

# Drug convicts receive little aid

## Act restricts aid to any offender

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A government study published last week found that about 68,000 to 164,000 drug offenders were denied federal student aid between 2001 and 2004.

A 1998 amendment to the Higher Education Act stipulates that after a first drug conviction, an offender is ineligible for student aid for one year, with the penalty upped to two years after a second conviction. A third offense leads to an indefinite suspension of any federal aid.

Rep. Robert Scott, D-Va., one of the congressmen who requested the report, said he made the request because of his strong opposition toward the provision.

"It only affects those who need financial aid," he said. "The wealthy are not denied an education."

Scott said he also is troubled by the fact that the rule puts no restrictions on students convicted of rape, bank robbery or murder from obtaining student aid.

"It's irrational," he said.

Because the provision is federal law, UNC-Chapel Hill's Office of Scholarships and Student Aid must withhold federal dollars from students with drug convictions.

Vincent Amoroso, deputy director of the financial aid office, said the University never has had to face such a situation, but has denied federal aid under other statutes.

Males who have not registered for selective service are ineligible for federal help, he noted.

The drug offender rule does allow students to cut short their ineligibility period if they complete a government-approved drug rehabilitation program.

But Tom Angell, campaigns director for Students for Sensible Drug Policy, said the provision's main failure is that it denies education to those for whom it would be the most beneficial.

"With more education you are less likely to commit crime," he said. "Denying education forces at-risk students to the streets."

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., has sponsored legislation that would repeal the law.

"While I don't condone illegal drug use, I disagree with the idea of using the federal financial aid system to punish people who have been convicted of relatively minor drug convictions," he said in an April 10 press release.

Doug McVay, research director for Common Sense for Drug Policy, said the government effectively has decided to make drug use an "unredeemable sin."

"(The rule) leaves people with no other options," he said.

Because the application for federal student aid does not ask about an applicant's race, the report was unable to determine whether or not the provision affected minority students at a disproportionate rate.

But Frank said he believes that must be the case after his talks with financial aid administrators at Massachusetts colleges.

"They pointed out that the law affects minority students disproportionately — not because they have higher levels of drug use, but because they are more likely to need financial aid," he stated in the press release.

Amoroso said Congress has overstepped its bounds with the provision.

"We should be more concerned with financial need and not someone's personal background," he said.

"Let criminal justice do its job and let us do ours."

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## WE'VE GOT A WIENER



DTH/CRYSTAL STREET

A participant in the fourth annual Weiner Dog Day at Weaver Street Market in Carrboro is measured in the longest Weiner contest Sunday. The event, which was co-sponsored by the Phydeaux Pet

Shop in Carrboro, featured dogs in costumes, contests and prizes. Donations collected at Weiner Dog Day were given to the Almost Home Dachshund Rescue Society. "Weiner Dog" is a nickname given to Dachshunds.

## FOOTBALL

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Johnson (309 total yards, one touchdown) to catch fire, as he completed his first nine passes of the half.

"(Utah is) a difficult team to play against, but our kids did a terrific job of adjusting," Bunting said.

That adjustment came when UNC's Cedrick Holt finally ended Johnson's hot streak by registering his first career interception.

And on the ensuing drive, Tar Heel quarterback Matt Baker scrambled and threw his way to two key third-down conversions before finding Wallace Wright in the end zone for a 23-yard score.

After the North Carolina defense forced a punt and gave its offense a chance to build on a 17-14 lead, an apparent Tar Heel miscue became another Ute missed opportunity.

Utah's Eric Weddle picked off a Baker throw and ran it back 37 yards for the score and, seemingly, the lead. But a roughing the passer penalty by Utah defensive back Casey Evans nullified the play, allowing the Tar Heels to continue their drive and push the lead to 10 on a one-yard score by Barrington Edwards.

"(That play) was a big turning point of the game," said Utah coach Kyle Whittingham. "Certainly we had our chances. Turnovers were critical."

