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Vet school professor to receive award

Dr. Karl Bowman will receive the NCSU Libraries Faculty Award for his contributions and hard work within the University Library Committee.

Kristen Healey
Staff Reporter

Professor Karl E. Bowman is the recipient of this year's North Carolina State University Libraries Faculty Award. He has received the award due to his contributions to the NCSU Libraries and publicizing its role within the N.C. State community.

The award is presented to one faculty member every year that has contributed significantly to the accomplishments of D.H. Hill Library. This year, Bowman will accept the award at a luncheon on Wednesday, Nov. 12.

"I am very pleased to have received this award and be among all the great people that are already listed on the plaque," Bowman said.

According to awards committee, Bowman is a great asset to NCSU. He has accomplished so much since 1981, when he first came to NCSU, including fulfilling the role as Associate Professor of Equine Surgery and the Service Chief of Equine Medicine.

In both of these positions, he focuses on improving treatments for horses with surgical diseases, specifically skin biology and ligament healing. His goals are to teach, provide research and provide clinical services through the veterinary teaching hospital.

Bowman became involved in the NCSU Libraries program in order to be active in the community. He was a member of the University Library Committee (ULC) for six years. He spent four of those years from July 1999 to June 2003 as the chairman of this committee, in which, he raised awareness of the Libraries' mission among the community.

During this time, he formed two new subcommittees within the ULC, the Committee on Library Fundraising

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ROB BRADLEY/TECHNICIAN

Offering funnel cakes, roasted sweet corn, fried Twinkies, corn dogs, candied apples, and more to students at no cost, the food tent was one of the most popular attractions at the All Night Bash held last Friday and organized by the UAB.

Pulling an All-Nighter

Despite a change in location, UAB's All-Night Bash attracted over 1,000 students.

Lucy Tatum
Senior Staff Reporter

Butter dripped from corn on the cob and the smell of fresh funnel cakes filled the air. Jerseys, DVD players and palm pilots were among an assortment of prizes displayed in the ticket window. Students had airbrushed tattoos, pictures of themselves in antique clothes and bruises from the Gladiator Joust. The best part: If you are an N.C. State student, this was all free.

In its 25th year, Union Activities Board's All-Night Bash brought in over 1,000 students, despite a venue change.

For the first time ever, the All-Night Bash was held at Witherspoon Stu-

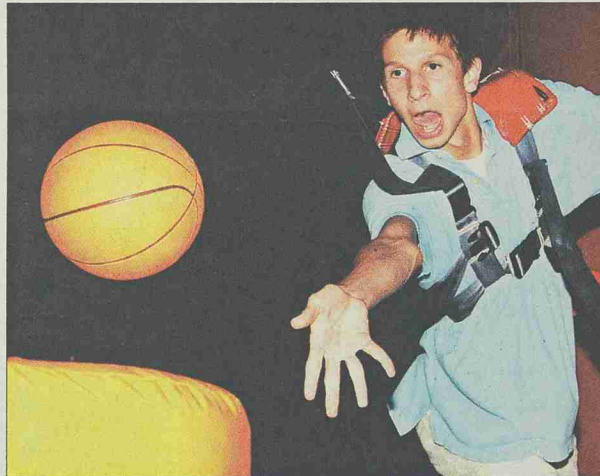
dent Center instead of Talley Student Center due to a previously scheduled event in the latter. The change brought mixed feelings to both organizers and participants.

"The disadvantage is that Witherspoon is naturally a smaller venue, so we were more limited in what we could bring in," said Carol Nee, chair of UAB's Leisure and Entertainment committee and Bash organizer.

The different location, however, did not keep the Bash from being a large event, requiring a small army of volunteers. Somewhere between 50 and 70 volunteers showed up for the event, donning "Staff" T-shirts and all-access passes. Greg Emma, a junior in parks, recreation and tourism, was one of those volunteers, handing out wristbands and food tickets at the entrance.

"I just want to do whatever I can

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JAMES FARLOW/TECHNICIAN

Chad Williams, a sophomore in biology, throws a basketball into a hoop at Friday night's All-Night Bash sponsored by the Union Activities Board. Chad, competing with a friend, said about the event: "I won, and it's always great when you win."

'Red Pine' shares stories and translated poetry at reading

Bill Porter, an experienced Chinese translator, shared poetry readings with students in Winston Hall.

Jode Willingham
Staff Reporter

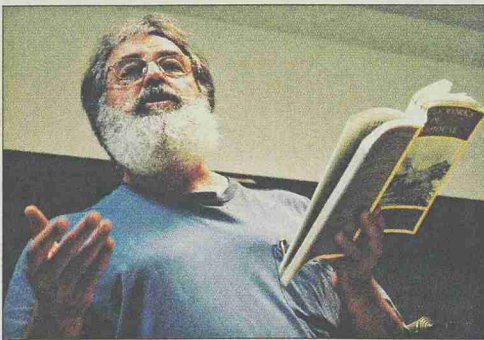
At times, he would just read the words, and sometimes he would even sing. For a little while a room in Winston Hall was transported to a poetry reading, not at N.C. State, but in China. Bill Porter, also known to the literary world by his Chinese name, "Red Pine," visited NCSU to lecture and read his translations of Chinese poetry last week. The visit was part of the Guy Owen-Tom Walters Reading Series.

