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THE HOUSE THAT FOX BUILT

After taking over as UNC baseball coach in 1998, Mike Fox has taken the program to new heights.

By Aaron Taube
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Mike Fox has won 582 games in his 13 seasons as head baseball coach at North Carolina, but he'd never mention a single one to his players.

For Fox, baseball's most concrete measuring stick is more a reflection of the organization, discipline and effort put forth before the first pitch was thrown than it is a cause for celebration of the performance that came after.

Inside Boshamer Stadium, banners celebrate the four straight trips Fox and the Tar Heels made to the College World Series, and the trophy case downstairs houses a trio of ACC Coastal Division titles. But that's just the big picture, and Fox is a details man.

In November of 2005, some 40 months before the renovated Boshamer Stadium opened its doors, Fox sent UNC architect Mike Bunting a three-page, 1,000-word wish list for the \$25 million project.

The document outlined, for example, that Fox would like the press box to seat 25 people and have two tiers, and the dugouts to be 72 feet by 75 feet with at least five feet of space behind the benches for cubbies and coat racks.

No, the accolades can't nearly tell the story of how Mike Fox took a middle-of-the-pack ACC baseball program and built a powerhouse. Like the work of any good architect, you'd have to look at the blueprint.

'Expand current weight weight room by knocking out walls in current locker room'

Though Fox would one day excel as the starting second baseman on UNC's baseball team, he found himself alone at Kenan Stadium in the fall of 1974 for the same reason he'd decided to enroll at the University to begin with — Carolina basketball.

Fox had fallen in love with the men's team as a boy growing up in Asheville and spending his summers at UNC's basketball camp in Chapel Hill.

So he ran stadium stairs, sprinting up and down every night for nearly a week before JV basketball tryouts in hopes of earning the right to wear Carolina blue. At tryouts, Fox dove after loose balls and absorbed the impact of charges until JV coach Eddie Fogler had no choice but to add him to the roster.

"He played JV basketball at Carolina, and I bet more than half the people on the baseball team could beat him in basketball," said Clay Johnson, Fox's baseball teammate and roommate at UNC. "Mike played hard. He was a hard-nosed second baseman, and he played basketball the same way."

Fox's place on the JV basketball team allowed him a spot inside the curtain of coach Dean Smith's famously private varsity practices. It was there he first took notice of the foundation on which champi-

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During his 13 years as coach at North Carolina, Mike Fox has rejuvenated the baseball program and helped plan the \$25 million renovation of Boshamer Stadium.

ACC BASEBALL TOURNAMENT PREVIEW

UNC enters postseason play

Tar Heels look to ride momentum from their weekend sweep of Virginia.

By Brandon Moree
Senior Writer

On Thursday morning, the North Carolina baseball team will make its return to the ACC Tournament after missing the event last season and posting a sub-.500 conference record for the first time since 2001.

"We certainly want to be in the ACC Tournament every year because I think it's an honor... That was the

worst week of my life last year, to be honest with you," UNC coach Mike Fox said. "Our guys are glad we're playing this week and not practicing or whatever else I'd have them doing."

This season has been a different story altogether, as the Tar Heels (44-12, 20-10) enter this weekend's round-robin tournament at Durham Bulls Athletic Park in fourth place in the conference. That finish landed UNC in Pool A with top seed Virginia, No. 5 Miami and No. 8 Wake Forest.

North Carolina went 5-4 against those three teams in the 2011 campaign. Wake Forest handed the Tar Heels their first two ACC losses of the season in the conference-opening

series in Winston-Salem, while Miami won its series with UNC 2-1 after sweeping a doubleheader in Chapel Hill back in April.

This week's action will give the Tar Heels a shot at revenge.

"We want to go out and get these wins against them because they took the series from us," pitcher Patrick Johnson said. "So, maybe a little pay-back is on hand here."

UNC swept No. 1 Virginia in the closing weekend of the regular season and are now ranked No. 1 in RPI. Johnson opened the series Thursday night by tossing the first complete game shutout by a Tar Heel since Alex White's in 2009.

Johnson allowed only four hits in the outing and was perfect in the last five innings on his way to his 10th win of the season.

But Johnson already has his sights set on the next game.

"Games like that happen. People have good games and people have bad games," Johnson said. "I'm just going to go out and try to have a solid start for our team and try to get a win."

Fox recognizes not only how important Johnson was in the series for the Tar Heels, but also how valuable he has been all season long.

"He might be our most important

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Outside firm to review housekeeping

Among other issues, the company will examine sexual harassment.

By Lyle Kendrick
and Andy Thomason
Senior Writers

In its latest effort to resolve at least a year's worth of disputes with its lowest-paid employees, the University has hired a consulting firm to examine a culture within housekeeping that has elicited multiple complaints from housekeepers.

The University hired the PRM Consulting Group in March to identify problems within the housekeeping culture, according to a memorandum from Chancellor Holden Thorp to housekeeping employees.