Trailing by a touchdown in the fourth, the Utes coughed up the ball on two straight drives, each of which saw UNC linebacker Tommy Richardson field the recovery. The Utes' final two series ended in a

turnover on downs and Johnson's third lost fumble of the day, respectively. In all, the Tar Heels forced five Ute turnovers, including an interception by Cedrick Holt that was the first pick of the year for the defense.

"Right now we're really zoned in on turnovers, and that was one of our goals coming into this year and as the season goes on," said linebacker Larry Edwards, who forced one of Utah's four fumbles on the day and recorded a season-high 12 tackles.

"We're just getting more and more aggressive in that area. We want to get turnovers so we can put our offense in good field position so they can score more points."

And that's exactly what happened. The Tar Heels regained possession at midfield with a seven-point lead following Richardson's second fumble recovery. Three plays later, Tar Heel wide receiver Jesse Holley turned a quick slant play into a 43-yard touchdown that created the final margin.

"The defense is doing a great job out there," Holley said. "Offensively, as long as they keep giving us the ball, we'll keep having opportunities to score. Now we know our defense can stop somebody and get the turnover when we need it."

Baker agreed with his top target, but conceded that there is still work to be done.

"If we can't win a game where our defense gives us five turnovers, there's a problem there," said Baker, who had two interceptions to go with his pair of touchdowns.

"Our defense won this game for us. We did good on offense, but we're still missing something out there as far as execution."

For a young squad such as the Tar Heels, it's not surprising that all the pieces are not fully in place at this point. But Saturday's performance made it clear that the team's confidence truly has skyrocketed.

"I want our kids to be charged up emotionally out there," Bunting said. "But when your team starts to mature, you start to feel confident about yourself and your teammates."

"One thing you can see about our team now is that it never stops playing because it never gets frazzled."

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and your friends who you ask to come."

And field hockey wasn't the only thing the pair learned about while in Chile.

"It's not only a field hockey experience," Dawson said. "It's a life experience."

After the trip to Chile, coming home to a crowd half the size they'd become used to full of hostile, screaming Wake Forest fans — not to mention a shutout loss — was not an ideal homecoming for the duo.

But Dawson remained upbeat, looking forward to Oct. 14, when the Demon Deacons have to make the trip down Interstate 40 to Chapel Hill, and the Tar Heels get a chance for revenge against the three-time defending NCAA Champions.

"It's life," Dawson said. "It's the game of hockey. If two weeks from now we're better than them, so be it, and this is the past."

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## MASON

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North Carolina defense on its first drive of the second half Saturday, Mason once again stepped forward with a big third-down catch to set up a game-changing score.

"When they play man coverage like that, Mike's so fast and so quick, he's a guy you like to look at," Baker said.

But Mason, who reaggravated a nagging shoulder injury in a car accident Wednesday, certainly hasn't relinquished his role as the team's primary deep threat.

On the second play of the fourth quarter, Mason beat Utah's Shaun Harper on a 40-yard stutter route down the left sideline. He didn't score, but the play set up a one-yard Barrington Edwards run that gave the Tar Heels a 24-14 lead.

"I thought I was in," Mason said. "It's coming. My touchdown last week was called back. I could have had one (Saturday) that was a little overthrown. It's coming. I'm going to get one."

But Mason doesn't need to score as long as he keeps doing what he's done for the last two weeks — moving the chains.

"We're not afraid to throw it to him deep, but he can come over the middle and get a couple third-down plays like that," said wide receiver Jesse Holley. "Maybe I might become

# Men's soccer suffers first loss at UVa.

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — In a meeting of two of the top defenses in the ACC, No. 11 Virginia (7-1-1, 3-0-0 in the ACC) managed a pair of second-half goals and held off No. 2 North Carolina (7-1-1, 1-1-1) for a 2-0 victory Saturday at Klockner Stadium.

The loss snapped an eight-match unbeaten streak

to open the season for the Tar Heels, who were off to their best start since 1991, when the team also opened 7-0-1 before losing in Charlottesville.

Junior forward Adam Cristman had a goal and an assist for the Cavaliers, who won their third straight ACC match.

