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Students earn IFT honors

Three N.C. State University food science students, all residents of Raleigh, have been honored for their outstanding research by the national Institute of Food Technologists (IFT). The awards were presented recently at IFT's annual meeting in New Orleans.

April Pontius, a master's degree student working under the supervision of Peggy Fogedding, won first place in the Graduate Research Paper Competition and also was the recipient of the John Ordal Award for best oral presentation in IFT's Food Microbiology Division.

Randall Lee, a senior working under the supervision of David Green and Brian Sheldon, won a second-place award in the Undergraduate Research Competition.

G. Christopher Wilcox, a master's degree student in Harold Swaisgood's research laboratory, was named a finalist for Oral Paper Presentation in IFT's Biotechnology Division.

NCSU's Food Science Club was named IFT's Chapter of the Year.

Courtesy of NCSU News Services.

Researchers share award with Army

A team of researchers from N.C. State and the U.S. Army has received the 1996 Bronze Medallion for Outstanding Scientific Achievement, the Army's second-highest award for scientific accomplishment.

Receiving the medallion and a \$1,000 cash award at the 20th Army Science Conference in Norfolk, Va., were: Michael Steer, professor, James Mink, visiting professor, and graduate students Huan-sheng Hwang and Todd Nuteson — all in the NCSU Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering — along with James Harvey of the U.S. Army Research Office in Research Triangle Park and Arthur Paoletta from the Army's Communications-Electronics Command at Ft. Monmouth, N.J.

The team's research investigated breakthroughs in the field of quasi-optical power combining, which promises a cost-effective, compact, lightweight means of producing radio waves with higher powers than can otherwise be easily obtained at microwave frequencies.

Courtesy of NCSU News Services.

COHMAT meets for fourth time

The Fourth Annual Conference on Hazardous Materials Transportation (COHMAT) will convene at N.C. State's McKimmon Center August 6 through 8.

The conference, a cooperative effort of academia, private industry and local, state and federal government, coincides with Hazardous Materials Transportation Awareness Week, August 4 through 10. The week was proclaimed by Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. to promote the safe handling and transportation of materials that may pose human and environmental risk.

Courtesy of NCSU News Services.

Bayer plans new lab on Centennial Campus

Students and faculty will continue to benefit from the company and university's relationship.

NEWS STAFF REPORT

The Pharmaceutical Division of the Bayer Corp. (formerly Miles Inc.) plans to locate a new biological products laboratory on N.C. State's Centennial Campus this fall.

The company is expanding its

research and development programs, especially those in which there is an ongoing partnership with NCSU. By moving to the campus, Bayer will be capitalizing on its close proximity to research faculty and students.

Bayer has signed a lease for 6,000 square feet of laboratory and office space in the Centennial Campus Partners Building I, now under construction. The new Bayer Biological Products R&D Laboratory, scheduled to open in

November with about 18 employees, will focus on new drug discovery and development of new technologies for protein manufacturing.

The Bayer facility will include an adjoining laboratory for joint research with NCSU scientists.

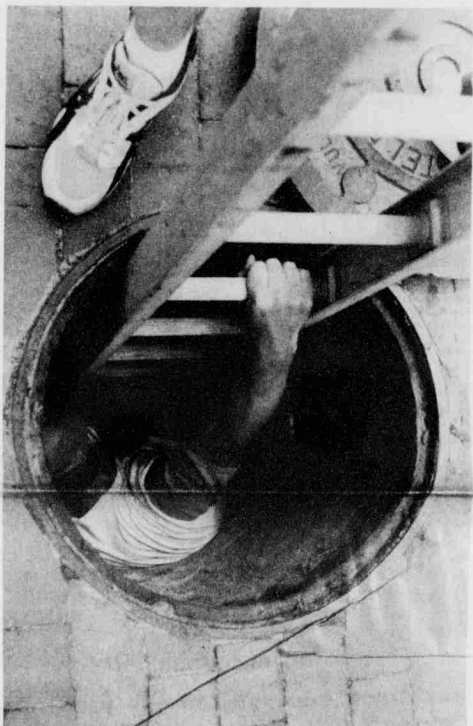
"A key factor in Bayer's decision is the enhancement of a three-year research collaboration between Bayer scientists and Ruben Carbonell, head of NCSU Department of Chemical

Engineering," said Jaime Place, a Centennial Campus partnership developer. "Our plan is to expand that partnership to include many more Bayer and NCSU scientists working together here on the campus."