In April, dozens of University employees, many of whom were housekeepers, staged a sit-out in protest of a scheduling change workers said represented management's lack of concern for workers' rights.

In the fall, housekeepers protested the "sit-down policy" they claimed was evidence of a dis-

criminatory work environment.

But the consulting firm will also examine an issue that hasn't been formally protested this year — sexual harassment.

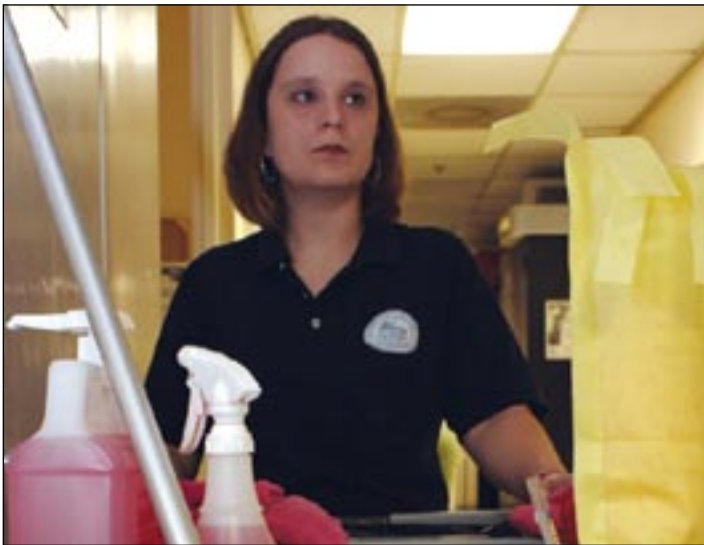
Ann Penn, an Equal Opportunity/Americans with Disabilities Act officer, said she has received multiple complaints of sexual harassment and race discrimination from employees.

The report will cover a wide array of issues, including the no sit-down policy and sexual harassment, said Van Dobson, chief facilities officer and executive director for Facilities Services.

Meanwhile, housekeeper Amanda Hulon is formally appealing a University ruling on a complaint she filed against her supervisor. In the complaint, Hulon claims that her supervisor sexually harassed her.

The director of housekeeping services, Bill Burston, did not respond to several calls and in-person requests for interviews.

Burston has been temporarily reassigned to special duties at Lenoir Dining Hall, Dobson said. The move has caused confusion within Burston's department.



DTH FILE/ELIZABETH MENDOZA

Amanda Hulon is appealing a University ruling on a complaint she filed against her supervisor who she claims sexually harassed her.

Claims of harassment

In her petition for a contested case hearing, Hulon said her supervisor used her employment as leverage for abuse.

According to the petition, which was filed on April 20, Hulon's supervisor offered Hulon a \$150 loan in 2008, which she eventually accepted.

In exchange for the money, her supervisor expected sexual favors from Hulon, the petition states.

Her supervisor said he has been cleared of the claims of sexual harassment by the University.

Hulon's supervisor said he was only guilty of loaning money to a

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County budget places focus on public safety

Funding for education would be maintained, and no workers laid off.

By Chelsey Dulaney
Staff Writer

For years, the time it takes for county ambulances to respond to emergency calls has lagged behind local officials' goals.

But with public safety representing a major priority in the proposed county budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, Orange County Emergency Services could soon be equipped with new resources to help it better serve the county.

The budget would also maintain education funding and would not lay off a single county employee, commitments County Manager Frank Clifton said could raise property taxes in coming years.

A better response time

On May 17, Clifton proposed a

BY THE NUMBERS

6

EMS positions created

\$177.3 million

Proposed general fund budget

\$3.9 million

Spending cut from 2010-11

\$83.5 million

Proposed education funding

budget that would fund six new emergency medical technicians, two new ambulances and four new telecommunicators.

Capt. Kim Woodward, operations manager for the county's EMS, said the additional staff could help reduce response time and increase the number of emergency units available to county residents.

The average ambulance

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Inside

OUT ON FOOT

The man arrested for unwanted touching of women's feet has been released from jail on \$2,500 bond. **Page 3.**



HOGGIN' OUT

Thirty-two teams competed to make the best barbecue at the 29th Annual Hillsborough Hog Day festival on Saturday. **Page 3.**

ONLINE

The Board of Trustees is meeting this morning to discuss faculty retention, and to hear reports from its three subcommittees. For updates on the proceedings, check www.dailytarheel.com.

This day in history

MAY 26, 1940

WUNC made its first broadcast as a student-operated station. WXYC now serves as the University's student-run radio station.

Today's weather



Kind of
Mozambique-ish
H 93, L 66

Friday's weather



...And the gods
made love
H 88, L 66

“Go ahead and play the blues if it'll make you happy.”
HOMER SIMPSON, "THE SIMPSONS"