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Shelton makes return visit

◆ General Hugh Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and an N.C. State alumnus, visited Raleigh and NCSU Monday.

LEA DELICIO
News Editor

It's not often that a secret service agent accompanies a guest to N.C. State.

However, this was the case when General Hugh Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, visited NCSU Monday.

Shelton was on hand to meet with students in the Army, Navy and Airforce ROTC units on campus. He began by taking photographs with each unit individually. He then spoke briefly to the crowd that had gathered to greet him, which included many prominent army, navy and airforce figures, as well as NCSU administrators like Tom Stafford, vice chancellor for student affairs, Les Robinson, director of athletics, and Richard Lewis, dean of the College of Management.

"I am always re-energized when I get a chance to come back to State," Shelton said.

Shelton kept his speech short but had words of encouragement for the students of the different ROTC divisions.

"We've got a great armed forces," Shelton said.

He continued, telling the crowd to "focus on the posi-



Tom Stafford and Hugh Shelton shake as Shelton presents NCSU with an award.

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Diversity remains key issue

◆ The Diversity Steering Team is just getting started on its plans to implement the diversity initiative into the campus community.

DAMIEN HAZEL
Staff Writer

All members of the N.C. State faculty, staff and student body should feel welcome and supported.

At least, that is the main objective of the diversity initiative on campus. This initiative includes the importance of how NCSU sees itself, treats all of its internal and external customers and how the university will become a part of all institutional values and outcomes.

"We need to nurture students to go forward," Chancellor Marye Anne Fox said at a Diversity Meeting on Monday. "The graduation rate is far too low. It is important for us to grow, and explore both big and small issues."

In Nov. 1997, the NCSU Diversity Initiative outlined the following four goals to achieve superior student success: student access, development and retention, institutional climate, curricular and pedagogical transformation and institutionalization. Then, one team was formed to focus on each goal.

The current student access initiative is responsible for welcoming all groups of students, faculty and staff to campus and providing the necessary personal and professional support that will allow individuals to be long-term contributing and productive members of the NCSU community.

The institutional climate committee includes the culture, decisions, practices, policies and behaviors that, taken together, constitute the working and learning environment at NCSU. The main goal of this group is to ensure that all members of the NCSU community believe that they are members of a supportive, working and learning environment. Also, the committee welcomes differences so that NCSU will have a climate that offers opportunity for and supports the success of all students, staff and faculty.

The curricular and pedagogical transformation group focuses on preparing students for increasingly complex and diverse communities, understanding the interactions of different groups across history, culture and society. It accomplishes this by introducing students to different people, cultures and perspectives, as well as enhancing student analytical listening and thinking skills.

The goal of the institutionalization group is to incorporate diversity in all NCSU's communications. This includes NCSU publications, as well as written and oral presentations, on and off campus. Also, this committee is dedicated to reach out to the community and respond to issues and events, along with developing partnerships that create an environment in support of diversity.

Most recently, the Board of Visitors has instituted a seven-to-eight-person committee to focus on how NCSU can develop community and corporate partnerships that will enhance the university's diversity initiative.

In addition, many other plans are also in the works. On

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University dining tries to accommodate students' needs

◆ As students' eating habits alter, university dining is trying to make adjustments.

ALLISON BALLARD
Senior Staff Writer

Think of a school cafeteria — images of dry chicken and overcooked vegetables probably come to mind. However, as students' eating habits change, University Dining at N.C. State is working to keep up.

"It used to be that there was a small but vocal segment that was concerned with eating smart and

eating healthy," said Randy Lait, business officer for University Dining. "Now, there are more people actually practicing [better eating habits]."

More and more college students are turning to low-fat, vegetarian or vegan diets for religious, moral or health reasons.

University Dining is trying to provide what they need.

"We have a vegan entrée at every meal, and we have the Vegetarian Corner — it has improved since we first introduced it," Lait said.

University Dining also provides nutritional information on all of the meals made there. Not every stu-

dent, though, is satisfied.

"They have vegetables. I'm a vegetarian, but I need more than just vegetables," said Himanshu Patel, a sophomore in computer science.

Patel changed his meal plan and now usually eats off campus.

"It is a little expensive, but it is better for me," he said.

Patel said University Dining should offer more vegetarian selections.

"I think they can do a lot better."

In an effort to better serve the students' needs, University Dining has hired a new chef, Sven Altis, who



Students can get vegan food at meal time.

State racks up scientific patents

◆ Almost all of NCSU's science and technology departments have a patent on some kind of invention.

FAYE WRIGHT
Staff Writer

Since the late 1970s, N.C. State has received over 170 patents for inventions developed by people on campus. Many of these inventions are well known and widely used by companies all over the world.

Almost every department on campus that deals with science or technology has produced an invention of some sort, said Mark Crowell, associate vice chancellor of Technology Transfer and Industry Research. A number of these inventions have received patents and are very popular today.

"There are a lot of patents here at N.C. State that cover a diverse array of inventions," said Crowell. "A little bit of everything is handled, and it reflects what kind of university N.C. State is."

Such inventions include Sweet Acidophilus Milk, which is found in almost every grocery store; Blue Lights, which were discovered by a group of NCSU graduate students who founded Cree Research and are used for scientific purposes; and Easy Eggs, which is the process of pasteurizing and packaging fluid eggs.

Easy Eggs was developed by Dr. Mo Samimi, Herscheu Ball and current Department Head of Food Science Ken Swartzel in the 1980s. Their invention was patented with the help of Dick Olsen, who was at that time the CEO of Michael Foods. Later, NCSU licensed the product to Michael Foods.

According to Crowell, an invention must be new, unique, useful, novel and less obvious in order to be patented. An inventor must file an application with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for his invention to be patented.

Intended to protect the rights of the inventor, a patent is a legal monopoly issued by the government for inventions, devices and articles.

When an inventor is awarded a patent, it gives the patentee the "right to exclude others from making, using, offering for sale or selling the invention throughout the United States or importing the invention into the United States."

The USPTO is responsible for regulating and granting patents. Patents usually last up to 20 years.

