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Losses put Bunting in the hot seat

Baddour to evaluate performance at season's end

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Winning is not in John Bunting's job description.

Take a look. Article II of the football coach's contract with the University, titled "Duties," lists five responsibilities that the coach must adhere to.

The section has words like "integrity," "ethics" and "academic progress." Nowhere in Article II, or in the entire document, is winning mentioned.

But during the past week Bunting has come under intense scrutiny from media and fans because of that pesky word. Last Saturday's 52-7 loss to Clemson brought forth some uncomfortable statistics for Tar Heel fans: Bunting-led teams are now 25-39 and have lost by more than 30 points 12 times.

Enter the Internet, where anger is public and can multiply easily. Message boards were aflame

before halftime of the Clemson game, and several groups on student pastime Facebook.com have been dedicated to getting rid of Bunting. There's even the newly-created firebunting.com where you can buy "Fire Bunting" tank tops.

"There's a lot of frustration out there now, that's for sure," Director of Athletics Dick Baddour said. "We're all frustrated."

Despite the knee-jerk reactions from such a loss, Baddour said he would not make a decision about Bunting's future during the season.

"I think the fair thing to do is to play the season to not mix things up during the season, to stay focused on one thing and one thing only, and that's being prepared to win games," Baddour said.

The easiest place to point the finger when your team is 1-3 is the coach. But it's not that simple.

"They can prepare them to play the best they can, but after that it's up to the guys to do it," said Bill Jordan, a member of the executive

committee of the Rams Club — the fundraising arm of the Department of Athletics.

"I don't believe that coaching is responsible for that. Heck, I don't know. We've got problems."

After the loss to Clemson, those problems were magnified.

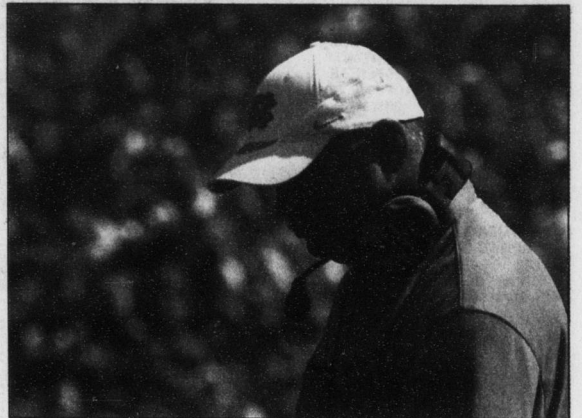
"That was damaging to, I'm sure, everybody's confidence. And the people that built this, I'm sure it was damaging to them," Bunting said Thursday, gesturing toward the Kenan Football Center, which was part of a \$50 million stadium upgrade in 1997.

"And I would probably be one of them if I had made that type of contribution. I would be very upset right now, too," said Bunting, a fiercely loyal alumnus himself.

The message from Baddour and Bunting, as well as from fans from the class of 1948 to the class of 2008, is that with eight games to play, there is plenty of time to right the ship.

But after the season is over, will Bunting's

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Coach John Bunting collects his thoughts during the Sept. 23 blowout loss against Clemson. The game led many to call for Bunting's job.

MONDAY SPOTLIGHT

A STANDARD TEST

2006 Unadjusted Ranking | 2006 Adjusted Ranking (controlled for participation and poverty)

Average state SAT scores paint an inaccurate picture of state rankings, favoring states where SAT participation levels are lower and limited to students applying out of state. Students in impoverished areas also face disadvantages in aggregate SAT scores. By controlling for the effect of participation and poverty, states are re-ranked to better illustrate performance differences.

North Carolina's adjusted ranking has been climbing even as the percentage of the state's high school seniors taking the test has increased. The state's 2006 unadjusted 38th place ranking jumps to 16th place after controlling for these two factors.

SOURCE: COLLEGE BOARD, U.S. CENSUS, DTH STAFF

North Carolina's SAT improvement

The DTH analyzed average state SAT scores for the years 2000-06. It correlated participation and poverty rates with a state's SAT score using a statistical process. Visit www.dailytarheel.com for full details.

The Tar Heel state has jumped 20 spots from its 36th place adjusted ranking in 2000, according to the DTH analysis.

"North Carolina has been pushing for a very aligned curriculum and assessment," Shokrani said. "Clearly it's paying off. I contend that North Carolina's initiative is paying off more than any other state in the country."

In fact, North Carolina's students performed in the top third of states this year after adjusting for participation and poverty.

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Week targets race relations

Students hope to spark discussion

BY AMANDA YOUNGER
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During the past two years, UNC officials have sought to improve the campus's cultural climate in several ways.