Bayer is one of the largest health care and life sciences, chemicals and imaging technologies companies in the world. Its Clayton manufacturing facility is a growing center for excellence in protein separation science technologies.

NCSU's Centennial Campus is a 1000-acre advanced technology community for academic, industry and government partners. The master plan for the unique campus places several R&D clusters, an executive hotel/conference center, retail stores and housing around a central lake. The first cluster of 12 engineering and textiles buildings will be fully occupied in 1996. Development of the multidisciplinary Biosciences Cluster has just begun.

Down in a hole



It's a smelly job, but somebody's got to do it. Tommy Boyd of Knott & Roberts Consulting Co. gets into his telecommunications surveying job.

Researchers develop power-saving device

N.C. State engineers' invention reduces power consumed by computers.

NEWS STAFF REPORT

Out of context, a 90 percent efficiency rating might sound pretty good to most people. To a couple of N.C. State researchers, however, that figure meant that 10 percent of the energy used by personal computers is being wasted — quite a lot of energy considering the number of computers in homes and offices around the world.

B. Jayant Baliga, professor of electrical engineering and director of the Power Semiconductor Research Center at NCSU, and Manoj Mehrotra, who recently received his doctorate at NCSU, set out to solve the problem several years ago.

They have since received a patent on the Trench MOS Barrier Schottky Rectifier (TMBS) — a semiconductor component that can significantly increase the efficiency of power supplies — which has been receiving attention from the computer industry. Baliga expects the device to become commercially available within the next two years.

Computers and other electronic appliances use integrated circuits, such as microprocessors and memory chips to process information. The efficiency of the power supply that converts power from a 120V AC socket to the lower DC voltage required by the circuits determines the efficiency of the appliance.

While converting the 120V line to the power supply, a loss of efficiency occurs in a device called a Schottky rectifier, which drops voltage as it carries current. According to Baliga, this voltage drop yields an efficiency of only 67 percent for the 1.5V Pentium chip, and a predicted 85 percent for the 1.5V supplies currently being designed and engineered.

In the case of the 1.5V chips, about one-third of the power going into the computer will be thrown away as heat, Baliga said. Consumers, then, pay more for electricity than is necessary, and homes and offices are

affected by the extra heat generated. The TMBS rectifier is more efficient because less voltage is dropped as it carries a current. Approximately 60 percent less heat — and therefore, wasted energy — will be generated with this device.

"Let's say we have 100 watts of power," Baliga said. "If we had an efficiency of 90 percent, then we are wasting 10 watts of power. With the new devices we can get it up to 96 percent and only lose four watts of power."

In addition to reducing electricity requirements, which could result in lower bills for consumers and a lower energy demand on utility companies, the device will yield a smaller power supply in the computer itself. Because the power supply fills a large space in the unit, computers could be made smaller and lighter.

Baliga said the TMBS rectifier could be used to extend the life of batteries in portable or cellular phones, and it has potential use in automotive electronics.

Baliga and Mehrotra achieved their results by performing a simple modification to the Schottky rectifiers currently used in power supplies. The cost of the two devices is very similar, making the TMBS rectifier commercially viable.

Baliga said the invention demonstrated a breakthrough in fundamental physics by supporting voltages about three times larger than predicted on the basis of accepted theoretical analyses. These standards indicate that a semiconductor requires a certain doping concentration (adding impurities to achieve a desired quality) to support voltage.

"When we invented this device we found a way to increase the conductivity of a semiconductor material goes up proportionately, and the resistance goes down proportionately, and that allows us to attain the very low voltage drop."

The patent for the TMBS device is one of 32 for NCSU in Baliga's name.

'AgrAbility' program helps farmers work with disabilities

A university program offers help to disabled farmers.

NEWS STAFF REPORT

Farming is one of the most dangerous occupations in the country. Not only do farmers risk losing life and limb to equipment and livestock accidents, they also face hazards from chronic sun and pesticide exposure.

Ailments such as hearing loss and back injury can be attributed directly or indirectly to farming. Add to this such stress-related illnesses as high blood pressure, strokes and

depression, and it becomes clear that many of the people who help bring food to your table do so at a very great price.

There is help for farmers who suffer chronic disabilities, whether caused by accidents or illnesses, who want to continue to farm.

For the past two years, the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service and the Eastern Seal Society of North Carolina have been giving farmers throughout North Carolina the "AgrAbility" to continue not only their careers but their way of life as well.