When a patented invention comes from NCSU, the school makes money from royalty payments, according to Associate Director of Technology Transfer and Industry Research Spencer Lemons. This money supports the Technology Transfer and Industry Research Office, other patents and research projects on campus, and some goes to the inventor.

Brickyard escape



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Oct. 1, the chancellor will write her first statement about student success on her Web site. Also, on Oct. 2, the curriculum committee has set up a visit by Craig Nelson, who will speak on how bias is unintentionally built into every teacher's content and classroom practices. Lastly, on Nov. 12, UNC-TV's "Black Issues Forum" will host a panel discussion of which the chancellor will be a part of, on diversity.

Shelton

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He also told students they need to remember that "integrity is the foundation of everything we do," and "teamwork beats an individual effort every time."

Rose Gomez, a member of NCSU's Army ROTC who was named the "number one female cadet in the nation," was recognized for her accomplishments by Shelton during his speech.

"He's an inspiration to me," Gomez said later. Shelton spent the remainder of his time at NCSU talking to different individuals within the ROTC units. Several of the students who were in attendance seemed awed by Shelton's visit.

Justin Overbaugh, a senior and member of the Army ROTC, said Shelton's visit marked "a good opportunity to see somebody who's attained high status." Overbaugh said Shelton gave him "something to aspire to."

"It's a great honor to have such alumni come back," said Joe Rucker, a senior and member of the Navy ROTC.

"I've never really seen anyone of his character," said Andrew Brown, a freshman and member of the Navy ROTC, who added that Shelton gave him a "renewed sense of purpose and goal."

Shelton also met with the chancellor earlier in the day on Monday.

In addition to his time at NCSU, Shelton visited with local Raleigh military recruiters and with the Lions Clinic for the Blind, according to Dennis Klauer, one of Shelton's staff members. The Lions Clinic for the Blind makes everyday products for the military like pillows and chinstraps for helmets, according to Klauer.

"He [Shelton] met with the people out there and thanked them," Klauer said.

Dining

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was trained at the Culinary Institute of America.

"He is a certified executive chef and has been hired to oversee food production and review recipes and cooking techniques," Lait said.

Students can also meet with a registered dietician, free of charge, through University Dining.

"If a student wants to lose weight, gain weight" or talk about an eating disorder, they can meet with Lisa Eberhart, Lait said. University Dining contracts with Eberhart, who has a private practice in Cary, to provide this service and evaluate the meals for nutritional content.

Students also have more choices for meal plans, Lait said.

However, even Lait admits that there is room for improvement.

"With the top being at 10, I'd say that we are at about seven now," he said.

"I think it is generally pretty healthy," said Elizabeth Thomas, a sophomore in civil engineering.

"The salad bar needs help. It could use more variety," said Anna Williams, a freshman in math education.

Williams also said there should be more choices for the Fast Lunch, offered between lunch and dinner. "Usually all they have is hot dogs and hamburgers," Williams said.

Lait said the students could make suggestions on University Dining's Web site or use the "napkin board" in Fountain Dining Hall.

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The best places on campus to make-out

◆ Go on, get creative.

MONIQUE THOMAS
Staff Writer

I remember it so clearly, almost as if it were yesterday. It was my sophomore year in high school, and after my morning classes I had seven minutes to traverse the sea of cheerleaders, jocks and freshmen to get to my locker, exchange my books and begin my hike to the east side of campus. But everyday, to no avail, there they were... the make-out maniacs.

This couple that I didn't know, nor have any vested interest in, would conduct their seven-minute make-out sessions against my locker between third and fourth periods. With no let-up, they were there groping and tongue-wrestling, pinned against my locker door.

This, of course, created an awkward situation for me because I didn't want to be rude and say, "Excuse me, but would you mind feeling her up on locker 602 — I hear that one's vacant this semester."

And even if I did speak, most of the time they were too engrossed to hear me. But the problem was not so much their making out, but their indiscretion in choosing an appropriate place. Besides a motel room, I feel there should have been somewhere for these two to share their love. Perhaps the school could have provided a make-out kiosk or tent.

My problems eventually dissolved when they broke up second semester, but even now, in college, I remember that couple and occasionally take note of grassy clearings or shaded benches that would have been perfect for them. On a college campus, there are so many more wonderful options when choosing areas in which to become better acquainted.

As I had been personally affected by the matter, I saw it as my duty to explore our campus and talk to the student body about the best places on N.C. State's campus to make out.

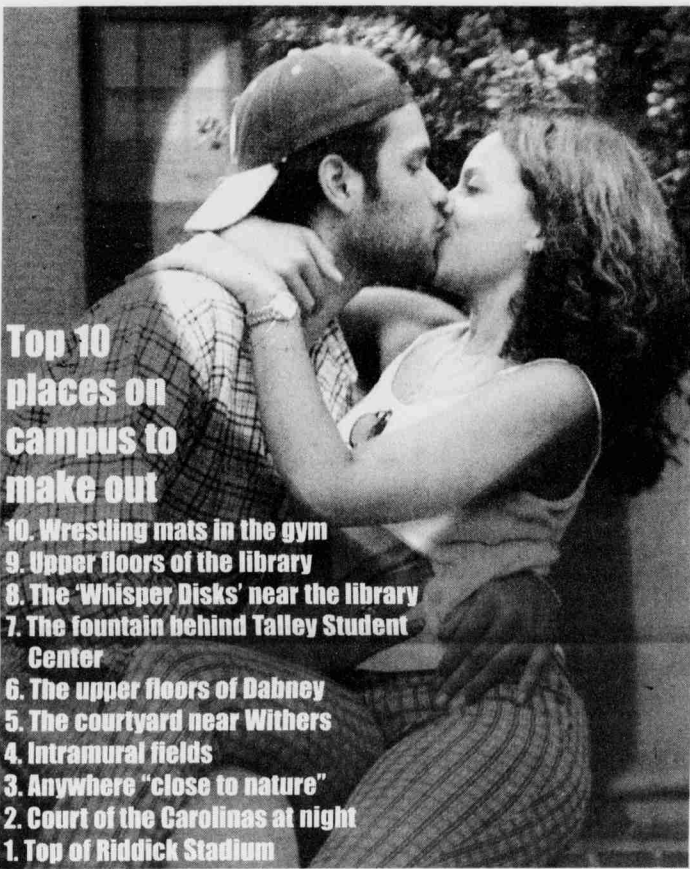
In compiling a list, I found that most locations had to have certain desirable qualities. A romantic setting, quiet and comfort were all commonly mentioned elements, but what really interested me were the variations. While some students wanted as much privacy as possible (the concept of a dorm room pretty much doing away with the "privacy" idea), others seemed invigorated by public displays of affection (PDA). The more people that are watching their performance, the better.

