

IT CAME FROM THE VIDEO STORE

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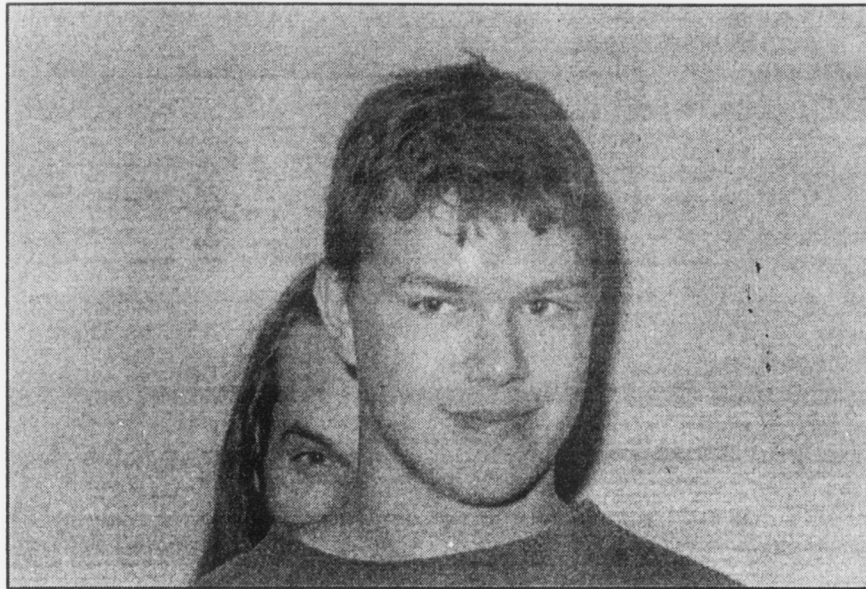
If I had a tube of hair gel for every cyborg cop movie I've seen, I'd look almost as cool as Gary Young. An aside here before I begin: I consider cyborg cop movies to be a separate genre from maniac cop movies. Cyborg cops are metallic and shiny, and maniac cops are just crazy. They are totally different.

Anyway, when you talk cyborg cop movies, you have to mention the definitive *Robocop*, directed by Paul Verhoeven. In keeping with the breast fetish he showcased in *Basic Instinct* and *Showgirls*, he gave Robocop huge metal boobs. But this movie, unlike most of the ones I watch, was not about boobs. No, this one was about big fat butts. Robocop's big fat metal butt represents a corporate America that rots the country's moral fiber.

Robocop (Peter Weller) was, like most cyborg cops, originally a regular cop from Detroit who

was shot the hell up by bad guys. Doctors and technicians melded his flesh to machine to create the

Detroit. O.C.P. are the ultimate in crass capitalism. The bottom



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Is it time to be an android, not a man?

perfect law enforcement officer. These technicians are employed by O.C.P., a corporation full of bald white men with big fat butts. The buttmens want to lease the services of Robocops, and privatize law enforcement so they can take over

line is how big and plush their office chairs are. Because as we all know, the more money you have, the bigger your butt gets, and the bigger the chair you sit in has to be. The head of O.C.P., naturally, has the biggest ass I have ever seen in my life.

So the money rolls in, but Robocop's human side eventually becomes aware of his exploitation by the buttmens. He follows a trail of crime all the way to the top, where the biggest buttmens are. These rich guys are really bad. They use their money to snort cocaine and buy prostitutes.

As Billy Idol once said, "All that matters to [them] is possessions. Even women are possessions to them." You said it, Billy Idol.

Robocop saves the day as only a true American hero can: he blows all the bad guys away in a deluge of severed appendages and semi-solid chunks of bloody flesh. Their death screams unlock the oppressive chains of capitalism which bind us to middle-class mediocrity.

The only way to stop the old rich white bald men who run everything is to shoot them in the face one by one. Robocop, for God and country, has started the ball rolling. Do we have the courage to follow him to freedom?

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When you absolutely have to study

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Here's the situation: you've got 30 minutes until class and haven't read the assigned chapter. Sound familiar to the English majors?

Guilford is full of secluded areas where one can read without distraction. The tranquil atmosphere of our campus is especially helpful when you're trying to do homework since you retain more information if you read in a quiet place and stay focused. There are as many different places to study as there are students; the trick is discovering a place that's right for you. "I read on the inflatable couch on the second floor of Shore," said Hannah Miller. Many students attempt to study in their dorms, which isn't always the best choice. Dorms are full of noise and distractions, especially if your friends are continually dropping in "for a few minutes" to visit.



AMY ROUSE

Sometimes it is difficult to find a quiet place to study.

One obvious place to study is the library. It's always quiet, and is full of comfortable chairs in hidden corners. CCE student Greg Ray likes to read on the Library's second floor, "so when my eyes wander I can look at traffic out the window." Again, it's better to read without distractions, and a window can be very distracting...especially when you have to plow straight through five long Psychology chapters.

Lounges in busy buildings, such as Founders, don't have the sort of atmosphere that is condu-

cive to studying. The Underground and the Cafeteria aren't much better. Why should you study when you can talk to every acquaintance that strolls by?

"The Hut is a great place to relax and read," says Cody Doran, a junior. The Hut is a great example of an environment in which studying is easy. It is quiet and secluded most of the time.

Many people have a favorite tree or bench they stake out when it's time to get some serious home-

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