Porter, one of the world's foremost translators in Chinese poetry, was born in 1943 in Los

Angeles, but grew up in Northern Idaho. He went to college, but dropped out of a Columbia University Ph.D. program because he was "uninspired by the world of academia." He became fascinated with the Asian culture and eventually went to live in a Buddhist monastery in Taiwan.

It was during his stay in the monastery that Red Pine became immersed in Chinese poetry. Porter said that he had no interest in translating works or writing poetry, but the monastery helped him develop a love for ancient Chinese poetry.

A typical day in the monastery for Porter involved meditating for five hours, then studying poetry for another 10 hours. It was then that Porter decided he would "lead a life completely enjoying poetry." Once Porter became interested in translating the poems, he started sending the ancient works to the



TAYLOR TEMPLETON/TECHNICIAN

Writer and translator Bill Porter reads from his novel *The Zen Works of Stonehouse*. Porter also read translated poems from the Chinese poet Cold Mountain.

late John Blofeld. Blofeld, the world-renowned translator and devotee to the study of Eastern religion, responded and served as a mentor to Porter by helping

him with his translations.

Porter held the audience's attention with his readings, and at

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Bridging the technology gap

The digital divide was the topic for the Friday Forum lead by Raymond Rose.

Aparna Ramabhadran
Staff Reporter

Raymond Rose, vice president of the Concord Consortium, was the featured speaker at the N.C. State Friday Forum, which took place in Poe Hall, Friday, Nov. 7. He addressed the issue

of moving the digital divide to digital equity.

"Just because you have a technology, it doesn't mean you can use that technology," Rose said.

The digital divide is the difference between those that have access to the Internet and those who do not and/or the difference in those using the Internet or not using it.

"If the digital divide were just

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crimes reported by campus police

1:16AM Suspicious Person
A student reported several subjects smoking and acting suspicious near the Cross Country Trail. Subjects left prior to the Officer's arrival.

7:11AM Damage to Property
A staff member reported that someone had damaged a door to the Central Stores Warehouse.

11:08PM Traffic Checkpoint
Officers conducted a traffic checkpoint on Sullivan Drive. Four verbal warnings were issued.

11:50PM Medical Assist
A student was found lying in the hallway of Tucker Residence Hall. He had a slight bump on his head. He was intoxicated and refused to discuss how he sustained the bump. The student refused transport to the hospital and was referred to the University for an alcohol violation.

1:30PM Fire Alarm
The fire alarm went off at the Vet School. Police and Fire responded to the area. The cause of the activation was unknown. Electronics was notified.

1:49PM Hit and Run
A student parked his vehicle in the West Lot on 11/5/03. When he returned to his vehicle, he saw damage to it's right side.

2:09PM Traffic Stop Sign
A student was issued a citation for running a stop sign at Research Drive and Capability Drive.

2:28PM Suspicious Person, Drug Violation
A student reported a suspicious black vehicle in the North Bragaw Lot. He stated the subject was using binoculars to look at people. Officers found the subject was the non-student.
He admitted using a video

camera to tape people walking by. The subject consented to a search of his vehicle, which revealed a marijuana pipe. The subject was trespassed from the University and issued a citation for the drug paraphernalia.

4:01PM Traffic Accident
A non-student parked his vehicle in the Venture Parking Deck. When he returned, there was damage to his vehicle.

4:39PM Traffic Accident
A student was backing out of a parking space at Carter-Finley Stadium and struck a vehicle that was passing behind her.

6:01PM Traffic Accident \$1000
A student and a non-student were involved in a traffic accident on Dan Allen Drive. No injuries were reported.

8:08PM Larceny

A student reported his chair had been stolen from outside his room in Avent Ferry Complex.

8:26PM Suspicious Incident
A student reported two male subjects had followed her to her car in Brooks Lot. One of the subjects asked for a cigarette. She told the subject no. Then both subjects left the area. Officers responded, but were unable to locate anyone matching the descriptions.

8:39PM Safety Program
An Officer conducted a safety program at Schaub Hall. 22 were in attendance.

9:13PM Assault-Simple
A student reported that she was assaulted when she and several subjects were involved in a dispute in Sullivan Hall.
The student was referred to the University for Disorderly Conduct. Investigation is continuing.

Language boom sweeps colleges

Robert Becker
Chicago Tribune(KRT)

In an increasingly global economy, and as terrorism and war bring world events home, American students have returned to the study of foreign languages in record numbers.

According to a study released Thursday by the Modern Language Association, 1.4 million American college students are enrolled in foreign language study - the most since the group conducted its first survey in 1958.

Since 1998 - the last time the survey was published - the number of students enrolled in foreign language courses has jumped 17.9 percent. The percentage of college students taking such courses has risen to 8.7 percent, the highest it's been since 1972.

Students say the study of languages is more than just an exercise in verb tenses and vocabulary. Rather, it's a unique window into another culture.

"Through German I'm getting a better understanding of Germany and the reunification process they're still undergoing and just a lot of the things they've gone through over the last 50 years - the Cold War and all that," said Aaron Miller, a freshman at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Study of some languages has risen sharply. Since 1998, enrollment in Arabic has increased 92.5 percent - to 10,596 students from 5,505 - and Biblical Hebrew was up 59 percent, to 14,469 students from 9,099.

