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Here is one way to get through the overwhelming mid-morning traffic on Dan Allen Drive.

Many think pornography should be protected

■ A new movie has sparked a debate about pornography.

By **JAMES REID**
THE DAILY COLLEGEAN
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(U-WIRE) STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — The movie "The People vs. Larry Flynt" has brought to light the larger issue of the First Amendment and whether pornography is protected by it. The movie details the life of Larry Flynt, publisher of Hustler magazine. Since the movie has been released, many people, including prominent feminist Gloria Steinem, in a column for the New York Times, have called attention to the fact that pornography degrades women and may even incite violence against them. Others, though, have supported pornography as free speech protected under the First Amendment.

Robert D. Richards, founding director of the Pennsylvania Center

for the First Amendment, sees the right to publish pornography as an important example of the extent of First Amendment rights.

"Unless material is deemed legally obscene, it has some degree of protection by the First Amendment," he said. "I think the general public has a difficult time swallowing that because they are looking at the particular individual on which the case is based — and that could be a pornographer or a flag-burner or a journalist who made up quotes or something like that."

Richards, an associate professor of journalism and law, thinks people have a tough time looking at the overall picture and seeing how important First Amendment rights are.

"It's hard to take that next step and say, 'Well, even though this case does protect this individual, it also goes beyond that and protects the right of the legitimate media to publish,'" he said.

Richards also sees the current discussions as symptomatic of a

larger problem affecting the country.

"I think the public increasingly has an appetite to censor material whether it comes on the Internet or across their television screens or in printed form," he said.

Television ratings systems and the Communications Decency Act have Richards worried that censorship is looming ever larger.

"Once these rights erode, it's very difficult to get them back," he said.

Jon Feinberg, co-coordinator of the Penn State chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, agrees that although pornography may be offensive, the First Amendment is too important to cut corners.

"Sure, pornography may be violent to women, but if you start censoring that, then what else are you going to censor?" he said, citing the recent incident involving a university art student and the commotion caused by her art project.

Arena

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She added that The University of North Carolina's Board of Governors has expressed its desire to see these sort of centers on all 16 of NC's state supported schools.

"We expect it's going to build on its successes and gain more resources as time goes on," Lancia said. "I hope it will become a permanent and central feature of NCSU."

Clarification

In Friday's story "City council rejects arena," the headline was potentially misleading. As noted in the story, Mayor Tom Fetzer verbally rejected the large arena, and the council asked for more information on a smaller arena. But the council did not officially reject the arena outright. Technician regrets any confusion the headline might have caused.

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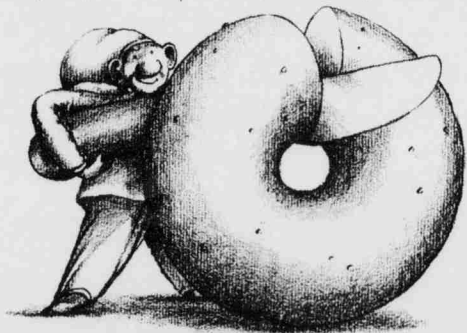
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ACC Rookie of the Year: Ga. Tech has the most RsOTY (8) while State has the least (1).

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COMMENTARY

J. P. Giglio



Did you see that?

We're almost halfway through the ACC season. Time flies when you're having fun.

The greatest thing about college is you never know when you're going to learn something new. You have to be extra careful when you actually attempt to do your homework. For instance, did you know that in Japan, during the Tokugawa period, status in the household was measured by the *shamaji* or rice scoop.

If the ACC basketball season was a Japanese household, N.C. State's rice scoop would be a little lacking after its 0-6 start. But in reality, of the six losses, only the North Carolina one should really burn any Wolfpack fans' britches.