Similarly, some mentioned low lighting (preferably moonlight) while others, no doubt the PDA crowd, were into massive illumination.

Top 10 places on campus to make out

10. Wrestling mats in the gym
9. Upper floors of the library
8. The 'Whisper Disks' near the library
7. The fountain behind Talley Student Center
6. The upper floors of Dabney
5. The courtyard near Withers
4. Intramural fields
3. Anywhere "close to nature"
2. Court of the Carolinas at night
1. Top of Riddick Stadium

An NCSU couple occupied with a favorite past time.



It doesn't stop at recycling

◆ Rick Spencer taught Lorax members and guests last Thursday how to save the forests that save lives.

MEGGIN RILEY
Spotlight Editor

Last Thursday in Harnett Hall, Rick Spencer, from the environmental organization EarthCulture, addressed students and discussed what, in his opinion, is "the most devastating crisis in human history and maybe even world history."

The N.C. State Lorax Environmental Club invited Spencer to show slides and talk about global and U.S. deforestation. He informed a crowd of about 25 people how "we're losing a football field of forest every second" because of the world's reliance on wood for paper and lumber, the problems these losses cause and what they can do to help.

Spencer first explained the importance of rainforests in South America and all over the world. He called them the "lungs of the Earth" because they help global climate control by releasing oxygen and absorbing carbon dioxide. Many commonly used fruits and vegetables originated in the rainforests, including beans, rice, corn and tropical fruits. Plants that are used for medicine often come from the rainforests, along with three-fourths of the possible cancer cures that scientists are testing.

Besides that, Spencer said, the indigenous people who live around the rainforest rely completely on it to keep them alive. The people count on its food and clean water, which is purified as it flows down the forests' many layers until it reaches the streams. For each physical ailment that the people might have, they find an herb in the forest for a cure.

Spencer said that not only are the decreasing trees and eroding topsoil that contaminate their water and putting these peoples' lives at risk, but the loggers who

chop down their forests often kick them off their land or even murder them.

The animals of the rainforest depend on the intricate life cycle and inter-connectedness within the rainforest. According to Spencer, half of the world's species live in the rainforest, yet a hundred of them go extinct everyday. "If you take one out, you lose hundreds," he said.

The South American forests are not the only ones that are diminishing. Spencer said that only 4 percent of the original American Redwood forests remain. "Thousand-year-old trees are being cut down so we can have toilet paper and plywood," he said. In places like Linville Gorge in North Carolina and forests near Winston-Salem, 150-year-old pines and poplars that are important to wildlife are being cut.

Spencer blames logging as "the main cause of tropical deforestation." Part of the reason is because of the roads that the loggers build which invite people to set up farms and plantations in place of the trees. He thinks this is foolish, for they soon find that the topsoil is bad for farming, and they leave within five to 10 years.

He also cites chip mills as "the worst possible type of forestry." The mills chop down massive amounts of trees, which will be ground up into chips and made into particle board and paper. He said that two acres of the nation's forests are lost every year because of these mills. "They take everything and leave nothing," Spencer said.

The mills combat these criticisms by saying that they are replacing the forests by planting trees and claiming that there

are more trees today than ever before. However, Spencer notes, they are merely growing pine plantations in place of true forests where many types of vegetation and wildlife can flourish.

"We've got to think about future generations and what we're leaving them," Spencer said.

To help stop the cutting of trees and the inhumane acts that go along with the sale of resources from the forests, Spencer first suggested that the consumers watch what foods and products they buy. He said to read the labels of oranges, pineapples, coffee and sugar to see where they came from. In countries such as Mexico and Brazil, lives have been lost just for these foods. "I stopped eating bananas ten years ago," he said, "because U.S. companies were over-throwing foreign governments for them and workers were having serious health problems after being sprayed with chemicals such as DDT. He also recommends that people grow their own vegetables and fruits."

Spencer said that instead of using wood to make paper, it can be recycled, made out of hemp or kenaf fibers or produced out of agriculture waste such as corn stalks, rice and wheat. He said that "normal" looking houses can be constructed out of straw bails or adobe, instead of using wood.

EarthCulture, Spencer's activist group, is currently working hard to combat the sale of woods such as mahogany, teak, rosewood and ramin. Spencer said that people are being "enslaved, tortured and displaced for wood." Loggers have murdered eight Amazon tribes merely for mahogany wood.

Spencer said, "We've got to act now," by exerting a little energy and changing buying habits. "We need to save these beautiful places but also important places."

The Lorax members in the audience were pleased with Spencer's presentation. Lucas Sharkey, president of Lorax, said, "[He] gave an insightful presentation about forestry issues that made me want to go out and do something to be active. I was surprised to find that people our age are actively involved in making a difference in the world."

Bryn McNamara, vice president of Lorax, agreed: "Spencer discussed important issues about forestry. Many of the world's current forestry practices have negative environmental side effects, but the practices continue because there is a demand for the forest resources and products. A change in lifestyle and a commitment to promoting environmentally conscious forestry practices are ways that individuals can make a difference."

The speaker touched on the major forestry topics: beauty, clear-cutting, indigenous people, biodiversity, and use of wood products and alternatives and all the underlying problems associated with rainforests and old growth forests," Kelley Dennings, Lorax's recycling committee coordinator, said.