"I think no doubt it's the interest in global issues," said Rosemary Feal, executive director of the association. "The world is smaller, and people are much more aware of the need to expand their learning beyond the border of the U.S."

Even with the jump, foreign language study in America's colleges and universities lags far behind schools in Europe, where language study often begins as early as age 5, and high school graduates are proficient in two languages.

"The good news is we seemed to have bottomed out on our sustained three-decade decline in language acquisition," said David Ward, the British-born president of the American Council on Education and the former chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "So it's two

cheers, not three."

The study notes that although Spanish, French and German still dominate the academic landscape, colleges have broadened their offerings, teaching 148 of the less commonly taught languages in 2002, compared with 137 in 1998. These languages include Ojibwe, Swahili, Tagalog and Vietnamese. "It's great in terms of educating students in a global way," said Larry Schehr, a professor of French and executive associate dean for the humanities at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. "It's a great way to develop and foster global awareness."

Education experts said American schools witnessed dramatic increases in language enrollment during the 1960s amid the Cold War. At that time, national security concerns - the need to translate foreign technical journals and analyze intelligence data - prompted students to study Russian and other Eastern European languages.

Though the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks undoubtedly inspired part of the current increase, experts said Americans also understand the need for a deeper cultural understanding.

"It is learning the language, but it is also becoming culturally literate," said Dagmar Lorenz, a professor in the department of Germanic studies at UIC. "Because just knowing the words and sentences really is not that helpful if you don't know the larger context."

UIC's German department has seen undergraduate enrollment rise to 422 students in 2003, from 309 students in 2001. Elizabeth Loentz, an assistant professor at UIC, said students interested in the European Union and the global economy are majoring in German with a minor in business.

The growth in the number of students studying Arabic at schools like Northwestern University has prompted administrators to add additional classes to accommodate them.

At Northwestern, enrollment increased to around 60 students this year - up from 17 students in 2000. Lynn Whitcomb, a lecturer in the program of African and Asian languages at Northwestern, said a more diverse group of students is studying Arabic.

"It seems there are all sorts of people who want to learn," Whitcomb said.

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times, he sang the works. While explaining the significance of the poems, Porter said Chinese people write poetry as a way to "condense and preserve what [they] really feel; an understanding of the heart."

"Poetry is a thread that runs through Chinese civilization for

a simple life and a life contrary to complexity of civilization."

Porter finished his readings, saying Chinese poetry is an "image of the perfect society."

The majority of the poems that Porter translates are only four to eight lines. The poems were so short that "Cold Mountain," an ancient Chinese poet and philosopher would write them on trees and rocks surrounding the village closest to where he disappeared into reclusion. Porter translated

the works of Cold Mountain into his book "The Collected Songs of Cold Mountain."

Porter hopes that these translations allow Westerners to get an idea of the importance poetry has on Chinese society and values. He said that poems are so important to Chinese society that children learn to memorize them at an early age.

"Sensibilities important to Chinese culture are taught by these poems," Porter also explained

more endowments. It brought in 55 new Friends of the Library memberships and nearly \$50,000 in donations.

By creating the Nexus Committee on Library Space Planning, Bowman was able to provide more space for the library's users and operations to meet UNC system library standards.

The space was already 50 percent over its capacity and Bowman and his committee worked to develop a new system. The ULC

backed him completely while he led the way on this task.

Bowman said his achievements are due to his vision for a well-renowned library.

"I was fortunate to be in a position to get involved and move library issues forward," he said.

Bowman said that he could not have made such an impact or his work could not have been such a success without all the great staff and librarians. According to Bowman, D.H. Hill stands apart

dealing with online education, which is becoming popular. Apart from ensuring that schools have the technological access they require, there is a need to ensure that the teachers are in a position to switch between face-to-face and asynchronous online techniques.

Most schools with a virtual high school program have to have their own programs to train their teachers.

"If you think of digital divide, the real inequity comes in terms of quality of instruction," Hiller Spire, director of the Friday Institute for Educational Innovation at NCSU, said.

The institute strives to find solutions to pressing educational challenges. Their goal is

to discover new ways to incorporate modern technology in classrooms, which will benefit both teachers and students.

Marsha Alibrandi, assistant professor in social studies and geography and one of the respondents to this talk, spoke about the use of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to address the issue of digital divide.

"Use of GIS helps bridge the gap of digital divide among people," she said.

According to Alibrandi, it helps children tie the actual and virtual world together and literally put their experiences on the map, which enhances their curriculum spatially and improves the landscape of learning to include the community.

from other libraries because it has "great collections and great staff."

Another very important reason why the library is so valuable, according to Bowman, is "the quality [of the library] is recognized by its users. Not only is it a good library, the users recognize that."

Professor Bowman is no longer a member of the ULC, but he plans to stay involved in every way that he can.

According to Len Annetta, assistant professor of science education and another respondent, a kind of mixed learning and teaching techniques combining both the online and face-to-face teaching techniques are currently needed.

He urged the Friday Institute to do something courageous, to pick at least one of the six low performing schools in North Carolina and help them or help some of the 115 North Carolina school districts that didn't make adequate yearly progress this year.