Since 1994, the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Extension, through its AgrAbility Program, has been endowing North

Carolina's AgrAbility Partnership with \$90,000 per year to help provide vocational, mechanical and educational services to this determined (and sometimes overlooked) group of farmers: those with disabilities. This joint effort has been giving disabled farmers the help they need to remain on the farm and become more productive.

"We don't try to convince every (disabled) farmer to stay in business, but for those (who consider) farming a way of life and who want to continue, we're here to help," said Nolo Martinez, a rural health promotion specialist at NCSU.

"And help can take many forms; it can be as

simple as fitting a wheelchair or tractor with special devices, or as complex as redesigning a structure, or as far-reaching as directing the whole family to agencies who provide counseling services, medical help or other support."

In the AgrAbility project, disability encompasses more than lost or paralyzed limbs. People who have suffered strokes, heart attacks, blindness, deafness, respiratory problems and mental depression can also be deemed disabled if their illness, or condition seriously interferes with their ability to farm.

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Parents' involvement makes difference

Paying a little more attention to your children can make a big difference in their lives, specialists say.

NEWS STAFF REPORT

The same school bell that sent children on their summer vacations will soon summon them back to the classroom.

August and September are new beginnings, and parents can do a lot to make sure that the upcoming school year — and years ahead — can be the most productive for their children. Studies show that children whose parents take an active role in their school experiences perform better academically and socially than children whose parents are less involved. And this distinction cuts across all racial, social and income lines.

This involvement doesn't necessarily require a lot of time or effort, which may be in short supply in single-parent

households or in cases where both parents work outside the home. The key to success lies in a partnership formed early in the school year between teachers and parents.

"Meeting in person or speaking with your child's teacher on the telephone doesn't have to be crisis generated," said Karen DeBord, child development specialist in the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service. "Establishing a periodic contact system will allow the most influential people in your child's life to get to know one another."

"This effort will set up a comfortable channel of communication which will help the child's growth and prevent small problems from becoming larger problems. Sometimes parents feel that they should only contact their child's teacher in an emergency or when large problems emerge. This is not the case. Most teachers welcome regular contact with parents to discuss concerns, learning progress or even confused messages about homework or school events."

DeBord suggests that parents begin the process by asking their children the right questions about their school day. Usually, when a parent asks, "What did you do today?", the child might respond, "Oh, nothing."

Asking specific questions such as, "Who did you eat lunch with today?" or "What did you do during recess?" can open up avenues of communication that give sharper insight into your child's school experience.

Answers such as, "Oh, I ate by myself again," or "Mark threw a rock at me," may indicate that a situation is emerging that might have negative consequences if not discussed with a teacher early on. The contact with the teacher does not have to be stressful or adversarial, says DeBord. It may simply be a friendly conversation. After talking to the teacher, you might find that your child's lonely lunch hours may mean nothing more than the fact that his best friends were out sick that week.

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It's time to watch a Grisham movie

■ The latest Grisham-inspired movie is saved by good acting.

By CLARENCE MOYE
EDITOR AT LARGE

Some people say that John Grisham's novels are just stepping stones to movies. Their arguments are that the plots are so outrageous, the dialogues so simple and the tones so lightweight that the novels just scream out to be made into screenplays.

Grisham's fourth novel, *The Client*, can rightly be accused of that, but his first, and arguably best novel can't be so pigeonholed. *A Time To Kill* is the story of a black man who guns down the two white rapists of his 10-year-old daughter and hires a white attorney to defend him.

Right off the bat, you see that this film is tackling several hard-hitting issues. It's so painfully obvious because no one in the film blinks. They're all fixed in that serious "I am acting" stare that gets very

old. But on the other hand, the film boasts several good performances that carry the film for its 145-minute running time.

Leading the cast is *Pulp Fiction*'s Samuel L. Jackson as the avenging father. one because he successfully overacts in some sections, yet in others, his performance is remarkably subtle.

We've all seen the preview in which Jackson screams, "I hope they burn in Hell!" That moment comes at a time when the audience needs to cheer or to release in this very somber film.

But Jackson's earlier scenes with newcomer Matthew McConaughey, who plays the white attorney, are the best in the film. McConaughey is riddled with self-doubt and insecurities at the formidable task ahead of him, and Jackson is the calm in the storm.

Also turning in a great performance is Oscar-winner Kevin Spacey (*The Usual Suspects*), as the county's big district

attorney with designs on the governor's chair. It's cliched character that's given a great uplift by the talented actor.