The Lorax Club is a group of students who are concerned about the environment, enjoy the outdoors and wish to discuss, learn and do what they can to preserve it. It sponsors annual events to



Ask Chef? Am

Hey Chef, for over a month now, you've mentioned all these things that are good for me. I'm tired of eating "good-for-me" foods. Can you tell me a few things that I can make that are bad for me?

Oh yes! It's time for ChefAm to talk about desserts. Today, we'll have French silk pie and chocolate mousse. First, we'll try the French silk pie. This recipe makes two pies.

24 oz. semi-sweet chocolate
1/2 gal. heavy cream
1/2 lb. whole, unsalted butter
2 each Oreo cookie pie shells

You'll need a medium pot half full of boiling water, a stainless steel mixing bowl (whose base will just cover the top of the pot) and one rubber spatula for stirring and scraping. First, place the mixing bowl over the pot of boiling water. Place the butter into the bowl and melt. Then, gradually stir in the heavy cream. Stir the mixture and scrape the bowl until mixture is hot. Now, add one pound of the chocolate into the bowl. Mix and scrape the bowl well until all the chocolate is melted and the mixture is all the same color. Remove the bowl to a flat surface (cutting board) and add the remaining eight ounces of chocolate. This will help the mixture cool somewhat while you stir in the chocolate. Pour mixture into the two pie shells. Refrigerate right away. After half an hour, wrap in plastic and place back to cool for one hour more.

Cheocholics will love you for that and this chocolate mousse:

10 ounces semi-sweet chocolate
2 oz. whole, unsalted butter
2 oz. sugar (brown will do if you like)
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To taste: rum or vanilla extract (be reasonable)

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According to Susan Navey Davis, assistant to the commissioner of language for the Special Olympics, over 2,500 volunteers are needed to be language delegates for 40 different tongues.

Students who have 200-level foreign language experience or above are encouraged to apply. At least six-hour shifts are requested. Those applicants who are selected will go through a three-week training session at NCSU, sports knowledge and necessary vocabulary are some of the items the training will cover.

This is a chance for those students majoring in foreign languages to really put their skills to the test. It will give them experience working with individuals who have as a first language the tongue the students are majoring in. And of course, this kind of experience looks good on a resume.

NCSU students who are, perhaps,

minority in a foreign language or happen to have taken numerous post 200-level classes can gain so much from this event as well.

Working one-on-one with a foreign athlete will enhance communication skills in a fast-paced environment and may even motivate the students to study the language further.

Yet the most rewarding aspect of volunteering for this great event is helping out some truly great people. These special athletes have come from all over the world, and they are here in great spirits and high sportsmanship — win or lose.

The feeling one can get from helping someone is a gift to cherish. It brings smiles, hope, happiness and spirit to all involved. Both sides of the equation walk away with joy.

So those who have already heard about the recruiting drive, look into it more! Your skills in foreign languages are needed badly! And for those who are hearing about it for the first time via this editorial, give it some thought. Assisting as a foreign language delegate in the 1999 Summer World Special Olympic Games can be an experience cherished for a lifetime.

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Results of stress

DONNIE LASSITER
Staff Columnist

I have it.

Sages have been contemplating it for centuries. Theologians have studied volumes of religious teachings to discover it. Hippies spiff-balled about it all throughout the '70s. But sitting in my room the other night, somewhere between the end of the Armageddon soundtrack and song five of George Strait's greatest hits album, I stumbled upon it. The meaning of life.

Well, maybe not the meaning, but at the very least I think I've got a pretty good theory.

I had been sitting in my recliner listening to the stereo and eating a bowl of ice cream. My dazed roommate, who had been sleeping until that point, rolled over in his bed and said that if I didn't turn off the light I'd be the next Jimmy Hoffa. I got up to turn off the lamp and continued eating my ice cream in darkness. My spoon descended for the last bite when I made the realization

that the bowl was empty. Where had it gone? Had I eaten it all without paying attention? I had not been able to tell how much was left because of the darkness, and I had gobbled it all up before I even realized it.

Wow, I thought, I'm going through one of those life lessons parents always talk about. Memories of childhood lectures raced through my mind. Reflections of everything from "don't count your chickens before they're hatched" to "if every-one stuck a jellybean up their nose would you do it, too?" flooded my thoughts. Here I was, actually undergoing one of those spiritual realizations that can always be cross-referenced by an episode of "The Waltons," the book of Proverbs and one of those fifty little messages inside fortune cookies.

What I had experienced was more than just a bowl of Breyers All-Natural. It was a lesson in life that many of us, including myself, seem to forget all too frequently. Human beings, by nature I suppose, tend to

forget that every day we are alive is one less day that we have left. And that no matter how much we'd like to believe otherwise, none of us are guaranteed a tomorrow.

When the stress of life adds up, and we have too many irons in the fire, it's easy to see how we can lose sight of some very important things. We all know there is only so much a person can handle before they become overloaded and burn out like the Grizwald's fuse box in National Lampoon's Christmas Story. When something like this happens, one tends to forget that he or she may never again see a sunrise, or hear a bird sing or eat a hamburger. Who is to say that we will ever see our best friend again or be able to watch our favorite television show or give our mother a hug? No, we humans make far too many assumptions. We let the fast-paced, in-your-face recklessness of living in the '90s affect decisions in our private lives as much as we do in our professional lives. We rarely take

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CAMPUS FORUM

Barletta piece showed flaws

Something disturbed me about last Thursday's Technician. As usual, Kim Gaffney's sports coverage was fantastic. Also, I was more than pleased to read Colby Carter's defense of Jesse Helms (very refreshing Colby, thank you). But Phil Barletta left a bad taste in my mouth. I think that my friend Phil failed to recognize certain unmistakable flaws in his argument. I will take great pride in showing how Mr. Barletta drew incorrect conclusions from his premises.

Mr. Barletta argues that his rights are violated by interest groups lobbying Congress for laws made that reflect those interests. This activism, Barletta continues, is "from a legal (and logical) [view] flawed."

