

# Broken foot to sideline Seagraves

*Injury likely to end lineman's season*

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Entering the season, North Carolina's football team could ill afford to lose two starting seniors to injury.

But defensive tackle Chase Page tore two tendons in his pinky finger in August, and Coach John Bunting announced Tuesday that offensive lineman Skip Seagraves likely will miss the rest of the season because of a broken bone in his left foot.

"This young man has really got a lot of ability; he's got a tremendous work ethic," Bunting said. "Every year he's played under me, he's gotten better. I certainly think he has the ability to play at the next level."

Seagraves first injured the foot in pregame warm-ups before UNC's victory against William &

Mary on Sept. 4, but he started and completed the game.

In last Saturday's loss against Virginia, the injury had worsened, but he played nearly the entire game before being helped to the locker room with a couple of minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

Doctors took an MRI Monday, and the injury is expected to take 8 to 10 weeks to recover. Bunting will attempt to give Seagraves a medical redshirt, though it could require a lengthy appeal process since Seagraves redshirted his freshman year.

"He certainly needed this year to be able to get to (the next) level," Bunting said. "I'm hopeful that we can get that extra year for him."

The coaching staff is exploring options for replacing the fifth-year senior in the offensive line's rota-

tion. As of Tuesday, junior Steven Bell is the projected starter at right guard. Bell hasn't started a game since the 2002 season.

"We'll have to look that over," Bunting said. "There are a number of different things we may do."

Freshman guard Ben Lemming will also see more snaps, as will juniors Kyle Ralph and Arthur Smith.

## McGill tries to avoid campus

The Seagraves injury comes at an inopportune time for North Carolina, as it looks to forget about Saturday's embarrassing 56-24 loss to the Cavaliers.

Running back Ronnie McGill utilizes an interesting technique to avoid negativity surrounding the football team.

"I really don't ever go up into campus," McGill said. "I don't like sitting around up there because I know people are going to talk, and

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I don't want to hear it."

When asked how he gets to class every day, McGill just laughed.

"I just walk to class, and I just walk straight back (to Kenan Stadium)," he said. "I walk fast."

"There's too many people up there. I'd rather come back here and just chill."

## Bunting praises Baker's play

If UNC fans tuned out after the third quarter Saturday, they missed an impressive performance by Tar Heel backup quarterback Matt Baker.

Baker, a junior, entered the game on UNC's first drive in the

fourth quarter and completed 8 of 9 passes for 171 yards. Highlights included a 52-yard touchdown pass to Chad Scott and a 46-yard bomb to Daunte Fields, which left UNC with first-and-goal at the UVA 1-yard line.

"Now, my expectations of him are higher," Bunting said. "My confidence level in him is higher, and I know it gave him a boost."

"You can call it mop-up duty, but to me he was given an opportunity to go out there and do something, and he made something with that opportunity."

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## Club sports: making a splash

I was in the middle of Fetzler Field at Fall Fest when I lost my fifth consecutive group of friends in five minutes or less.

Scanning the bustling crowd, desperately trying to spot someone I knew, a posterboard sign caught my eye — UNC Underwater Hockey Club.

"Underwater hockey?" I thought. "What, pray tell, is underwater hockey?"

To sate my burning curiosity, I moseyed over to the table where a laptop computer was being closed.

"Was that a video?" I asked the bespectacled student behind the table.

"Yeah, I'll show it to you."

He opened the laptop to reveal what looked like a bunch of pasty tadpoles with fins and masks guiding a blob across the bottom of a pool.

"Just for reference, how competitive does this get?"

"This is a New Zealand-Australia match from the World Championships."

Thoroughly stunned that underwater hockey actually had championships, I signed up for the mailing list and wandered off, wondering about the state of club sports and how Chapel Hill could field an underwater hockey team.

While the verdict is still out on the viability of underwater hockey — a fledgling group headed by graduate student Danny Monroe — club sports are a thriving subculture on the UNC campus, with 53 teams and more than 2,000 students participating.

Keeping a community of that magnitude organized and successful is a tough job, and it falls on Sport Club Director Stacy Warner.

Warner oversees all the clubs and keeps track of the paperwork that accumulates when 2,000 students sign travel and release forms.

She also has the unenviable task of working with the UNC Sport Clubs Council to dole out funding. The budget needed for the men's crew team alone costs more than her allotment for all 53 teams combined. She aids clubs in organizing fund-raisers to offset the difference.

However, Warner's job does not involve managing the day-to-day operations of each team. That responsibility falls onto the shoulders of these dedicated student-athletes — a term that shouldn't be in question.

The teams, which range from Tae Kwon Do to sailing, practice as many as four times a week. They face limited facility access to boot because they share the same fields with varsity and intramural sports.

Sebastian Gibbs, president of the SCC Executive Council and a three-year member of the men's rugby team, said that his team occasionally has been limited to practice after the last intramural game of the day — at 11:30 p.m.

The rugby team has made such sacrifices in order to remain competitive with varsity teams and has done so with spectacular results, making it to the Elite Eight of last year's national tournament before falling to eventual champion California.

However, Gibbs is quick to defer the attention to other teams' successes.

"Lots of clubs enjoy national success, but they are not able to broadcast that they're the best," he said. "I'm going to find out what they've achieved and shout it from the rooftops for them."

While Gibbs is off bounding across the skyline, let's make a more concerted effort to support our fellow students. Try to show up to events and make donations to fund-raisers like those 24-hour rowing marathons in the Pit.

Like Gibbs said, "Everyone at UNC knows someone in a club sport. I guarantee it."

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