## Women's soccer tops Terps

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Overcoming a record performance by Maryland goalkeeper Nikki Resnick, the top-ranked North Carolina women's soccer team remained undefeated and untied this season by beating Maryland, 4-0, Sunday afternoon at Ludwig Field. UNC (12-0, 4-0 in the ACC) got goals Sunday from

Lori Chalupny, Heather O'Reilly and Mandy Moraca, as well as an own goal. The team has now outscored its opponents this season, 51-4, including 17-2 in ACC matches.

The Tar Heels continued their pattern of being a second half team, scoring three times in the final 45 minutes Sunday. Thirty-two of UNC's 51 goals this season have been scored in the second half of games.

## Volleyball takes down Wake

WINSTON-SALEM — Senior outside hitter Dani Nyenhuis had 20 kills, including the 1,000th of her career, and a career-high 26 digs, and junior middle hitter Amy Beaver had a career-high 17 kills to lead the North Carolina volleyball team to a thrilling, five-game win against Wake Forest, 36-34, 16-30, 30-26, 30-32, 15-9, Friday night at Reynolds Gymnasium.

One night after logging a school-record 103 swings at Duke, Nyenhuis got some offensive help from the middles in game one. Nyenhuis, Beaver and sophomore Christie Clark teamed up for 20 of the Tar Heels' 28 kills and hit a combined .514, while UNC hit .407 as team and committed just four errors.

## FIELD HOCKEY

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preparing, and I'll accept responsibility. We weren't ready to play that game."

If there was a positive side to the game, it was that the match marked the return of junior forward Laree Beans and junior midfielder Rachel Dawson.

The pair of starters had missed the Tar Heels' past three games while playing with the U.S. Under-21 team at the Junior World Cup in Chile, but even with them back on the field, the team still suffered its first shutout of the season.

As wonderful as it was for the team to have Beans and Dawson back, their return might also have accounted for some of the Tar Heels' shakiness.

"We haven't really been settled

this whole year," Tran said. "We played some games, and they left and we were all unsettled. And now they came back, and we're trying to resettle again. I think we have to quickly find a way to get settled."

Of course, losing 2-0 to the No. 1 team in the nation isn't all that bad, especially since the Tar Heels will get to see Wake (9-0, 3-0 in the ACC) again at home.

With just under a week before the Tar Heels' next game against No. 16 Boston College on Saturday, the team should have ample time to regroup. And with eight games left in the regular season who knows what will happen.

Perhaps they'll take the road less traveled.

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UNC 31, Utah 17	
Utah	0 7 7 3 17
UNC	7 3 7 14 31
Scoring Summary	
First Quarter	UNC — Tate 96 yd. kick return (Barth kick), 14:47
Second Quarter	Utah — Johnson 2 yd. run (Beardall kick), 12:14
UNC — Barth 32 yd. field goal, 4:21	
Third Quarter	Utah — Latendresse 15 yd. pass from Johnson (Beardall kick), 10:25
UNC — Wright 23 yd. pass from Baker (Barth kick), 3:54	
Fourth Quarter	UNC — Edwards 1 yd. run (Barth kick), 14:02
Utah — Beardall 35 yd. field goal, 10:41	
UNC — Holley 43 yd. pass from Baker (Barth kick), 5:11	
Attendance — 50,000	
Individual Leaders	
Rushing: UNC — Edwards 23-44.	Utah — Johnson 22-98.
Passing: UNC — Baker 16-31-2 267.	Utah — Johnson 22-34-1 211.
Receiving: UNC — Mason 4-82.	Utah — Madsen 8-97.
Team Statistics	
First Downs	UNC 22, Utah 20
Rushes-Yards	UNC 38-167, Utah 39-85
Passing Yards	UNC 211, Utah 267
Comp-Att-Int	UNC 24-22-1, Utah 31-16-2
Total Yards	UNC 378, Utah 352
Punts-Avg.	UNC 5-38.4, Utah 5-39.8
Fumbles-Lost	UNC 4-4, Utah 1-0
Penalties-Yards	UNC 12-101, Utah 6-65
Time of Possession	UNC 30:25, Utah 29:35

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