Saturday's match-up at Georgia Tech is Herb Sendek's best chance to earn his first road-win in the

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ACC Standings

	CONF.		OVERALL	
	W	L	W	L
Wake Forest	6	1	9	10
Clemson	5	1	8	10
Maryland	5	1	8	10
Duke	4	2	6	7
Virginia	3	4	2	6
Florida State	2	4	3	7
N. Carolina	2	4	3	7
Georgia Tech	1	5	1	7
N.C. State	0	6	0	7

Saturday's Games
N.C. State at Ga. Tech, 1:30
Fla. State at Wake Forest, 4

Sunday's Games
Duke at Maryland, 1
Clemson at UNC, 4

Monday's Games
Virginia Tech at Wake Forest, 7
N.C. State at Virginia, 9

Game Preview

Who: Georgia Tech (7-8, 1-5)
When: Saturday, 1:30
Where: Alexander Coliseum at the McDonald's Pavillion.

Skinny: Georgia Tech got bombed at Chapel Hill last week following its lone ACC win at Florida State. It's usually tough early schedule has left ACC Coach of the Year, Bobby Cremins looking for his ninth ACC Rookie of the Year. Kevin Morris is not going to be the one. The Wolfpack played admirably against Duke, but the Devils depth was too much in the end. This is one of State's better chances to pick up an ACC road victory. The Wolfpack (8-7, 0-6) needs five wins in its remaining 10 conference games to take a winning record into the ACC Tournament and a chance to make it to the NIT.

State's last win at Georgia Tech came during the 1990-'91 season with a 70-73 victory. The Pack has taken the Jackets into overtime twice in the last four years at Tech.

By K. GAFFNEY
STAFF WRITER

Gaspar's 26 leads UNC

N.C. State couldn't hang on after a 10-0 start.

Sometimes the unknown is not to be messed with.

Last night in Chapel Hill, Jessica Gaspar was the unknown, and it was obvious that the N.C. State women's basketball team failed to heed any warnings.

In just her second start of the season, Gaspar poured in a career high 26 points for North Carolina, leading the No. 8 Tar Heels to a 77-66 win over the visiting Wolfpack. The 5'7" guard had only scored more than twenty points twice in her career, but came through when the Heels needed it most, hitting all six field goals from beyond the arc that she attempted. Three of her tries came in the first half, helping lead the Heels back from an early ten point deficit.

"She was in a zone tonight," Pack coach Kay Yow said. "We were aware that we had to be up on her on defense, but unfortunately for us, she was just having one of those nights."

Strong play underneath the boards gave State a 10-0 lead in the first three minutes of the game.

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Jen Howard struggled against UNC's defense, shooting 2-of-10.

Webb: quiet leader

The N.C. State senior leads on and off the court.

By K. GAFFNEY
STAFF WRITER

When N.C. State senior Umeki Webb left the floor last night against the North Carolina Tar Heels, the Wolfpack lost more than just 12.4 points and 8.0 rebounds per game, it lost possibly its most consistent contributor.

Webb has contributed more than what most can see to the 1996-97 Wolfpack, extending her quiet style of veteran leadership off of the floor, and into the lockerroom. That's not to say that the second year co-captain hasn't provided excitement for Wolfpack fans on the court. In fact, Webb has come through at two crucial points so far this season for her State teammates.

In the Preseason NIT, Webb handed in four stellar performances, landing herself a spot on the All-Tournament Team. Webb totaled 47 points in the four games, including back-to-back 16-point nights.

With Webb's help, State's run to the semifinals was highlighted by a 65-62 victory over Old Dominion, who now sits at No. 2 in the

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conference. The Yellow Jackets, minus would-be sophomore Stephen Marbury, have had more trouble bringing the ball upcourt than Tori Spelling does acting. Aside: Does anyone really believe that someone would stalk Donna when she lives with Kelly? If I were so inclined, I'd do it at the very least go for Claire.

Freshman point guard Kevin Morris has not filled the void as well as expected while Tech has suffered to a 1-5 conference mark. Saturday's game will go a long way in determining the size of State's rise scope.