And speaking of cliches, the rest of the film plays like a menagerie of Southern racist films. There's the tough-minded but alcoholic Southern gentlemen who serves as McConaughey's mentor, played by veteran actor Donald Sutherland. And there's the head of the county's chapter of the Ku Klux Klan, played by Sutherland's son, Keifer.

The film sets up such a delicate battle between black and white that the characters need to have a common enemy, the KKK.

A Time To Kill is actually very revealing about the practices of the KKK. Did you know that you had to fill out an application to join?

The KKK get the chance to show just how mean and nasty they are by burning crosses and hurting innocent people, and



COURTESY OF WARNER BROS.
Jake Brigrance (Matthew McConaughey) questions Carl Lee Hayley (Samuel L. Jackson), who is accused of murdering the racist thugs in 'A Time To Kill.'

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COURTESY OF CAROLINA THEATRE
The *Queen*'s presents a revealing glimpse of gay life.

Gay and Lesbian Film Festival celebrates diversity

X-TRA STAFF REPORT

The North Carolina Gay and Lesbian Film Festival will take place at the Carolina Theatre in downtown Durham this weekend. The festival will pay tribute to a historical struggle, explore important and controversial issues and celebrate the diversity of our community through the visual voice of film.

Eleven films have been selected to be screened at this festival, and two special guests will join the weekend's festivities — filmmaker Barbara Hammer (*Tender Fictions*) and director Sonja de Vries (*Gay Cuba*).

The festival committee, which is comprised of volunteers from across the Triangle, has to represent

a broad spectrum of gay and lesbian filmmaking and life, and the full-length features, documentaries and short films chosen are by both men and women. The stories hail from Canada to Cuba, New York City to Outer Space. The committee has raised funds from a host of individuals and local businesses to support film festival activities.

The film festival begins Friday, with a special evening of film and festivities. A reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. to honor guest filmmaker Barbara Hammer and director Sonja de Vries and to raise funds for the festival. A \$35 donation includes the price of reception and admission to the 7:30 p.m. screening of *Tender Fictions*, introduced by Barbara Hammer.

A screening of *Stonewall* at 9:30 p.m. will be the second event Friday night. Based on the book by Martin Duberman, this film offers an opportunity to learn about or re-experience a pivotal moment in the history of gay rights — the Stonewall riots of 1969.

"Young gay men and lesbians need to know that we had to fight for our rights the whole way and we are still fighting," said Nigel Finch, the film's director. Finch died of an AIDS-related illness shortly before production of *Stonewall* was completed.

A reception to benefit the AIDS Community Residence Association (ACRA) will be held in conjunction with the 2 p.m. showing of *Gay Cuba* by Sonja de Vries on Saturday. The \$8 ticket price includes a pre-film reception and

admission to the film, which will be introduced by Sonja de Vries.

Other films to be screened are *Tokyo Cowboy*, *The Queen*, and *Vegas in Space*. The festival's closing celebration takes place Sunday with a GAYLA party in the Commie Moses ballroom (hosted by the Independent Weekly). Sunday also features screenings of *Fresh Kill*, *Parallel Sons* and repeat screenings of *Tokyo Cowboy* and *Stonewall*.

Tickets are available at the Cinema Box Office prior to each show. Each screening is \$5.50 unless otherwise noted. The Carolina Theatre is located at 309 W. Morgan St. in Durham's Historic Downtown. For more information, call the Carolina Box Office at 560-3030, extension 236.

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Harrison leaves for St. Paul's and the CIAA

■ **The Pack's once and future big man heads home to play in Division II.**

By James M. Lail
Sports Editor

N.C. State may have a new basketball coach, but they no longer have a big man.

Marco Harrison, the early favorite to be the Pack's starting center, has decided to leave Raleigh for Laurenceville, Va., the home of St. Paul's College of the CIAA.

"This decision is entirely Marco's," State coach Herb Sendek said. "We certainly wish him the best."

Harrison's former coach and interim athletics director Les Robinson echoed Sendek's sentiment.

"We're disappointed," Robinson said. "This decision had nothing to do with discipline or academics. He just wanted to be closer to home."

Harrison enrolled at NCSU in January and almost made an immediate impact, backing-up All-ACC center and first-round draft pick Todd Fuller. Although Harrison averaged just over two points per game in the few games he played, many saw a future leader for the Pack.

North Carolina coach Dean Smith was impressed with Harrison. After

pummeling the Pack at Chapel Hill by almost 40 points, Smith said, "It will be a different ballgame in Raleigh with that Harrison kid in the game."