The Chancellor's Task Force on Diversity convened in 2005 to examine the University's climate, and a five-point diversity plan was

launched in September as a result.

But despite efforts such as these from UNC administrators, students still say they grapple with the complex issues involving diversity and race relations.

These are topics that students will navigate this week during Race Relations Week.

"The biggest tool is education, and educating yourself and taking a critical eye to not only what other people are doing, but what you are doing," said Adrienne Allen, co-chairwoman of the Campus Y students for the advancement of race relations committee, which is sponsoring the week.

The events are meant to enhance campus cultural understanding, officials said.

The diversity plan, which includes increasing awareness and fostering dialogue, has prompted mixed reviews from students. Some said they believe that change must come from within the student body to be truly effective.

"I thought the diversity plan, when put into place, wouldn't make any quantitative changes on campus," Allen said. "It's an ideology, not a plan."

- ### Monday events
- Immigration and the American Identity
 - > forum
 - > Hamilton 100
 - > 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 - The Color of Media Coverage
 - > film showing and forum
 - > Carroll 111
 - > 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Beauty, Race and Multicultural Congeniality
 - > movie analysis and discussion
 - > Union auditorium
 - > 8 p.m.

Archie Ervin, associate provost for diversity and multicultural affairs, said campus diversity has increased steadily during the past five to six years. "Factually speaking, the diversity of the campus has really improved when you talk about racial diversity," he said.

This year's freshman class is composed of about 30 percent nonwhite students — an increase from previous classes.

Similar trends toward increased diversity can be seen in the class of 2010 at Duke University, which boasted 40 percent nonwhite students, said Julian Sanchez, director of the Duke Center for Multicultural Affairs.

Duke also attempts to foster greater racial understanding through retreats, symposiums and efforts to attract a faculty as diverse as its student body.

"Our focus is on difference and diversity," Sanchez said. "We try to build unity through diversity."

UNC students also cited self-segregation as a concern.

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UNC-CH junior Mona Masood (left) and Rabia Ahsan from UNC-C pray after breaking fast at the iftar ceremony in the Great Hall on Sunday night.

Muslims break fast, raise funds

BY ANDREW DUNN
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Muslims from across the Triangle dined at tables set with dates and samosas Sunday evening in the Great Hall to break their daily Ramadan fast and to raise money for orphans in Lebanon and Palestine.

About 175 people attended the Muslim Student Association iftar — a prayer-filled gathering for a meal — which was co-sponsored by the MSAs of UNC, N.C. State University and Duke University.

Muslims believe that at this time in the early 7th century, God revealed the Quran to the Prophet Muhammad. The holy month of Ramadan is marked by fasting from sunrise until sunset.

Muslims are supposed to abstain from sex

and smoking during daytime hours and from violence, anger, greed, lust and gambling throughout the month.

"We wake up at 5 a.m. and eat until 5:45," said Arif Khan, MSA's publicity committee chairman at UNC. "Then nothing can pass your throat — not even water."

The fast traditionally is broken around 7 p.m. — at an iftar — by eating a date.

"That's how the prophet broke his fast," said UNC freshman Maryam Al-Zoubi, who attended the event. "We're following his example."

At UNC, the Muslim group uses this event to raise money for Islamic Relief — an organization dedicated to relieving poverty. This year the money raised from \$8 MSA-member tickets and \$10 general public tickets will go toward help-

ing orphans in Lebanon and Palestine, areas that recently have been ravaged by warfare.

"We try to do something current-event-related," said MSA president Bushra Bhatti. Last year the event raised more than \$18,000 to sponsor orphans in Pakistan in the wake of an earthquake, Bhatti said.

A similar amount is expected this year, leaders said.

Besides dates and samosas, the dinner consisted of Indian and Pakistani food, including chicken curry.

After a brief introduction and an Arabic recitation from the Quran, Ali Aiello, who is involved with MSAs around the country, gave a speech

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GALLERY GLORY Student's photos garner attention in Union display

CIVIC INJUSTICE Study: college students lacking civics knowledge

BUILDING BLOCKS Local schools see ongoing renovations

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DOUBLE TALK
Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools receives an award for its dual language programs in elementary schools, which teach Spanish and Chinese.



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FIESTA TIME
Chispa holds a carnival Saturday in the Pit to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, syncing up with a recruitment event for high school students.

this day in history

OCT. 2, 1964 ...
UNC-system President William Friday is elected chairman of the American Council on Education — the top administrative-academic post in U.S. higher education.

weather

Sunny
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