and discuss the system's tuition situation.

But one student body president's absence was glaring — that of UNC-Chapel Hill Student Body President Matt Calabria.

He had car trouble that morning that prevented him from making the drive to Raleigh, and he did send a delegate to the association's General Assembly meeting.

But some members of the Association of Student Governments — particularly those on the Council of Student Body Presidents — feel

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## Board's leader resigns

BY RYAN C. TUCK  
CITY EDITOR

The Downtown Economic Development Corporation has struggled to find how to fill its mission of representing the mutual interests of the town, University and downtown community in an economically healthy downtown.

But it was a misunderstanding of its obligation to the N.C. Open Meetings Law that caused its chairman, Bob Epting, to offer his resignation last week.

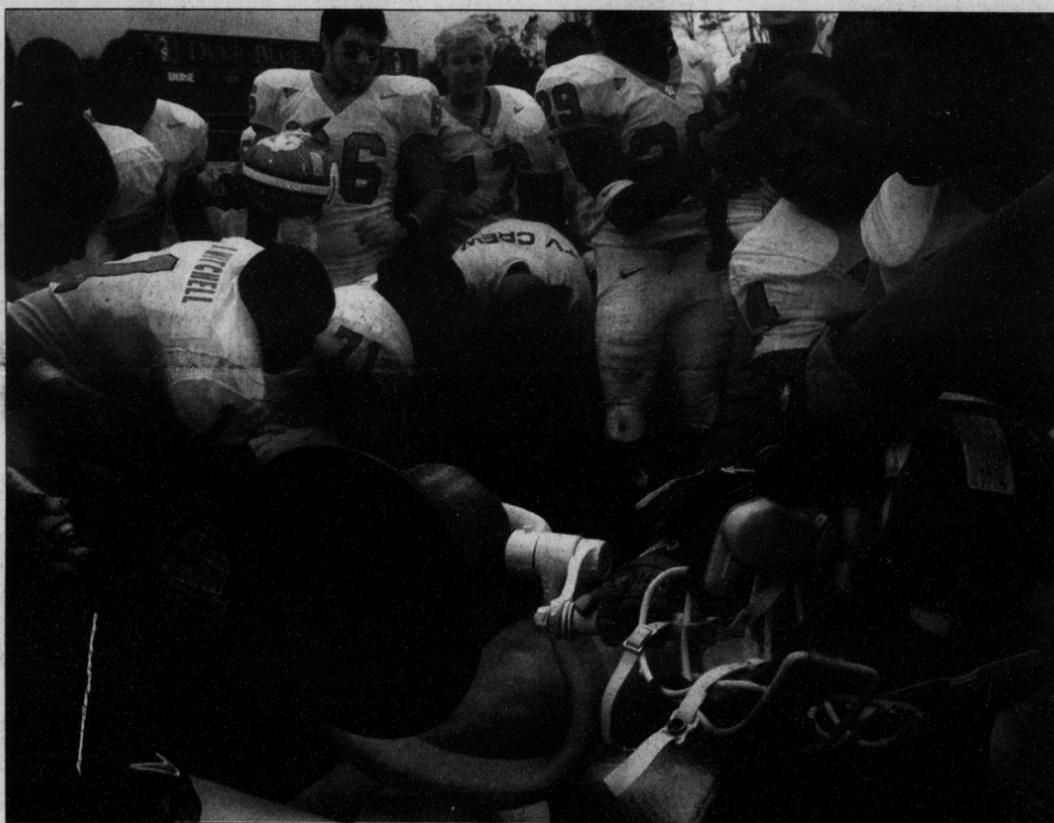
Epting offered his resignation to Mayor Kevin Foy after a disagreement about whether to move portions of the corporation's Wednesday meeting into closed session.

Corporation member Andrea Rohrbacher said member Tom Tucker moved that two items be moved into closed session.

One detailed short-term holiday promotions downtown, and the other concerned a list of transition items for the group to consider in relation to the downtown commission, which lost its town funding

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UNC 40 DUKE 17



The North Carolina football team repaints the Victory Bell after the Tar Heels reclaimed it by defeating Duke 40-17 in Durham on Saturday.

## Tar Heels ring bell by defeating Duke

*"We felt like we were in Kenan. Our fans were way louder than theirs. ... It was a great feeling."*

GERALD SENSABAUGH,  
UNC STRONG SAFETY

BY DANIEL BLANK  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

DURHAM — North Carolina quarterback Darian Durant went down with a shoulder injury late in the first quarter against Duke, and for a little while, it looked like the Tar Heels' postseason dreams would go down with him.

But after missing two drives in which UNC had a field goal blocked and a three-and-out, Durant returned to help the Tar Heels coast to a 40-17 win against Duke at Wallace Wade Stadium on Saturday.

The victory almost certainly assures North Carolina (6-5, 5-3 in the ACC) a bowl bid.

"I wasn't going to let a little shoulder injury keep me out of possibly my last game," Durant said. "So I sucked it up and just did what I've been doing all year."

Based on the opening drive, it looked like it would be an easy win for the Tar Heels, as they needed just four

runs by Chad Scott to move the ball 56 yards and get a 7-0 lead.

After Duke and UNC exchanged three-and-outs, Durant returned to the field and promptly marched the Tar Heels 67 yards for the go-ahead touchdown.

"We were concerned big-time (when Durant went out)," said Scott, who ran for 144 yards and two touchdowns. "I didn't notice he went into the locker room until I saw Matt Baker go in

there. Darian's a good mobile quarterback."

"I think with him out, we thought the team would have stacked the box and stopped the run, and that was our game plan, so we didn't want them to do that. So we knew with him coming back, they had to respect the running game and the passing game."

The drive started when Durant was flushed from the pocket and scrambled nine yards to the sideline.

"Darian's got so much doggone character, and he's so doggone competitive," said UNC coach John Bunting, who was doused with water in the closing seconds. "If he has any negatives, he always makes up for them with the way he plays and the way he competes."

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## Graves receive belated marker

*Dedication is end of 35-year process*

BY STEPHANIE NOVAK  
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Traffic on South Road passed by the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery on Friday afternoon as drivers focused on reaching their destinations.

As they drove by, a small group gathered in front of the cemetery and stood in silence as Erin Davis, president of the Black Student Movement, led the dedication of a marker the group has worked many years to realize.

The western part of the cemetery contains the burial sites of slaves and freedmen who contributed to the University's growth. Many graves are unmarked, save a large stone.

The marker is a step to recognize those buried and, many attendees said, a step in the right direction.

"It shows that the University is taking steps to recognize its past," said BSM secretary Fatimah Shahid-El.

Davis explained that the marker was one of the original 22 demands the BSM made to former Chancellor J. Carlyle Sitterson in 1968.

She also explained that attaining the marker has been carried out during the last four or five years.

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Erin Byrd, director of Southerners for Economic Justice, stands with her son, Jai, looking at graves in the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery.

### ONLINE

■ Hundreds show up Saturday to market fund-raiser  
■ Girls Gone Wild takes over downtown night spot  
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### SPORTS

#### SHOCK AND AWE

Women's hoops team outshines men, shocks No. 4 UConn 71-65 at RBC Center on Sunday **PAGE 10**

### WEATHER

**TODAY** P.M. showers, H 68, L 51  
**TUESDAY** Showers, H 64, L 55  
**WEDNESDAY** T-storms, H 72, L 54