Harrison's lone moment in the sun came on March 2 against Wake Forest. In what was Fuller's last game in Reynolds turned out to be a sign of possible things to come for Harrison.

With Fuller suffering from a stomach virus, Harrison stepped in and stepped up his play to make up the difference. Harrison snatched down four rebounds while scoring six points in sixteen minutes against All-ACC and probable NBA No. 1 pick Tim Duncan.

"I had to go out there and play as if I was Todd Fuller," Harrison said. "I knew Todd was under the weather and I would get the chance. I just wanted to make the most of the opportunity."

With the resignation of former coach Les Robinson, many expected change. None were disappointed. Sendek brought to State a blue-collar work ethic that contrasted with Robinson's carefree demeanor.

Nowhere was that more evident than the first workout Sendek had with the team. There was a 5 a.m. practice session issued due to the tardiness of a few players to the first meeting with the new coach.

Some thirty minutes into the workout, Harrison collapsed from exhaustion and was sent to the hospital. At the time, Harrison credited late-night test studying as the reason.

Robinson noted that the collapse had nothing to do with his leaving.

With the loss of Fuller and the appeal for one more year for senior Al Pinkins still undecided, Harrison looked to have the upper-hand at a starting spot inside. The only other scholarship front-court player is Steve Norton, who averaged just 1.2 points per game at Furman three years ago.

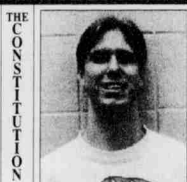


Courtesy of NCSU Sports Info
Marco Harrison is leaving State for Div. II St. Paul's in Virginia. Harrison was expected to start in '96.

Forget Mary Lou and Greg ... We've got Carl and Kerri

■ **The Dream Team might be getting all the press, but it's the underdogs who make it all so worthwhile in the Olympics.**

James Madison Lail



THE CONSTITUTION
some psycho individual out there, the "Bubba Games" have been right up there with the best of them. People will moan and groan that the '84 games had more of a lasting feel to them, but as my roommate Eric asked, "Who was in the '84 games? I think it was us and

Zimbabwe! That's why we won so much!"

The '84 games gave us Mary Lou and Greg Louganis. And not to mention Carl Lewis.

But wait! We've still got Carl and Michael (Johnson, that is). Don't forget Tom (Dolan). And last but not least, Kerri (Strug).

With the Olympics half over, I've compiled the best moments (so far) of the 1996 Summer Games. Eat your heart out '84.

Tom Dolan — Swimming

This Michigan Wolverine can barely breathe like everyone else. His asthma only allows about 30 percent of the oxygen to reach his lungs. But yet, he won the gold medal in the 200 freestyle.

And forget Disney World. Dolan's going home to watch a little "Beavis and Butthead" on MTV.

Kerri Strug's triumphant vault

Strug has spent almost her entire career lying beneath the shadows of Shannon Miller and Dominique Moceanu. With the team gold medal on the line for the American women and hampered tremendously by a strained ankle, Strug needed over a 9.8 on her final vault to catapult the U.S. to the gold medal.

It was the first time the U.S. women had ever won the gold. And for once, Strug was the top dog. I remember commenting that the only way that the night could be more perfect is if the entire Georgia Dome crowd sung the "Star Spangled Banner."

They did.

Carl Lewis' record-tying ninth gold medal

Lewis barely qualified on the night before of the finals in the long jump. But the next day, Lewis looked nothing short of spectacular, jumping 27 feet and 10 and three-fourths inches.

King Carl, 35, joined Al Oerter as the only man to win the same event in four consecutive Olympics.

This one, Carl said, was the most special one of all.

Johnson didn't break the record in the finals, but he didn't miss it by much either. He explained beforehand why the record wasn't as important as a gold medal saying, "Someone can always come and take a record away from you. But they can never take away a gold medal."

There's less than a week to go before the Summer Games in Atlanta are over with. But there's still a chance for many more pure Olympic moments.

Let's hope they're half as good as the ones we've seen so far.

If so, then the so-called "Bubba Games" will go down as the best in history.

Michael Johnson. Need we say more?
It was never a question of whether Johnson would win the gold medal or not. What was on the minds of sports fans everywhere was whether he would break a world record in the 400 meters.
He had literally jogged through the preliminaries on his way to finals, looking back often to see if his opponents were within shouting distance. They weren't.

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Terror shouldn't rule lives

■ Terrorism is closer than you think.

The explosion of a pipe bomb in Atlanta brought terrorism to the Olympics and to the South. For the Olympics, it was not the first time — for the South it was. Though the person suspected of building and planting is American, it is still a terrorist act and it is a reality we must face and deal with.