Let's review the legislative and democratic processes, shall we? First, an interest group (maybe it is the Christian Coalition — but c'mon, Phil, you can do it, too) decides that they would like to see particular legislation in their favor. What's their next step? Lobby Congress. It's that simple. The "inalienable rights" that you laud Jefferson for so strongly believing in include petition and peaceable assembly — or did your copy of the Bill of Rights leave that out? This is how laws are made, Phil! If lobbying Congress was unconstitutional, as you so strongly implied, then why would it be the cornerstone of democracy in this country? I bet you didn't stop to consider that, did you, Phil? Jefferson prompted for a government that holds its power from the consent of the governed. How do you show your consent without voicing your opinion, Phil?

I will acknowledge, however, Mr. Barletta's appropriate point about gun control. He is right: taking guns away from citizens using legislation doesn't take them away from the criminals who intend to use them, and thus would leave the law-abiding citizens of this country helpless. But that's where my argument ends. Mr. Barletta continues on about the Christian Coalition lobbying "to get laws passed that their faith is against." To me, this seems like a fairly standard Capitol Hill procedure, but Barletta continues: "If we opt not to accept Christianity, we

should not be forced to subscribe to its doctrines."

Here I offer a two-fold chastisement of Mr. Barletta. First, I say again that you have just as much right as the Christian Coalition to petition the legislature to prevent the laws you fear from being passed. Spend more time trying to change things instead of complaining about them. Phil! Secondly, can you honestly name a law passed — not petitioned for, mind you, but actually passed — as lobbied for by the Christian Coalition, that you felt was an infringement on your personal rights? I seriously doubt you could name one.

Really, Mr. Barletta, I think Jefferson would be appalled at the way your piecemeal dissection of his views on democracy have been skewed so terribly so as to draw such incorrect conclusions.

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A supporter for Barletta

In response to the article printed on Sept. 28: Mr. Patterson, your heart may be in the right place, but your mind isn't quite there. Before blasting the article written by columnist Phil Barletta, you should have looked a little further than the obvious.

Sadly enough, you didn't, and once again you fell victim to the first published numbers you could find. Although the numbers you found show the horrifying effects of firearm misuse, I believe your solution of a total ban is illogical. You cited the deaths caused by the deviant children as "reasons why a stable individual should not own a gun." Well, let's first consider a couple of things.

Something that wasn't quite as publicized was how several of the school-related shootings during the past year came to an end. In October of 1997, two students were left dead after another student went on a shooting rampage in a high school in Pearl, Miss. Similarly, a teacher was left dead after another school-related shooting in Edinboro, Penn. For

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JARME LAUGHTER
Staff Columnist

We've all been caught by one at some point in our lives — telemarketers. The salespeople who call at all hours and always seem to interrupt your dinner or catch you on your way to class. And if you are like me, you start coming up with as many excuses as possible to get off the phone with them without being downright rude.

They persist through all excuses to try to get you to let them spit out the standard sales pitch, and they will stop at nothing to convince you to buy. It seems like as soon as we hit the magical age of 18, we reach inde-

pendence from our parents with no obligation to their pocketbooks, and suddenly we are thrust into the financial world and become fresh meat to every telemarketer and advertising company.

Calls start coming in with offers of credit cards and all kinds of handy little items that you might use once. Really, how many "blossom" onions are you really going to make yourself? The pressure seems to come from everywhere. The tables set up in the Brickyard and the overload of junk mail are hard enough to avoid, but a telemarketer has you cornered as soon as they hear your voice.

Is nothing sacred? Advertising has managed to decorate the skyline along highways, fill our mailboxes

and junk up all our favorite television shows, and, as of late, they have attacked our phones with a vengeance, judging by reports of 2 a.m. calls and persistence at an all-time high. There seems to be no escape.

Forget call identifiers because most telemarketing companies have private numbers. For this reason, Ameritech has recently released its plans to offer a new service to its customers. The new feature is called "Privacy Manager," and it will help to protect consumers from the hassle of telemarketing — for a fee.

Has it really come to this? You would think telemarketing compa-

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Trying to recover from the worst week ever

MIKE MCCLAIN
Staff Columnist

Last week was probably the worst week I have ever had at N.C. State. Let me begin by saying I had five tests. Now I know it was not exam week, but I guess I just had bad luck. Add to that the fact that I became pretty sick on Sunday, so I did not get much studying done in between runny noses and drug-induced sleep. It gets worse. Wednesday I just happened to have a date with the Wake County Courthouse to settle the matter of my Brent Road open-container ticket. After gracefully being accepted in the "9096" program, I was informed that the total bill would be exactly \$236. That equals to the most expensive eight-ounce cup of

keg beer I have ever purchased. Finally, I found out that I did pretty poorly on all of my tests (big surprise), and I had to work all weekend.

I know what you're thinking. "Hey Mike! You cares about you and your stupid week?" Well, I take offense if you feel this way. Everyone else gets to complain, so how come I can't? The public has put up with this year's opinion page full of criticisms and profiles on how everyone should act and feel at this fine institution. Why start boycotting my thoughts now?

Taking that whole court issue. It was completely ridiculous. \$263 for walking sober on a sidewalk with enough beer to maybe get one of those frogs drunk. There were people two inches from me who just happened to have green under their

feet that did not get harassed at all. This is obviously some sort of conspiracy against people who like to have a good time. Look at the RPD. They are due for a much-needed vacation — if they even know how to unwind — but I guess since they can't they will just take it out on all of us. Even the lady at the courthouse filling out my paperwork suggested that this whole incident was an abuse of power.

What about my testing mishaps? I know I have a good defense now. This is the first time I have ever tried to lay an excuse on my parents and have it work! I was floored. I actually might have been in a state where studying could not have been accomplished. Not to mention the fact that I know all of the economic professors got together sometime before the beginning of the semes-

ter just to conspire against me. Dead week should have been last week because that's how I felt.

Do you have any sympathy for me now? Well, you should not.

If you couldn't catch it, I was being just a tad bit sarcastic. Every second that I felt like poop was just brought on by one person. That's right, myself. I am going to take full responsibility, except for being sick, for my own actions. No person forced me to walk down that sidewalk with a "malt beverage" in my hand. No person held a gun to my head and made me put off studying for my tests. No person, well almost no one, even said a bad word to me.