Here are some other observations from the first half of the '97 season: ■ Maryland is a lot better than the preseason eighth it was picked by the sportswriters. Sophomore forward Laron Proffitt is also a lot better than advertised. ■ Clemson is good, but not the second-best team in the country. Its lack of premiere players will cost them a trip past the Final Eight. ■ Who will make it to the big show in Indianapolis? How

about Kansas, Wake Forest, Cincinnati and Michigan.

■ If it's not careful, North Carolina could end up in the play-in game. None of its 10 remaining ACC games are a sure thing. It still has Clemson and Duke twice, and a trip to Cole Field House.

It's probably not going to go on a 10-game bender, but a 3-7 record is not inconceivable.

■ Television commentator Billy Packer calls N.C. State games like he's never been in Reynolds Coliseum before. First, during the North Carolina game, he repeatedly referred to Sendek as, "Steve," and then during the Duke game his analysis made about as much sense as Courtney Love on her birthday. My favorite Packer pearl of wisdom came when Justin Gainey first entered the game. "Let's see how long it takes [Steve] Wojciechowski to take the ball from Gainey," Packer said.

Gainey promptly smoked "Slojo" and dished the ball to Damon Thornton for a dunk. Still waiting for that steal, Billy.

■ Speaking of Thornton, it's inconceivable to think that this is only his fourth year of organized basketball. I was frightened for Technician Sports Editor Matt

Lail's dental work after Thornton sent a Blue Devil offering into press row.

The freshman has weathered through some rough games in which he has gotten silly reach-in fouls. It'll be great next year when he can play power forward full-time.

■ Is it me or is Greg Newton the last person on the globe who should shave his head? I've gotta think that must have been some sort of dare. No person in their right mind would purposely want to look like that. Maybe he's the one stalking Donna?

■ What happened to Luke Bufum? The 6-foot-8 fan favorite started the season opener against Florida Atlantic, but has been scarce since then. The absence of Al Pinkins this semester would make one believe that Bufum's playing time would increase, but that hasn't been the case.

■ Mitch's Tavern is the second-best place to watch a basketball game in the Triangle. There seems to be a direct correlation between alcohol and disgruntled fans. I'm not sure yet though, I think I need to do some more research.

Webb

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national polls. In the consolation finals, against Notre Dame, Webb pulled down a team-high 10 rebounds, and finished the tournament averaging 6.8 rebounds per game while leading the Pack in assists and steals.

Before the Pack could enter full swing into the ACC, Webb led State to home court romps over South Carolina State and Delaware State, earning MVP honors in the Wolfpack Holiday Hoops Classic. Against S.C. State, Webb posted one of her three double-doubles so far this season, scoring 23 and pulling down 10 boards.

Webb doubled up again against Delaware State, adding a career high 10 steals to 16 points.

While Webb has stood front and center for the Pack at certain points during the season, she has spent much of the 96-97 campaign quietly getting the little things done, making a big impact on the Wolfpack's season.

"I know that there are things that everyone has to come out and do every night," Webb said during the team's recent trip to Maryland. "The little things are the key things that I have to do every night just to make this team work."

Webb has never missed a game in her four years at State, playing in over 100 contests for the Pack, starting more than 20 games since her freshman year.

For the fourth consecutive season, Webb is currently averaging double figures in the scoring column. Her 12.4 points per game leaves her 4th on the State squad.

Webb has been the Pack's top rebounder in eight different contests this season, and has dished out team-high assist totals in nine.

Webb also has been stressing defense her younger teammates. "This is my last year, and I feel like I have to pass along what I have learned to the younger players," Webb said.

While the Pack has had a bit of a rough start to its ACC season, Webb remains positive.

"We just have to know that every night we have to come out and play hard," Webb said. "We have a lot of games left, and I think that we can pull it out."

None of the Wolfpack players have too far to look for a secret to pulling off a successful ACC season, take a lesson from Webb's career—the little things.

Gore promotes family planning

Thousands of anti-abortion activists rally in Washington, and Hillary Clinton receives criticism for her support of abortion-rights.