Terrorism has always seemed very far from us in this country, but terrorist acts reached the United States recently in as New York and Oklahoma City. It was terrible. We mourned the loss of human lives with the rest of the nation, but those events still remained a distant reality. When the pipe bomb went off in Atlanta, however terrorism moved drastically closer.

Many believe that if it wasn't for the Olympics a bombing of this type would never have happened here. The reality is that the games only accelerated an occurrence that was waiting to happen.

We have been very lucky in this country, especially in this region. While other nations face the daily threat of terrorist activities, we sit in relative comfort and watch from a distance. The distance is narrowing with each passing day. How will we react when bombings, snipers and

death become a regular occurrence? Will we be able to go on with our day-to-day activities as other nations have? Or will we hide in our homes, our neighborhoods becoming little more than armed camps as we seek to protect ourselves and our way of life?

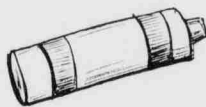
Answers to these questions are not easy to come by. We can intellectualize and theorize about how we will react. The truth is no one can truly know until it happens.

The final decision lies in our desire to accept or defeat the terrorists. What we are willing to accept is what we will be given. If we hide in our homes, we will be forced to continue hiding for the rest of our lives. If we take a stand and fight back, refusing to give up our lives, our daily routine, we leave terrorists nothing to gain by their activities.

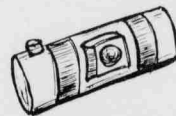
It's no different than neighborhoods that are terrorized by gang violence and drug activity. Many people across the country have banded together and taken back their neighborhoods. They have forced the gangs and the drug dealers out. These people have made it very clear that violence will not be accepted or condoned in their neighborhoods. Will we as a society be able to do the same when faced with terrorism in our streets?

We must if we are to survive into the next century and beyond.

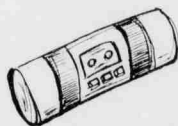
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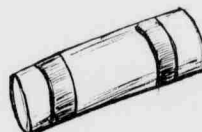
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Commentary

Stock market isn't as scary as it looks

There are two main ways to accumulate wealth. The first way is to inherit it, and the other is to amass it on your own. For most people, like me, the first way is not an option. This leads me to look for opportunities that create wealth.

The best vehicle for wealth accumulation in this country is the stock market. Along with being the most common form of investing, it's also one of the most misunderstood.

The "stock market" is a collection of exchanges which shares of companies, called stock, change hands. Investors bet on whether the monetary value of these shares will go up or down. The New York Stock Exchange is perhaps the best-known exchange in the country. The shares of companies that trade on this exchange are some of the largest corporations in the world, such as Coca-Cola, Phillip Morris and Proctor and Gamble.

The NASDAQ Exchange usually handles smaller companies that don't meet the strict listing standards for the New York Exchange. The companies are usually smaller fast-growing companies, although there are exceptions. Microsoft is listed on the NASDAQ even though it's probably the largest software maker in the world. The company was listed when it was a gleam in Bill Gates' eye. When the company skyrocketed, the stock's value soared as well. There isn't a reason for Microsoft to move over to the New York Exchange, so it remains on the NASDAQ.

Now that you know some of the basics, getting started in stocks doesn't have to be

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painful. All you have to do is ask. I'm sure some of your friends and family have experience investing in stocks. Ask them about their experiences — both good and bad. While many fortunes have been made in the stock market, many have been lost due to greed and careless error. Talk to several people to get ideas from different angles. Don't go on one person's commentary and outlook

Do your own research. D.H. Hill Library has a wealth of information on stocks.

One periodical that can provide information is the Value Line Investment Survey. You have to ask for it at the service desk on the first floor, next to the computers that contain the on-line card catalog. Value Line contains a listing of 1,800 individual stocks. Each listing includes a summary of the corporation, what it does, subsidiaries it owns, etc. The stocks are then ranked to give the reader some indication of what to expect in the way of price performance over the next 12 months. The entries also give historical earnings information and future projected revenue growth, rank the safety of the company and chart historical price fluctuations.

Another useful way to look up stock information is to use Standard and Poor's Research Guide. This guide isn't quite as in depth as Value Line's as far as technical information goes — however, they are clear, concise, and easy to understand. This makes them reader-friendly, especially for the novice investor. S&P

offers rankings on a stock's expected performance versus the market as a whole. These rankings draw a lot of attention to themselves from the big boys on Wall Street. I don't know what makes them so special or different from Value Line's, but if the big boys pay attention to them maybe you should too.