"Look ahead...so that, when the world turns five years later, they [school teachers] will be able to handle it," Rose said.

"Students are here having fun," Nee said. "After 25 years, that's one thing that hasn't changed."

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and Nexus Committee on Library Space Planning.

"I am most proud about raising awareness about the needs of the library, particularly funding," Bowman said.

He implemented the NCSU faculty and staff campaign, which allowed for new donors and

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a numbers game, we could say that it does not exist. It is a reality that the technology is not being put to its fullest use," Rose said.

According to Rose, the biggest problem is the assumptions people make about digital divide. "Numbers and terms people use are deceptive," Rose said.

"Saying that one has broadband connection is no indication that they have a good connection, because what if in reality the one connection has 10 computers connected to it?" Rose asked.

The problem of digital divide has serious ramifications when

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to help," Emma said, also on the UAB films committee.

Orange wristbands were required for all events and each student received two food tickets good towards nachos, deep fried Twinkies, candy apples and more. The wristbands had a number that corresponded to a raffle and prizes were announced every half hour. Events were held

on all floors of Witherspoon, although many of them got off to a slow start.

One of the events, Music Video Mania, encountered problems when the circuit breaker blew and opened almost an hour after the expected time.

Many of the inside attractions stayed empty until the rain started to hit and students migrated indoors to hear the live bands and enjoy the exhibits.

Students were attracted to the event for a variety of reasons.

Kiyanda Peterson, a senior in

business management, said she came to play with the "big people toys" such as the Gladiator Joust, where she ended up fighting her friend Tamara Lockhart, a junior in First Year College, early in the evening.

Carol Nee viewed the event as a success for one reason.

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FOCUS ON HILLSBOROUGH

OUR OPINION: THE DOWNTOWN RALEIGH PROJECT SHOULD BE PUT ON HOLD UNTIL HILLSBOROUGH STREET IS REVITALIZED.

College towns always have sections of the city that cater almost exclusively to students, and there is always a street near the campus that residents deem the "college street." This strip has restaurants and shops that college students frequently visit. The most famous college street in North Carolina is Franklin Street, with all its restaurants and shops selling Carolina propaganda and merchandise. N.C. State has Hillsborough Street, a main thoroughfare in Raleigh that begins at the State Capitol and heads northwest eventually turning into N.C. Highway 54 outside the city. Right now, Hillsborough Street is old and tired, but there is a joint project between NCSU and the City of Raleigh to revitalize Hillsborough Street and make it more inviting to students and

business owners whose storefronts face campus. There is also a move to build a new hotel and convention center downtown at the Fayetteville Street Mall.

Student voices have been heard through a survey about Hillsborough Street and Downtown Raleigh. Many liked the mix of restaurants and bars downtown, but wish there was more parking near the clubs. As for Hillsborough Street, it needs a total makeover, period. There are plans in works, but due to financial concerns, they have been delayed. The state has pledged money from the N.C. Highway Fund in order to redo the physical street, but the City of Raleigh does not have the money it pledged to put up for the revitalization effort.

Meanwhile, Hillsborough Street continues to deteriorate rapidly. In the last year, Ferguson's Hardware and Kelly's dance club have closed. Packbackers moved into the old hardware building, Zaxby's is now in the old Hardee's

building and Hillsborough Street Textbooks renovated the old movie theater and moved in there. Recently, Kinko's and Schoolkid's Records relocated to the old Eckerd's building beside Papa John's Pizza. But there is a trend here: businesses are leaving empty buildings and the ones that are left are moving into other buildings, but there still is empty space that drags down the value of the entire area and makes the storefronts bare and forlorn.

As for downtown, those plans should be put on hold until Hillsborough Street is taken care of. The student population in Raleigh is a true economic force and it is high time that N.C. State had a proper college street with clubs, bars, restaurants and shops catering to students. Right now, the shopkeepers and restaurateurs are doing their part, but businesses can only do so much. The City Of Raleigh needs to get its act together, find the money and invest it into the Hillsborough Street project.

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It's beginning to look like exams

Christmas is around the corner and so are exams. Abbie Byrom gives pointers on how to deal with the winter exam blues.

As I walked through Target and the mall the other day, it suddenly became very clear to me. The end is near. The end of the semester has snuck upon



Abbie Byrom
Senior Staff Columnist

us, baring its teeth with the sad reality that many nights spent in the library are to come. The garland and brightly colored bulbs hanging from the ceilings did not remind me of wonderful Christmases past, or the shopping I have to do; they reminded me of the 10 page research paper I have, the four finals and the project I should have started on three months ago. It nearly makes you want to hate the holidays.

Being the high-strung person that I am, it is around this time that I go into overdrive and become quickly stressed out, and then quickly burnt out. A semester of work can go down the drain in a matter of minutes with one test or project.

This year I'm a senior, and I have decided I don't want to be pulling my hair out at 3 a.m. hoping I will pass an exam. I thought I would offer a few suggestions to the masses as well. In an ideal world, everyone would sit around over pizza and discuss the important points of our classes with our classmates. We would

debate, go over facts, and then watch a movie. Do this for a few nights, clear any questions up with the professor, and take the exam. Well, why don't we do this? More often than not, simply talking through the concepts in a class with your classmates will help you pass your test.

