

Goad has mind on books, heart at home, eye on pros

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For North Carolina nose guard Tim Goad, being a student-athlete is just that. He considers himself a student before an athlete.

That's a hard thing to do when you spend as much time with a particular sport as football players spend with football.

Goad chose UNC over all the others that offered him scholarships because of its academic reputation.

"I looked at all of the schools as if I didn't have to play football and this university came out on top academically," he said. "I'm here to get my degree first. That is what it's

all about."

Goad, a junior from Claudville, Va., is double-majoring in criminal justice and psychology. He said he would like to work for the FBI, the Highway Patrol or some correctional facility when he graduates.

Although an education is Goad's primary concern, it is evident that he enjoys his game and being successful in it is very important to him. A goal he has set for himself is to play professional ball someday.

"I would like to give pro football a shot," he said.

If a pro career does not work out, Goad said that he would be able to handle it. He said that he keeps

football and life in their proper perspectives. That might be helpful to him down the road if a career in professional football does not materialize.

Does Goad have what it takes to make it to the pros?

That is a question that he still has two years to answer. So far in his college career, he's done well. He was able to play football his freshman year, something that only a few players are given the chance to do.

"An opportunity to play major

college football is an opportunity to play and I was thrilled to death," Goad recalled.

He said that the transition from high school to college football was very difficult but that he believed he was ready to play when given the chance.

As a freshman, he was Atlantic Coast Conference Rookie of the Week against Virginia and last year he started 10 of 11 games.

This season looks even better for

Goad, as he is a possible All-Atlantic Coast Conference candidate.

In addition to playing football for the University, he is also on the track team. This past season he was the ACC Champion in the shotput event.

In talking with Goad, it's easy to see that school, family and friends are very important to him. When he has time off from football, he enjoys going home to visit. According to Goad, "Claudville is the best place in the world."

A pregame briefing for freshman: The art and tradition of tailgating

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On Sept. 6 the largest social event of the season will take place in Chapel Hill, and there will be some football also.

This event is known as the first football game of the year. Some folks come to see, others to be seen. Regardless of your intentions, the important thing is to come.

For the freshmen-to-be who read this edition, the following is especially directed at you. Since this will be the first game for most of you, and certainly the first as students for all of you, there is a ritualistic

ceremony to be learned.

This is an attempt to outline the procedure, but remember this is a process one must work on for years.

The festivities begin for most before the game, in the parking lot. Actually, most of these people are alumni who have the whole process worked out to perfection.

It all begins with tail-gating. Tail-gating is a custom where food, along with a favorite beverage of your choice, is consumed from the trunk of a car. A very expensive car is preferred. Fried chicken is a tried-and-true delight for the pregame meal.

Socializing is an important part of this, with discussions of one's latest raise or the stock market. You may even discuss football and the possibilities for this year, but just as likely, you will discuss basketball (this is North Carolina).

After this ceremony is finished, you head in to the game, secretly packing some of your favorite bev-

erage, of course. Naturally, only alumni do this, not underage freshmen.

The first game of the year always occurs when summer is still upon us, so everyone will take full advantage of the sunshine while in the stadium to increase his or her tan before the dreaded cold weather.

It is the fondest desire of all good Tar Heels that Carolina win the game, and the larger the score the better. This year the opponent is The Citadel, so that should not be a problem.

If the team rolls by them by a big enough margin, then you can make an early break for the post-game ritual — the court parties. Once again, underage freshmen would never engage in such activities.

Anyway, the event takes place off of Cameron Avenue in a courtyard, between several fraternities; therefore, it is called a court party. Here

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