One of the best ways to collect information on the stock market and investing is to visit a brokerage house. When you go there they'll give you one-on-one advice about investing your money. Several are here in Raleigh such as A.G. Edwards and Merrill Lynch. Don't be afraid, they won't hurt you. They want your business. If you set up an account while you are in your 20s, there is no telling what you'll be worth in a few years.

These brokers know this, and most take time out of their day to discuss the possibilities with you. A few brokers will give you the cold shoulder for no other reason than your age, but don't let this discourage you. A broker must fit your personality in order for you to feel comfortable handing your money to them.

If you don't find the right broker, go somewhere else. Someone understands your wants and needs as a novice investor. A happy investor/broker relationship is a healthy and profitable one.

Wealth does not grow on trees. It takes time and effort to accumulate it. Right now we, as college students, have all the time in the world. Use this opportunity to your full advantage. Going through the world ignorant of investment possibilities around us is inexcusable. We owe it to ourselves to make the most out of our hard work. The stock market, if used wisely, gives us the best chance of financial success and independence.

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You never have a second chance to make a good first impression with your instructors. Falling asleep because you have a hangover from the summer session is not the best first impression you could give. That's why it's so important that you use your break as an escape from school.

Two weeks might not seem like a lot

of time, but there is a lot that can go on during that time. You can rest, relax and enjoy the day without having to answer a professor's question or study. Your time is what you make of it.

The warm weather invites you to go outside and do things you could never do while you were cracking the books. Pleasure reading and sports are only two of the things that can be done outside.

If you can spare some money, a trip might be calling you. Whether you're going home or somewhere you've never gone before, two weeks will give you ample time to explore and have a good time.

We want to take this opportunity to encourage you to do something special for yourself. Plan and do something you've always wanted to do but never had the chance to do. Reward yourself for a job well done. Enjoy your vacation and we'll see you back here in two weeks ready to start the fall semester with a bright, relaxed outlook. See you then.

Riddick Stadium is historic

Dear Dr. Thomas R. Frisbie-Fulton:

I am writing to you to express my strong disagreement of the proposal to tear down the old Riddick Stadium to make way for a new undergraduate laboratory science teaching center. While I do support progress of new facilities, I think that every other option should be considered before progress destroys an important, well-loved historical university site.

This letter is in response to the article that was printed in the June 19 Technician, in which you were interviewed concerning this matter.

I have worked on campus full-time for over 12 years and, being born and raised in Raleigh, have been a devoted Wolfpack football fan since I knew what football was. I feel that many other employees, students and citizens have the same attachment to this old N.C. State site. Though it may appear to be just a set of concrete bleachers, it's still a

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landmark and memorial of some of State's most glorious football years. It would truly be a disgrace and dishonor to the Wolfpack's football heritage to tear down Riddick Stadium.

I strongly urge you not to consider this location for the proposed building or for any other proposed sites in the future. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Janet Early
Admissions/Graduate Program Secretary,
Mathematics Department

Make your life worth living

I've heard a lot of people saying lately that they no longer want to fly. Bombs,

bomb threats, accidents and alligators have loomed in the minds of people as they contemplate how to visit Grandma. They swear off flying, saying it's too dangerous, then they hop in the car and are killed on their way to the Quickie-Mart to get a squishie.

Is flying dangerous? Yes, yes it is. Is driving dangerous? Yes, yes it is. The number of people killed each year in auto accidents is comparable to the number of men killed in Vietnam.

Are fatty foods dangerous? Yes, yes they are. Is taking a shower dangerous? Yes, yes it is. A lot of people are injured or killed when they spontaneously break into an unrehearsed nude Lambada while still on the porcelain.

Breathing could kill you — from Radon, cigarette smoke, loose Asbestos, car fumes or garlic breath from your cousin Antonio. I've read stories of gutless parents who are outraged when their kid gets dinged-up playing softball.

What I'm saying to you is, stuff happens. Excrement occurs. OK? There is a reason we have the word "accident." Because they happen.

Remember the big Jogging Guru in the 80s who had a heart attack and died — while jogging. You can worry about it to a point, then after that it's just useless. You can try to fully insulate yourself from the dangers of the world. You can make sure you will not die, but you definitely will not be living. And then, you'll die anyway.