Half of the test anxiety that occurs on exam day is a result of the stress that has built up in the days leading to the exam. Study hard, but don't study con-

stantly. I have had more than one professor tell my classes to study a chapter at a time, take a break for a day and do something else. This may sound ridiculous to those with six exams, so tailor it to fit your style. Spend half an hour to an hour a day studying for one or two subjects. Then relax. Do flashcards in front of the TV. As long as you start a week or two in advance, by the time you get to the night before the exam, three or four hours of studying will fly by because you will have most of the knowledge already.

Make time for your friends and don't give up your opportunity to go out on Friday night. If you have already studied all week, you deserve a break and being around your friends will get your mind off the exam for a while.

Harvard came out with a study a few years ago that said cramming was bad, all nighters were bad, and you'll pass that test if you get a good night's sleep. Believe them! You may not think so, but going on an hour or two of sleep, or even none at all, can hinder your ability to remember everything you studied all night.

Exams are one of the most stressful periods during college. Take them seriously, but slow down a bit. I have found that if you take things slower than your normal pace, work a little less and don't dwell on the "What if I don't pass" syndrome, your exams will be a lot easier.

The holidays were meant to last from Thanksgiving to Jan. 1, so enjoy them and plan ahead so you don't spend two weeks staying up all night in the library, Mann hall or one of the computer labs living off coffee, Mountain Dew and chocolate. Trust me, I know the consequences of all these actions. It'll take days to come down off that sugar high and get a normal sleeping pattern back.

E-mail Abbie your comments at viewpoint@technicianstaff.com.

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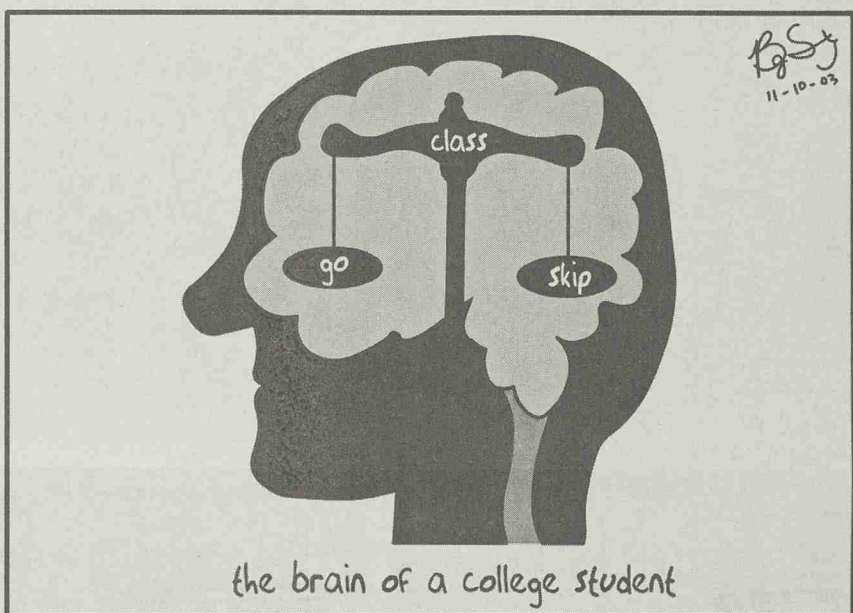
In regards to "Enjoy your youth"

I am writing in response to the column, "Enjoy your youth" that Christin Liveness wrote on Nov. 5, 2003. What a truly amazing column - and it couldn't have come at a better time.

I come from New Hampshire and when I made the decision to come to N.C. State, my boyfriend fought me every step of the way, trying to persuade me to go to a college in New England near the college he had chosen. Academically, NCSU was great, and I wanted the adventure of living far from home, so I stuck with my decision. By mid-September, we had broken up; the distance made a relationship very, very difficult. I realized that had I chosen the relationship over the opportunity (NCSU), I would now be in a

college that I didn't really love. I was with him for nine months, and breaking up was very painful. After visiting the CALS Career Expo last week, I looked at all the internships in North Carolina, the vet school in the Caribbean, and remembered how I've always wanted to study abroad in Spain, and I realized that I CAN do all of those things now! I'm single, and no one can hold me back. Your column came at the perfect time. I cut it out, highlighted the parts that I really liked, and I will hang it on my mirror in my dorm room where I can see it every morning and be reminded that I am young and do not "need" a boyfriend right now.

Kate Flanagan
Freshman
Zoology



The silliest show on earth

Ben Kraudel delves back into the news of the weird again and has some real doozies.

Every few months, I feel the need to take a gander at the stupid news that's been going on lately. Fans of such simple sport, I promise you, this week you won't be disappointed.



Ben Kraudel
Senior Staff Columnist

The lawyer is now under disciplinary investigation by the Quebec Law Society.

In a Radio-Canada interview, defense lawyer Christian Gauthier said, "I'm sincerely sorry to know today that family members and policemen heard me." Gauthier had been caught on tape singing, "I shot the sheriff, but I swear it was in self-defense," and then when he was told by a reporter that the song had been recorded, he replied, "It's the story of my client."