What I'm trying to say here is that I'm sick of hearing my own excuses, and I am tired of hearing myself

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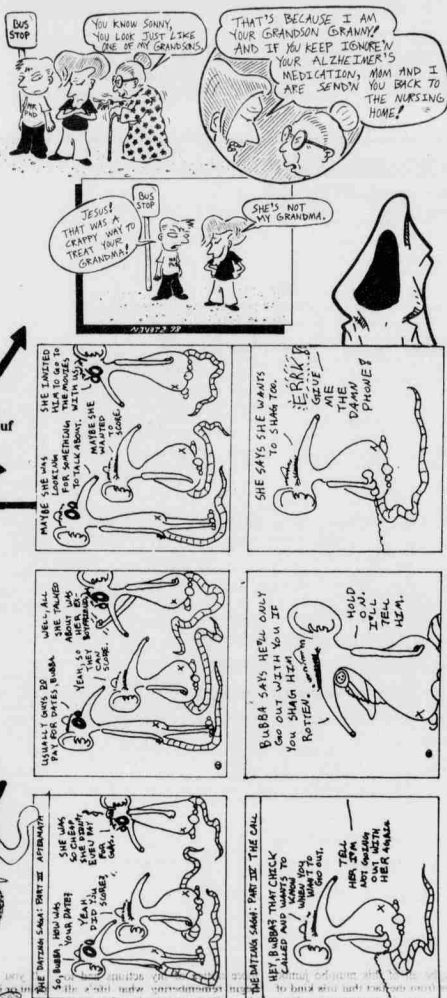


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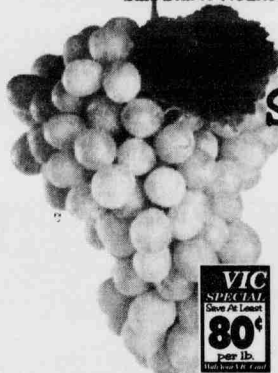
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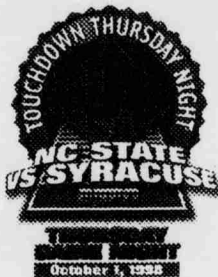
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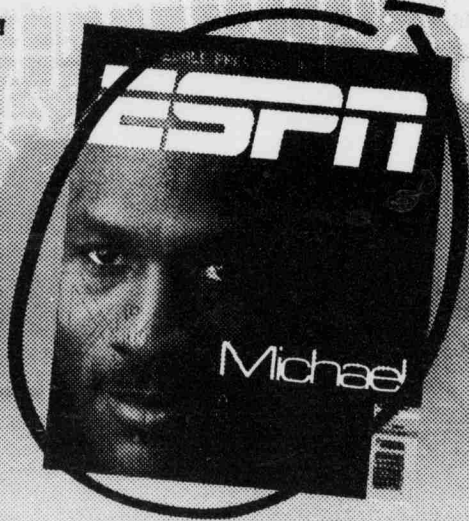
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promote awareness, such as an Earth Day celebration and the Umstead Festival, as well as works around campus and with the community to help solve environmental problems.

McNamara said, "We work in our community on issues such as the Duralough Connector [a road-proposal through NCSU's Schenck Forest and Umstead State Park that has now been defeated] in past years and the Walnut Creek Wetland Restoration Project in Southeast Raleigh this year."

Lorax's recycling committee focuses on the recycling problems and solutions on campus, as well as recycling aluminum from shows at Walnut Creek Amphitheater and from the Lawn Party. It has various activities planned for this year, such as a waste-sort analysis with the physical plant and campus events for America Recycles Day in November.

The streamkeeping committee monitors the cleanliness of Rocky Branch Creek, which runs through campus behind the gym. The education committee organizes environmental education programs for different community groups, such as the YMCA and local elementary and middle schools.

The Lorax club meets every other Thursday throughout the year at 7:30 p.m. in Harrelson 147. They invite speakers to discuss various environmental issues around the world, in the United States and in the local area. Anyone interested in joining Lorax or just in learning about environmental issues is welcome to attend.

Chef

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described in previous recipe. Beat the egg yolks with half the sugar until mixture is light, creamy and has doubled in volume. Place aside. Then beat the egg whites to soft peaks. While still beating the whites, gradually add the remaining sugar and continue to beat until stiff peaks form. With your rubber spatula, fold the egg whites into the egg yolks. Be gentle, yet thorough. Now, fold the chocolate mixture into the egg mixture. Fold in the beaten heavy cream and your choice of flavoring. Chill the mousse for at least half an hour. Serve in an ice cream dish.

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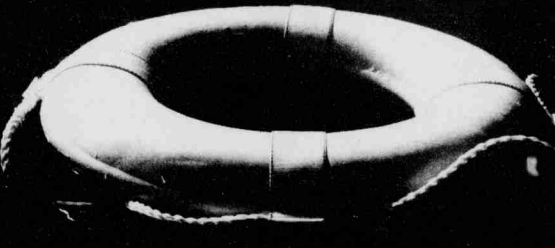
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Laughter

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nies would get the hint that the public is sick of their methods when people are using answer machines to screen calls and even refusing to answer the phone at home to resist being caught by a salesman, but still they persist to the point that Ameritech is offering the Privacy Manager to help protect consumers from the harassment.

This new service will screen incoming calls it doesn't recognize, and an electronic secretary will ask the caller to give their name and reason for calling. This preliminary message will be played before you accept the call so that you can deny the caller access. It seems like an extreme measure for telecommunications companies to have to step up such a system in defense of consumers.

Part of the blame for the out-of-control telemarketing is actually due to the consumers themselves. As long as the business is profitable, it will continue to be used. If there were not so many pushovers out there allowing themselves to be pressured into buying everything from kitchen appliances and insurance to magazines and credit cards, then the telemarketing strategy would fail and it might become safe again to pick up the phone. But until consumers wake up and stop feeding the marketing beast, it will continue to harass random people in its dialing rampage. The Privacy Manager would seem to be an adequate solution; however, those willing to pay for such a service are not going to avoid all hassles. The system screens any calls that it doesn't recognize. This includes pay phones, hotels without identifiers on their lines and some long distance calls. All calls will be screened so a quick call home may not be so quick anymore and may be a little more cumbersome in dealing with the electronic secretary.

