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Farm Insurance Co. collected résumés, provided employment descriptions and scheduled interviews. Some students said they found this career fair vital to their futures. "I need to find a job pretty quick since I am graduating in December," said Nathan Jablonski, a senior biology major from Salisbury. But some students did not attend just for the job opportunities. Many compa-

nies provided pens, drink holders, key-chains and toys to draw in students. "My friend alerted me to this and drug me here - I got a cup, a ball, mousepad and pens," said Princess Small, a freshman from Charlotte. But for the students who attended, the work is not yet done. Harris said, "I do recommend students to follow up with a letter to employers they have an interest in."

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and talk through headphone equipment. "The human interaction is still there," said Brock. Hand-held, wireless computers from Hewlett-Packard and IBM's Palm Pilot also were displayed at the exposition. N.C. State senior Scott Haire of Chapel Hill said he likes the idea of having hand-held computers in class to take notes, keep track of deadline dates and access the Internet. The hand-held computers can be linked with a desktop or laptop computer and are much easier to transport, he said. ITD spokesman Everette Allen said he hopes to implement the wireless computers in some of the biology classes at N.C. State. But Allen said ITD did not plan to implement a policy - like the Carolina Computing Initiative - requiring all incoming freshmen to have a computer.

N.C. State graduate student Gary Hoke of Raleigh manned a table displaying a computer program he designed that introduces 3-D technology into various classes such as architecture, biology and physics. The exhibit included the use of 3-D glasses to view a slide of the Pfiesteria virus, which has been blamed for fish deaths in eastern North Carolina. "This program provides a much better, realistic feel for how an object looks in its surroundings," said Hoke. N.C. State microbiology Professor John Mackenzie, who is working with Hoke, said the equipment needed for the project costs more than \$120,000, which limits the program's availability. But Mackenzie said the costs should come down in the near future. "Soon, \$30,000 hardware will become a \$1,000 card," he said. "With lower cost, this technology will have uses in many different fields."

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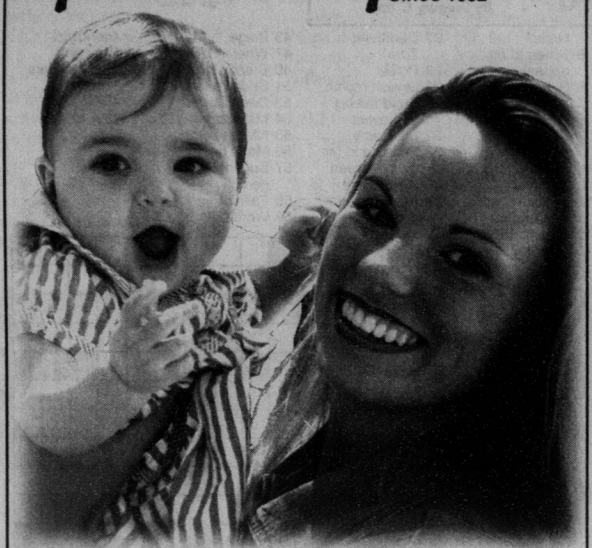
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relocating these facilities to more convenient locations is necessary. "Most counties can't afford to build training schools on their own," he said. "It would be preferable if counties could share the costs and place the facility in a central accessible location." But the need for these centers is swiftly growing, and Sweat addressed the increasing demand for juvenile services. "Our training schools are overcrowding," he said. "By 2002, North Carolina needs to have 300 beds, or we'll be in terrible shape." Orange County Commissioner Moses Carey said too many administrative programs are hurting department efficiency. "We need to experiment in collapsing and consolidating these programs," he said. "This flexibility should bring progress." Sweat agreed to work with local officials but warned of the potential dangers of mixing programs. "You have to be careful that you don't lose sight of the mission of juvenile justice," he said. "If you collapse programs, you run the risk of losing focus." Despite the department's \$141 million budget, Marion Rice, area adminis-

trator for the central region of the department, suggested dropping ineffective programs as means of cutting administrative costs, enabling more services for youth. "By collaborating, we have a chance to stretch these dollars," he said. "I think we can reduce the long line of children waiting for services." Sweat said all these adjustments would require an increase in funding. He also said he does not have a problem asking the N.C. General Assembly for extra cash as long as it is necessary. "We need to cut to the chase on how we get funding," said Sweat. "I'm bold enough to ask for more money if we need to do it." Juvenile justice is not a new topic for legislators. The Juvenile Justice Reform Act, signed into law in 1998, paved the way toward a more effective juvenile justice system. At the forum's close, Sweat said he is pleased with the input he received and excited about implementing some of the suggested changes. "Everyone had reasonable and insightful requests," he said. "The forum has been very gratifying, and I'm ready to see things change for the better." The City Editor can be reached at citydesk@unc.edu.

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