I'm pretty moderate. So, this story perplexes my opinions. I believe that Gauthier was completely allowed to sing whatever song as he exited the courtroom. I know it's in bad taste, but he could very well have looked directly at the victim's wife and sang a song of his own creation called, "My Client Shot Your Husband in the Head and I Want Him to Go Free." I don't think that the legal system has any right to meddle with a person's ability to be a mean, socially inept bastard.

Also, last week in Amsterdam, a 5-year-old Dutch girl handed out what she thought was candy to her classmates, but it turned out to be ecstasy, cocaine and heroin. After a suspicious teacher confiscated the drugs, police

arrested the girl's three older brothers and her 43-year-old mother. Her eldest brother, 21, was later discovered to be keeping large quantities of soft and hard drugs in his car.

My first thought, obviously enough, is what kind of people are teaching in Amsterdam who know what ecstasy, heroin and cocaine look like well enough to be suspicious if they see a 5-year-old with it. Next, of course, is that I don't really want to read the news anymore. I don't know how comfortable I am living in a world where a 5-year-old girl is bringing smack to school and offering it up like M&M's.

I'm worried about the world. These first two stories are good examples of why. The next story is a good example of why I'm glad I'm around to be worried. At least I'll be smiling while we ride this hand basket into that flaming hole that has opened up in the earth's core.

A federal judge ruled that a New Hampshire brewery couldn't use the name "Billy Budd" for its beer, because drinkers might confuse it with the Budweiser beers. U.S. District Judge Joseph DiClerico ruled against Caught-On-Bleu Inc. in a trademark infringement lawsuit brought last year by Anheuser-Busch Inc., the makers of Budweiser.

I'm ecstatic about this. And do you want to know why? Because I read "Billy Budd," the story of the sailor that Herman Melville must have written after drinking about four bottles of Robitussin and staring blankly into

space for three hours.

The only reason to name a beer after this literary abortion is if you hope people are going to get completely drunk and try to read the book, which then at least might seem remotely interesting because of the blur. Or maybe they'll get drunk and burn it. I think that might be a better use of the beer. "I got totally drunk on 'Billy Budd' beer the other day and then made an effigy of Herman Melville, which I took into the back yard, beat with a metal rake for two hours and

then watched burn as the sun set."

But I digress. The point of this column, really, is just to be amusing. But it's also to point out that all the news that fits in print isn't always fit to print. There's a lot of odd, silly little things that happen in the world that the people of this country and other countries love to read about. There are more than enough pieces of

outright silly news to make up for the horrible and the scary.

So, the next time you find yourself feeling disheartened after reading about war or murder or drunken idiots wiping out families, maybe it might help to read about something a little less upsetting.

Ben is currently generating his own silly news by running up and down Hillsborough Street wearing nothing but a sock. To find out where he's wearing the sock, e-mail

BAM by Sarah the Squirrel



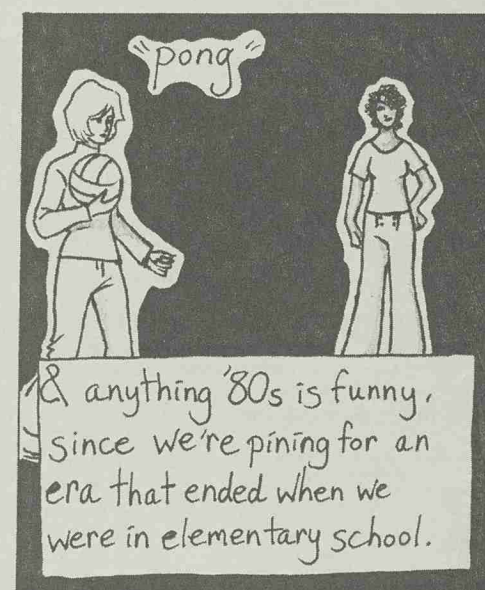
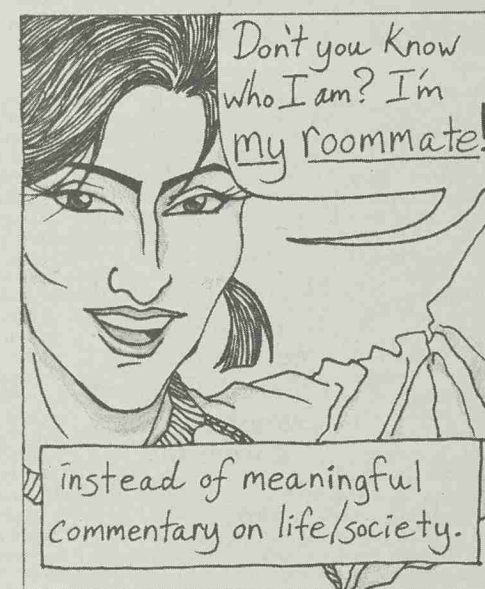
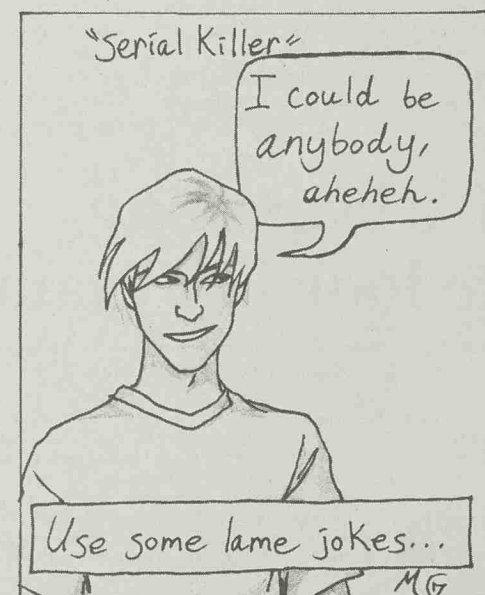
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Schedule