As for me, I'm a poor college student, so I can't afford to keep telemarketers so easily at bay. I'll be forced to come up with reasons why I have to hang up and try to follow my parent's upbringing in not being completely rude, until people wake up and realize that they really don't need yet another credit card or new salad shooter from an annoying voice on the phone.

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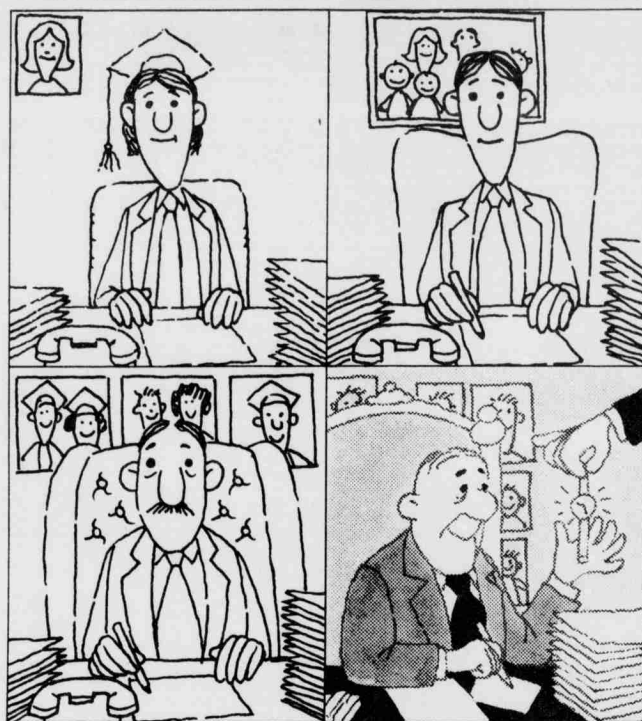
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exactly a slouch.
"They (Georgia Southern) have played some tough teams and they are a very solid team," Berrang said. State could use a dose of confidence, and a win could certainly help.
"Especially with a young team, (a win) could build some confidence for us," Ballenger said. "I think it's definitely a chance for a turning point."
The Pack will hit the road again this weekend to take on Virginia, who has been ranked in the top five for most of the year.
If State is going to begin to turn this season around, games like today's are a must-win situation.
"We have to win it," Ballenger explained. "It's not going to be an easy game, but it's a game of the ACC schedule and a chance for us to start on the up-slope."
"Every game is a must-win for us," Tarantini went on to say. "This team has to go to the next level. We are running out of time and we need to have results."

Women

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The team has played competitively during this period, however, and seems to think that all they need is a change of luck to snap out of it.
The Campbell women might be the cure for State's problems. The Camels enter today's contest with a 1-4 record, having lost three in a row themselves.
"This is not necessarily a must-win game for the Pack, but a victory could go a long way toward restoring the team's confidence for the stretch run."
"We're gearing up towards getting ourselves ready for the ACC Tournament," said Kerrigan.
"We've got 10 games between now and then and every single game's important to us. I think we're going to do well, and I'm excited with the way we're playing now."

Vball

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(Kimbrill) or Erin (Vesey) someone else up front in getting the kills or the assists and the recognition, I feel like I am part of it, and I have done my job."
Bridenback has certainly done her job for the Pack thus far in the 1998 season. Going into Tuesday's game with Georgia Tech, Bridenback has recorded 79 digs in 13 games, helping the Pack to a 10-3 record, N.C. State's best start since 1986.

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Double Header

Golden opportunity

◆ Men's soccer team looks for a win at home against Georgia Southern.

TIM HUNTER
Assistant Sports Editor

For the N.C. State men's soccer team, a home match against a 3-4 Georgia Southern team may be the just what it needs.

The Wolfpack comes into the game carrying a six-game losing streak, the school's first such streak in over 30 years. A win at Method Road Stadium may be just what the doctor ordered for the Pack.

"This is a huge game," Assistant Coach Matthias Berrang said. "In years past maybe this game would have gotten overlooked, but this is one game that has to be a victory for us."

After playing nationally-ranked Maryland and Clemson, State is certainly in need of a break. Three Wolfpack starters have nagging injuries (Tony Malcolm, Shaker Asad and Nick Olevencia) but are expected to see action today.

However, don't expect Head

Coach George Tarantini or anyone else to make any excuses.

"When you coach for N.C. State and you play for N.C. State you are supposed to win, it is as simple as that," Tarantini said. "From the coaching staff to the last player, our expectations are to win every game. We are not going to tolerate just writing off this year and just wait for next year."

The team knows exactly what it needs to do to win: score goals. The Pack scored one goal early on against Clemson, the Pack's first goal since its Sept. 4th meeting against Iona.

"We are going to take it as if it were the ACC Championship," junior co-captain Jeremy Ballenger said. "We're not going to be taking it lightly, because we don't have any slack. We are definitely looking at it as a game we should win."

Georgia Southern represents the best chance State has had for a win and the schedule certainly doesn't get any easier.

However, Georgia Southern isn't



N.C. State's men's soccer team looks to get back on the winning track against Georgia Southern Wednesday at Method Road.

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Come-back attempt

◆ State looks to snap losing streak against Campbell.

JEREMY ASHTON
Staff Writer

Following a tough weekend in Greensboro, the State women's soccer team returns home today for a meeting with the Campbell Camels at Method Road Field.

The Pack is coming off a pair of heartbreaking losses in the adidas/Spartan Classic. On Friday, N.C. State pushed 16th-ranked San Diego State to the limit only to come up short in a 1-0 loss. Two days later, the Pack was handed a 3-0 defeat at the hands of a very good James Madison team. In spite of the results, Coach Laura Kerrigan seems upbeat about the team's effort.