By MELISSA HEALY
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON—Vice President Al Gore, speaking on the 24th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision making most abortions legal, charged Wednesday that foes of abortion rights have become captive to what he termed "a minority" within their ranks who oppose family planning programs.

Seizing on President Clinton's inaugural call to find "common ground," Gore declared that much unites those who oppose abortion rights and those who defend a woman's right to the procedure. But he said that, in the interest of healing a national rift and making abortions rarer, the mainstream of anti-abortion activists must be willing to disavow those among their ranks who believe "that family planning... is morally wrong."

Addressing a group of abortion-rights activists, Gore alternated between striking strident and conciliatory tones, apparently seeking both to reassure a traditional constituency and to reach out to more moderate members of the anti-abortion movement to drive down the 1.5 million abortions performed yearly in the United States.

"We are not going to let choice be taken away. I say that firmly, plainly. ... That's not going to happen," Gore said in a speech to the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League. "But I do believe there is much we can do together."

Gore also referred to recent bombings in Tulsa, Okla., and Atlanta at clinics where abortions are performed and pledged that the administration would "find the terrorists who committed these heinous acts and we will pursue you to the fullest extent of the law."

Speaking to the abortion rights group before Gore, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton gently chastised both sides of the abortion debate, saying: "This is never an easy issue and anyone who thinks they have the ultimate truth on this is... wrong."

The first lady endorsed a firestorm of opposition from anti-abortion activists when the administration proposed to make abortion a covered service for all in its ill-fated health care reform package.

Pack

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Marion Jones, the ACC preseason player of the year, followed a Tar Heel time out with an off-balance three-point shot to start Carolina's offense.

It took the Heels the entire half, but they battled back, tying the game at 32 with less than a minute left in the half.

Jumpers from Jones and State freshman, Katie Smrcka-Duffy, knotted the score at 34 as the teams took it to the locker room.

Gaspar, Jones and junior Tracy Reid combined for 28 of the Heel's first half points.

Early foul trouble came back to plague the Wolfpack in the second half. Chasity Melvin and Peace Shepard each took a seat on the bench early in the half, leaving State's lineup with a significant height disadvantage.

"It really hurt us when Chasity and Peace both had to come out of the game with about 17 minutes left," Yow said.

"Chasity especially has been playing really well lately, and we had wanted to go to her a little bit more."

With five and a half minutes left in the game, State senior Umeki Webb fouled out, and the Heels decided to take advantage, and put the game away for good.

In the final five minutes, UNC outscored the Wolfpack, 11-6.

Reid finished the game with her ninth double-double of the season, scoring 20 points, and pulling down 16 rebounds.

Jones finished with 19 points, five assists, four steals and two blocks.

Reid and Jones have stood out as two of the top players not only on the Tar Heel squad, but also in the conference, making Gaspar's performance all the more surprising.

"Reid and Jones, we know that

they can put up some numbers, but 26 for Gaspar. I would imagine that's the first time she's done that," Yow said.

Gaspar added four rebound and two steals.

Once again State struggled from the free throw line as well as the perimeter. The Pack shot just 34 percent from the charity stripe, and hit just three of nine shots from beyond the arc.

For the second game in a row, State junior Chasity Melvin led the pack with 24 points, adding a team-high nine rebounds, playing the final 11 minutes with four fouls.

Sophomore LyScale Jones scored 11 for the Pack, and added seven rebounds and three assists.

Sunday, State will face off against Florida State. Earlier in the season, the Pack picked up its first ACC victory with a 88-52 drubbing of the Seminoles in Tallahassee. The game will kickoff at 2 p.m. in Reynolds Coliseum.

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Opinion

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A new learning technique

Center will offer faculty members the chance to learn as well.

A new learning center will be set up in D.H. Hill Library, but it's not for students. The Center for Teaching and Learning has been established for N.C. State faculty members to promote effective teaching techniques and to reward teaching excellence.

With the addition of the new center comes the hope to promote faculty growth and development in teaching-related activities and to enhance teaching excellence. But this center is not just faculty oriented. It will also rely on student feedback.