Football at Florida State, 11/15
Men's basketball vs. Global Sports, 11/11, 7:30
Men's soccer vs. UNC (ACC tourney), 11/12
Cross country @ Regionals, 11/15
Volleyball @ Duke, 11/14

Scores

Men's soccer 1, UNCW 0
Virginia 3, Volleyball 0
Men's swimming 133, Va. Tech 108
Women's swimming 138, Va. Tech 105

TECHNICIAN

Saturday sweep



Sophomore Jessica Koenig (center) took second place in the 200-yard backstroke.

Both the men's and women's swimming and diving teams come from behind to beat Virginia Tech Saturday.

Robin Segreti
Staff Writer

During the second break of Saturday's swim meet against Virginia Tech, senior Cristian Rojas ran the length of the pool with outstretched arms in an attempt to start the wave and pump up his team and the crowd at Willis R. Casey Aquatics Center.

His antics must have worked. The Pack swept the remaining four events and went on to beat Virginia Tech by scores of 133-108 for the men and 138-105 for the women. The men are now 5-1, while the women have a record of 3-2.

"That was fantastic," sophomore Scott Dettloff, who anchored the winning 400-yard freestyle relay team, said. "Blood was pumping, that's for sure. In the words of [N.C. State swimmer] Rick Scott, you got to grip it and rip it."

State started slowly, as the women lost their first two events, and the men were disqualified from the 400-yard medley relay after posting the winning time. Head coach Brooks Teal was proud of both squads though, for continuing to swim hard.

"It really showed the character of our team, that they didn't get

down," he said. "For the men to battle back after the disqualification on the first relay, they kept their head, they didn't lose their cool."

The State men and women both had slim leads going into the final race, the 400-yard freestyle relay. Freshman Rebecca Perry began the final leg of the women's race slightly behind Virginia Tech's Emily Guschke but pulled ahead on the final lap of her swim, and the Pack came in with a time of 3:31.10.

"Through the whole race, I was just like 'I'm going to get her, I don't want to be out-touched one more time,'" Perry, who also won the women's 50- and 100-yard freestyle races, said.

The men's 400-yard freestyle relay happened in much the same fashion, with Dettloff overtaking the Hokies' David Litchfield, as a large contingent from the Student Wolfpack Club cheered their approval.

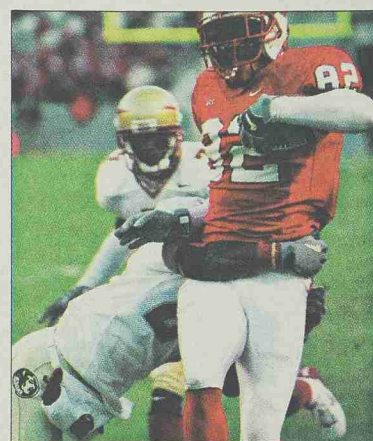
"I've never been more excited about a relay than that," Dettloff said. "You've got the crowd screaming and on their feet. That was fantastic."

Dettloff also won the 200-yard butterfly, posting his best time of the season at 1:50.97. Junior Peter Pessagno, winner of the men's 500- and 1000-yard freestyle races, swam his fastest time this year in the 1,000, coming in at 9:34.17.

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ACC title still up for grabs



If Jerricho Cotchery and the Wolfpack can repeat last year's game, they have a shot at the ACC crown.

Florida State's surprising loss at Clemson Saturday opened the door for N.C. State and Maryland to potentially gain the ACC's BCS spot.

Matt Middleton
Sports Editor

Bobby Bowden certainly was not a man filled with glee Sunday afternoon.

"I'm not in a good mood as y'all can tell," Bowden said in his Sunday teleconference.

Less than 24 hours before, Clemson dealt a finishing blow to his team's national-championship hopes and also re-opened the ACC title race with a 26-10 home win. A victory by the Seminoles (8-2, 6-1 ACC) would have clinched their 11th ACC championship and assured them of a spot in the Bowl Championship Series.

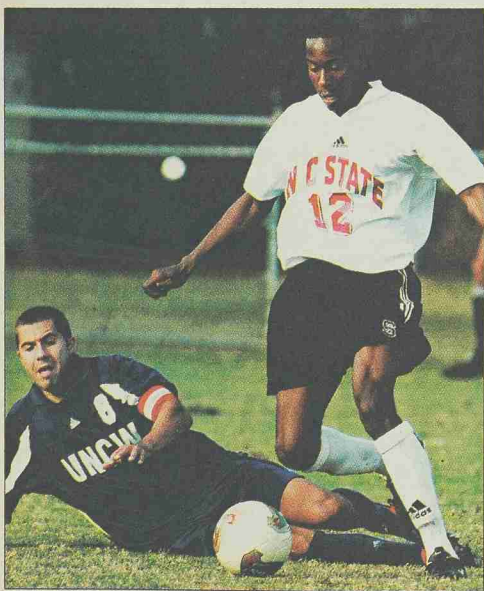
Now, with a N.C. State win over FSU next week in Tallahassee, the title race would become a muddy mess that would be solved by complicated BCS tie-breaking laws.