"I was pleased with the way we played versus San Diego State. I thought we played them even up," she said. "And, then against JMU, although the score indicated that we lost 3-0, we really outplayed them in the second half."

On the whole, the players seemed

to feel pretty good about the way they played this weekend but there was still a lingering feeling of disappointment over not coming away with a win, particularly in the Friday game.

"We should have beat 'em (SDSU)," said senior co-captain Laura Ferguson. "We had our opportunities. We just didn't capitalize."

Recently, the biggest problem for the State women has been finishing on their scoring opportunities. The Pack has had its chances, especially of late, but the trouble has been finding the back of the net. The team has failed to score in each of its last four games. This is a problem that Coach Kerrigan hopes to remedy this afternoon.

"We create some very nice scoring opportunities for ourselves. We've been doing a good job of that the last few games, but we just haven't been able to finish our opportunities," Kerrigan said.

The hard-luck Pack is currently mired in a six-game losing streak that has seen their record dip to 2-7.

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After two losses in Greensboro this weekend, N.C. State is ready to rebound against Campbell on Wednesday.

Volleyball takes pride in the job

◆ Keri Bridenback may stay out of the limelight, but don't underestimate her importance, or her power.

K. GAFNEY
Sports Editor

Call N.C. State volleyball player Keri Bridenback the floor general, the defensive line or the captain of the backcourt and you wouldn't be confusing your sports terminology — not if you knew her.

"We call her the 'captain of the back-

court' because she is so consistent back there and just does so much for this team," fifth-year Head Coach Kim Hall said of the Wolfpack junior. "She does everything that is asked of her and more."

In her third season with the Pack, Bridenback has taken over the role as the team's defensive specialist. Bridenback was recruited for the position but moved around the court in the last two seasons, playing behind Jennifer Peterson, who graduated from State last season after setting the school's career record for digs.

Bridenback is seldom in the limelight for

the Pack. She is the only third-year player on the N.C. State team this season but has played behind the likes of three record school record-holders and two current seniors whose leadership is among the best that the Pack has ever seen. Now Bridenback is in the shadow of two of the Pack's biggest recruiting classes in terms of both size and potential.

But Bridenback is more than happy on the outskirts of the party, watching for mistakes but always ready to praise the hard work of her teammates.

"That's always been my job. I've been the one in the background who is there for support," Bridenback said. "Even in high school, I played with All-Americans."

"She has always been a great player," said Hall of Bridenback, who secured a starting role with the Pack in her first season in Raleigh. "Her commitment level this year is amazing, and she has become so disciplined about volleyball."

In the 1997 season, Bridenback moved around, playing throughout the rotation. But with a taller front line for the Pack and a new defensive scheme centered around Bridenback, the junior is actually seeing less playing time.

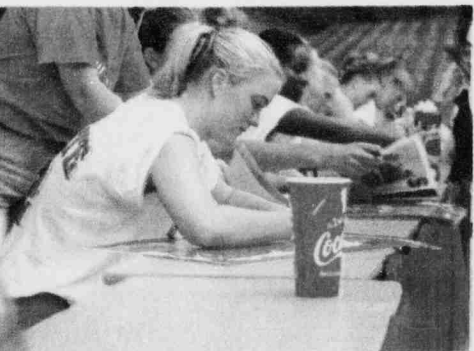
"Last year, I played in the front some, but I was there to pass and play defense," Bridenback said. "Now, defense is all that I have to focus on."

Bridenback has also taken on the role of team motivator, another position that she readily accepts.

"When I come in, I am expected to control the game," Bridenback says of her position. "I'm the one who starts the plays, so I feel like it is my job to set up everybody else."

"I make the plays happen, so if Laura

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Keri Bridenback has quietly carved a niche for herself, but don't be fooled, few who take the court are more intense.

Harriers are Indiana bound



N.C. State's men's and women's cross country teams will travel to South Bend, Indiana for the Notre Dame Invitational this weekend. The race will be the Wolfpack's first in two weeks, and will include its toughest competition yet this season.

NATIONAL NOTES

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Sports Staff Report

NCAA reprimands U of L men's hoops, women's volleyball

LOUISVILLE, KY — After a 15-month long investigation, the NCAA Committee on Infractions has reprimanded the University of Louisville men's basketball and women's volleyball teams for rules violations committed in 1996.

The U of L basketball team has been banned from post-season play for the 1998-99 season, including the Conference USA tournament, and received three years probation. The Cards also lost one scholarship for both the 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 academic periods and will not play in the NABC preseason tournament scheduled for Nov. 8 at the RCA Dome.

The volleyball team, currently ranked 22nd nationally, loses three scholarships over the next two seasons and will be limited to six expense-paid recruiting visits for the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 season. The team will be allowed to participate in post-season play.

The NCAA cited one violation in basketball, concerning former U of L Assistant Coach Scooter McCray. McCray obtained a discount rate at a hotel for the father of Nate Johnson, the Cards' junior forward, and supplied his personal credit card as a guarantee for the room.

The act violated an NCAA extra-benefit rule.

LSU officials face new NCAA allegations over Earl

BATON ROUGE, LA — Louisiana State University officials will meet Saturday with the NCAA Division I Committee on Infractions in Atlanta to answer charges of a lack of institutional control when recruiting former basketball player Lester Earl.

The meeting is the latest development in the investigation into alleged NCAA violations by the university prior to Earl's suspension from the team in Jan. 1997.

Allegations include illegal phone calls placed to Earl in excess of the one-call-per-week limit and coaches' involvement in assisting members of Earl's family in obtaining employment.

UF study shows women more likely to hurt ACL

GAINESVILLE, FL — A study by Dr. Steven Forbush, an orthopedic therapist and clinical manager, shows that women are more likely to injure their anterior cruciate ligaments, a common injury in sports.

Forbush said that a notch on the bone that the ACL runs over is more angular on women, causing more friction, which leads to tears.

Also, women generally have wider hips, giving the knee more of a chance to buckle when the leg rotates, Forbush said.

A third reason also could be that women have less strength around the knee, therefore having less muscle to use as protection for the ligament, according to Forbush.