Every student at NCSU has had at least one class that just made them fall asleep. Or maybe the class was too confusing to comprehend. The center will expose faculty members to new teaching techniques that may make those boring and confusing lectures a thing of the past.

Students fill out countless teacher evaluations at the end of each semester. But those evaluations only go so far. The center will provide a

wide avenue for students to voice their frustrations over certain courses and give their ideas to solve teaching dilemmas.

Students and faculty have worked in harmony in the classroom since NCSU began in 1887. Faculty members spread their wisdom and knowledge to students. But little has been done to let the students share their wisdom with their mentors.

The learning center will change that. Allowing the students to help mold the teaching at NCSU is an asset. They know what keeps them motivated to stay in class and stay awake. They know which teaching methods confuse people and which don't keep people's attention.

With professor and the student working together to improve teaching at NCSU, the learning environment will flourish. It will provide the productive feedback that has been missing in the evaluation process up to this point. With any luck we should be able to eliminate those classes that leave us wondering why we are spending good money for a bad class. Here's hoping.

Quickness comes with problems

Faster grade posting may be as close as a mouse click.

N.C. State's Registration and Records may soon test out a new method to handle grade posting. If all goes according to plan, instructors will be able to submit grades via the web, which will allow students to retrieve their grades a few hours after they are posted. Hopefully, this will solve the problem of having to wait days in order to find out one's grades.

Under the current system, instructors enter semester grades on an op-scan sheet. This sheet waits at a department secretary's desk and is sent to Registration and Records. Then it waits some more to be entered into the database. This whole system of waiting translates into some students waiting days before viewing their grades.

This semester will be the first to employ the technology of the web. But we shouldn't jump for joy just yet. Like all sites on the web, this system will be vulnerable to the occasional computer hacker. Unsecured sites that sell

merchandise on the web are easily susceptible to hackers that take credit card information. To get information on a student or to change their grades, a hacker could try to break security, resulting in chaos. Better yet, if an instructor walks out of his/her office with the site on their screen, passers-by can easily change a few grades here and there.

Even though the web site idea is fundamentally sound, it is not the most secure way to make sure that posted grades are accurate. The best way is to experiment with the web system, while also developing a sound security system.

To do this, perhaps an op-scan sheet should be submitted — just in case. If the grades are different than those on the web site, inquiries should be made in order to determine the correct grade. That way, even if someone does decide to tamper with grades, the change will not go unnoticed.

Students need both quick grade postings and a tamper-proof system of making these available. Once this is accomplished, everyone involved should be happy.

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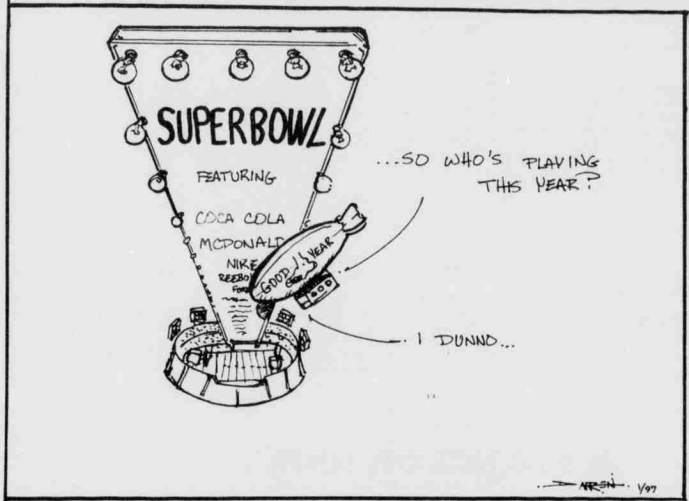
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Laptops will allow students to keep pace

I'm sure everybody knows by now that computers are an everyday fact of life. However, the issue of whether they're for better or for worse has yet to be decided. While we are waiting for that decision to come one thing is certain — technology is moving at a breakneck pace.

