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LONG AFTER THE LEVEE BREAKS



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Gloria Hagans sits on the front porch of her apartment in Princeville on Tuesday. Hagans was one of thousands from the area who was displaced by the flooding caused by Hurricane Floyd in 1999. Since the disaster hit, nearly the entire town has been rebuilt.

One town's recovery foreshadows path waiting Katrina-wrecked areas

BY ERIC JOHNSON
ASSISTANT STATE & NATIONAL EDITOR

PRINCEVILLE — Standing atop the town's rebuilt levee, with the Tar River 36 feet below, it is difficult to believe the water could ever have risen so far.

But from the middle of Princeville, where every building has been rebuilt, replaced or abandoned since the flood of 1999, it becomes much easier to imagine the town engulfed.

More than six years later, the impact of the water is visible everywhere.

"Princeville is almost a completely brand new town," said Eric Evans, the community development administrator for Edgecombe County.

"They built back better."

In that way, the North Carolina community hit hardest by the floods following Hurricane Floyd has become a kind of benchmark — a best-case scenario



Most of the damaged homes, such as this one on South Main Street, were completely rebuilt using government funding.

for hundreds of small Gulf Coast towns coping with the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

It is also a reminder of how much more daunting the challenge might prove for those communities.

Center of attention

When the Tar River overflowed the Princeville levee in September of 1999, all 2,153 residents were forced to evacuate, and every structure in town was inundated.

Dramatic images of an entire community quickly washed away made Princeville a focal point in the story of North Carolina's costliest natural disaster. Town officials were flown to Washington, D.C., to meet with President Clinton, and N.C. Gov. Jim Hunt pledged that Princeville would be rebuilt.

Sam Knight was the town's planning zoning officer

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Graduate students mobilize to oppose tuition hike proposals

they were left out of many campus decisions, including tuition.

"We haven't felt like we've been a part of the discussion," said Mike Brady, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation. "It's been more the social climate than a particular issue."

Board members as well as the task force took steps this year to ensure that graduate students are a defined part of UNC-Chapel Hill's mission.

"I would suggest to you that we very much agree that the graduate issue, as someone said, is very much off the radar," said Trustee Rusty Carter during the University affairs committee meeting Wednesday.

"I can make the commitment to

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Science depts seek women

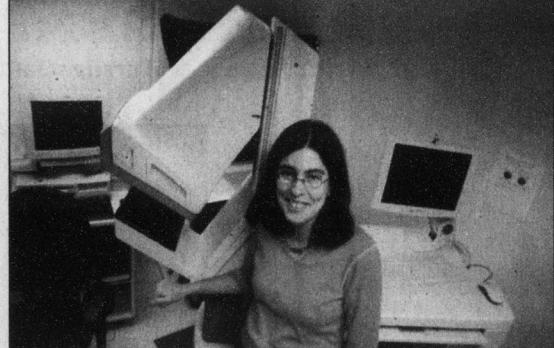
BY SHARI FELD
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When Etta Pisano enrolled at the Duke University School of Medicine in 1979, women composed about one-quarter of her class — a considerable increase from the 6 percent accepted to Duke's first class of medical students in 1929.

Since her medical school days, Pisano, a UNC professor of radiology and biomedical engineering, has become accustomed to the male-dominated field.

She is one of three female faculty members in the biomedical engineering program at UNC. Fifteen men hold faculty positions in the department.

So it did not come as a surprise to her when she was one of seven



DTH/BRANDON MAYNARD

Etta Pisano, a professor of radiology and biomedical engineering at UNC, is one of the minority of tenured female faculty in the sciences.

women among some 80 attendees at a meeting for the National Institutes of Health in Washington, D.C., in early October.

"That kind of made me pause, that so few women had actually made it

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DEFINING JOHN BUNTING

BY BRIAN MACPHERSON
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It's not easy to choose a single word to describe John Bunting.

"You've got to make up words to describe Coach Bunting," says Tommy Richardson.

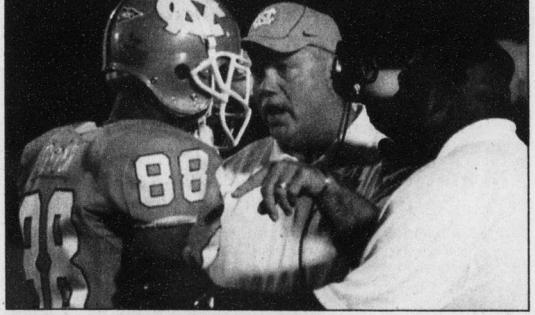
The fire in his eyes on the practice field or the passion in his voice in the locker room might provide a glimpse of his personality. The Super Bowl ring on his finger, the ring he won as the linebackers coach of the St. Louis Rams in January of 2000, might hint at his priorities.

And while a single word cannot describe any person, the assortment offered by Bunting's players presents a picture of the man who has instilled an expectation of success in a North Carolina football team once left for dead in the new-look ACC.

"Determined," says Steven Bell.

"Motivated," says Cedrick Holt.

"Dedicated," says Ronnie McGill.



DTH FILE/BRANDON SMITH

Coach John Bunting is described with many words, but the one that is most often used is "intense," as evidenced by his on-field demeanor.

"Enthusiastic," says Mike Mason.

"Fired-up," says Andrew Wasserman, stretching the rules only slightly.

Two years ago it seemed more likely that only the first half of Wasserman's assessment would

describe Bunting by now.

His Tar Heels had won five games in two seasons, and a culture of disaster seemed to permeate Kenan Stadium. Few analysts gave the former All-ACC line-

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A LITTLE CONFUSING The newest Medicare plan approved bewilders many

IS IT THE ANSWER? The high school scheduling debate is back on the agenda



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NOT A CHEAP DATE

UNC's Habitat for Humanity chapter holds a date auction to help fund a trip to Honduras, selling off Homecoming King Matt Mullane, among others.

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THE UNC FAMILY

Jonathan Sauls, a UNC graduate, returns to assume the position in the Office of Student Affairs responsible for overseeing the Honor Court.

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YEP, THAT'S GOOD

Started as a label for indie, more obscure rock, Yep Roc Records has grown to include bigger band labels and more household notoriety.

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