Should the Wolfpack win its last two games over FSU and Maryland, it would tie FSU for the conference title, and the ACC's berth in a BCS game - likely the Orange Bowl in Miami - would be decided based on the final BCS standings after the regular season is completed by all league members, according to the ACC.

Florida State dropped to No. 13 in the latest national rankings and will likely be hovering somewhere outside the BCS top 10 when those rankings are released later today. According to tiebreaking rules, if State wins out, it would have to be ranked higher or within five positions of the Seminoles in the BCS standings to claim the bid. If neither team is ranked, the bid goes to the winner of the head-to-head match-up.

As for the game that prompted all these circumstances, Bowden said his team "took a beating everywhere" it its sixth league loss since joining the ACC in the 1992 season.

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Aaron King loses defender Ray Soporowski to set the game-winning goal on Saturday against UNC-Wilmington.

Perfect at home

For the first time in program history, the Wolfpack men's soccer team went undefeated at Method Road Stadium.

Michael Fox
Staff Writer

While the match-ups for the upcoming ACC men's soccer tournament may have been set, the Wolfpack wanted to head into the tournament with momentum.

It did just that and made some history in the process.

N.C. State defeated UNC-Wilmington 1-0 in double overtime Saturday afternoon at Method Road Stadium on an Aaron King goal. This ended the season with an undefeated record at Method Road (8-0-1) for the first time in school history.

"You don't want to lose, and if the other team scores a goal then that's it," goalie Jorge Gonzalez said. "We knew that this was going to be an important game for the season with the ACCs coming up."

The play between the Pack (10-7-1) and the Seahawks (10-8-2) was rough throughout the game. In the first half, Seahawks' defenseman Ray Soporowski was issued a yellow card after committing a foul against a Pack player who was looking to get a shot on goal.

Both teams would each have seven fouls and three corner kicks at the end of the half. The Pack managed to pull off some offensive work, especially from King, who had 10 of the Pack's 15 shots during the course of the game.

In the second half, the heat was on for both teams, especially for the two goalkeepers, the Pack's Jorge Gonzalez and the Seahawks' Brad Knighton, who entered the game with a goals against average of 0.98. Gonzalez was not intimidated by Knighton's brilliant work throughout the season.

"He is a big key for his team, but we have to do whatever we have to do," Gonzalez said.

The teams would both continue to fight

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Volleyball team spiked again

N.C. State remains winless in ACC play with a 3-0 loss to Virginia.

Memie Ezike
Staff Writer

The bitter sting of a loss is a feeling all too familiar to head coach Mary Byrne and her volleyball team. On Friday against the Virginia Cavaliers, Byrne hoped her team would rise up to the challenge during Senior Night and get that elusive victory in the final home match of the season.

Nevertheless, Virginia got the upper hand early in all three games and swept the Pack 30-23, 30-25, 30-22. Without the services of junior middle blocker Maya Mapp and freshman outside hitter Julia Reis, State was unable to muster enough offensive firepower to counter the Virginia attack. The loss dropped State to 7-22, 0-14 in the conference, while Virginia improved to 22-7, 6-7 in ACC play.

"We made so many errors that Virginia did not have to make too many changes during the match," Byrne said. "It's disappointing because we should be

taking care of that and we are not."

It was not the send-off match that seniors Crystal Shannon and Caroline Frede wanted it to be and that was evident from the beginning. In the opening game, the Cavs sprinted out to a 6-0 lead, helped by three consecutive attack errors by the Pack. State finally notched its first point on a kill by junior middle blocker Sarah Ensinger. State would get as close as three points off a service ace by Shannon, but the Cavs pulled away to take the first game.

In the second game, State got

the upper hand early by scoring the first three points. The Pack held its only lead of the match until an attack error by sophomore outside hitter Kayla Ragan gave the Cavs a 7-6 advantage. Virginia then later distanced itself from State with a 5-0 run to extend to a 14-8 lead. State was not able to comeback, and Virginia took the second game handily.

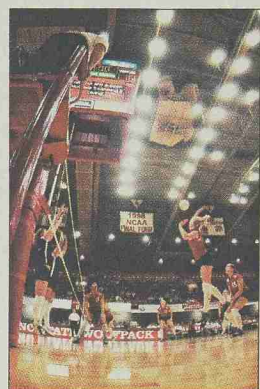
In the third game, State and Virginia played evenly for the first few points of the match, but Virginia, buoyed by a couple of service aces by Emily Perilli, went on a 5-0 run to extend its lead to

12-4. State fought to get back in the match, but never got closer than four points, as the Cavs went on to win the final game and complete the sweep.

"We are struggling because we have been battling the same things for most of the season," Byrne said. "We don't have six people paying attention at the same time, and you just can't have that happen."

Although Virginia won the match, the Pack - as Byrne pointed out - gave a lot away to the visiting Cavs. State only

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Casey Wyatt goes for the kill against Virginia on Friday.