What a waste. Red Fox had a great quote, "One day all these fitness people will feel really funny sitting in the hospital dying of nothing." I'm not suggesting you join the live firecracker eating crew, some things are just dumb. But don't let your fear over what might happen defeat your excitement over what could happen.

Cliff W. Arceneaux
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Grisham

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it's a little distracting. A *Time To Kill* needed to be more about the lessons learned from vigilantism and violence among the races. Instead, it skirts most of these issues with heavy-handed sermons on how white children will never play with black children. It's the same old story we've heard time and time again. The saving grace for the film is its acting, with Jackson a sure thing for an Oscar nomination and McConaughey a good possibility. Much of the film is pure cornball, but it walks a fine line between poignant and trashy. It's the acting that keeps it from tumbling into obscurity.

Grade: B

Farmer

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People are correct when they perceive farming as being a very physical occupation, Martinez said. "However, it doesn't mean that a physical or mental disability should be as limiting as we once thought," he said. "We now have technology and techniques that can greatly minimize the impact that a disability can have on a career in farming."

"For instance, we have an engineer who specializes in assistive technology. He works one-on-one with farmers to assess their ability and to adapt existing equipment or to recommend new equipment. We assess, recommend, modify and, in some cases, fabricate (equipment)."

The AgrAbility project began when the 1990 Farm Bill earmarked federal dollars so that the Cooperative Extension Service throughout the country could help farmers with disabilities obtain the services they need. North Carolina is unique, according to Martinez, in that its AgrAbility project combines federal dollars with private funding — from the K.B. Reynolds Trust — to intensify its aid to farmers.

"In North Carolina, there are many farmers who can benefit from this service," Martinez said. "Agriculture is more than a job; it's a way of life. And if a farmer wants to succeed in this way of life, it's our job to see that this desire, determination and courage are rewarded."

Wolfpack Note

SPORTS STAFF REPORT

Fox earns gold

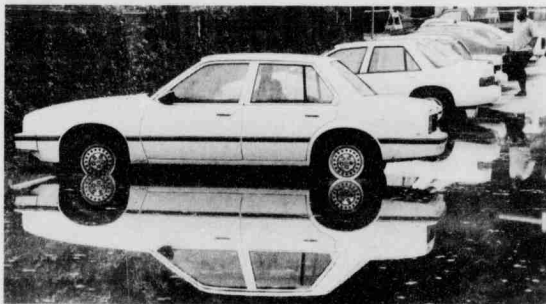
David Fox, a former N.C. State swimmer who earned a national championship for the Wolfpack, was awarded a gold medal for his help in the U.S. swim team's record-setting time in the 400-meter relay.

Although Fox competed in the morning preliminaries and not the finals, he was credited with helping the team reach its goal. "It was disappointing," Fox said on not swimming in the finals. "But it's a team effort."

Fox also finished sixth in the 50-meter freestyle, the same event he set a world record in while at NCSU.

He hasn't decided whether or not he will compete in the 2000 Summer Games.

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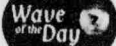
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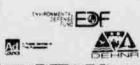


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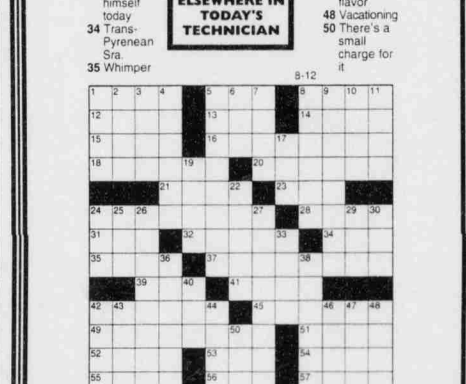
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biography
20 A hot
whistler?
21 "Hunny"-
loving brun
23 Slangy
refusal
24 Dangling
do
28 Spruce
31 idolater's
emotion
32 He's not
himself
today
34 Trans-
-Pyrenean
Str.
35 Whimper

DOWN
3 Sneadiddle
39 Dobbin's
new
or larch
42 Str.
45 State of
southern
Mexico
49 Fit together
compactly
51 "That was
— blow!"
52 Finished
53 Ward
heeler, e.g.
54 Popular
piano piece
10 Dir.
11 "Gulligan's
Island" cast
is "Friend-
ship"
29 — Blue?
30 Any lead-in
material
33 Actress
Perman
36 Los Ange-
les team
38 Their motto
member
40 Neverthe-
less
42 Commo-
tions
43 Created
a web
44 California
wine region
46 Greatly
47 Soft drink
flavoring
48 Vaccinating
50 There's a
small
charge for
it

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