If students here at N.C. State are to keep up with the rapid changes in the technology world, then we need to have access to the best equipment available. If we are to remain the premier research institution in the state, or region for that matter, then we must stay abreast of important developments in the technological arena. Learning to apply new software and hardware devices to everyday problems in agriculture, engineering and design is what sets this university apart from the rest.

In order to best accomplish this goal I have an effective solution — laptops for everybody. In the years to come, a laptop computer will be as commonplace on a college campus as spiral-bound notebooks and calculators are today. If the students know this change is coming and the administrators know that it is coming as well, why procrastinate?

The longer we delay the inevitable, the farther behind we

Darwin Nichols



will be when we have no other choice. Without even noticing, we will fall behind other universities in the number of research grants we receive and in the quality of our education.

Over the several years that I have been at this university, I have seen first hand how the university has tried to keep pace with technology. I have attended computer classes that were required for my degree. I have stood in line for hours trying to use a computer in one of the labs on campus in order to complete a project. The terminals are nice, and I'm sure that they're quite pricey as well. But the university has missed the boat completely.

What the administration should do now is quit building computer labs.

We need the teaching space and the money could be allocated in a much better fashion. We need to focus on the individual needs of students when it comes to technology. Do we have time to wait in line for two hours in order to get a terminal in a computer lab? No. Do we need to be awake at four in the morning...

...traipsing across campus to use a computer for a project that we couldn't complete earlier because the lab was so crowded? No. The laptop idea is a swell one, I must admit. One question is probably running through your head right now: how do we pay for it? It won't be cheap. I can promise you that, but remember, education is an investment. You are only going to get out of it what you put into it. If you spend a little more money now and get a huge reward when you graduate, isn't it worth the extra cost?

Paying for these little gems isn't going to be cheap, so here is my plan. All incoming freshmen will be required to own and operate a laptop computer. Half of the money would come from the university. The other half would come from the student. The money from the student could be paid all at one time or stretched out over their four-year stay here at NCSU. At the time of graduation, the students would then

be free to do with their computers as they see fit.

Students that either already had their own laptops or didn't like the laptops that the school had purchased could be credited up to half the cost of purchasing a different computer of their choice, up to a certain amount.

The cost at first seems prohibitive, but you have to look beyond that and see the benefits that lie down the road. Call me crazy but I'm pretty sure that if you dialed up Compaq, Dell, or any of the other various computer makers and offered to buy 12,000 laptops a year for the next 20 years, they would probably cut you one helluva deal. Am I off-base in this assumption? I think not.

The benefits that students would obtain from having their own personal computers would far out weight any foreseeable costs. Students, professors and administrators would save valuable time and effort if we could all communicate a little easier. The leap into the next century is going to be a long and treacherous one. Anything that we can do now to bridge the technology gap will be a windfall to us in later years. We owe it to ourselves to demand the best.

Exemptions would be a grave mistake

The N.C. State Council on Undergraduate Studies is considering a proposal to reduce the number of physical education hours needed for graduation.

Under the present system, students are required to take four hours of PE, but are only given credits for two of those hours. Some people think this is unfair.

"If we only need to take two hours, then only make us take two hours," Student Body President Robert Zimmerman said. Zimmerman's sentiment is but a mere symptom of the real problem. You've heard of the "dumbing down" of American school standards? We are now witnessing the "beefing up" of American students.

Yes, although university communities are often harbingers of progress, this time NCSU is bringing up the rear, so to speak, of the national trend to obesity.

As the council debates the proposed changes, they may want to consider some problems that could occur if two physical education requirements for graduation are eliminated.

Since the rapid advancements in computer engineering have allowed Americans to lead more sedate lives, physical education should be the primary consideration when allowing a student to graduate.

After all, anyone can learn to

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compute imaginary numbers — or at least pretend to know how — but not too many people can bench press 200 pounds.

If we catch people before they enter the rat race and teach them how to run a relay race, we will foster a desire in them to avoid computer but and all the double chins they could grow while staring at a cathode ray tube every day. They would be programmed early to exercise their bodies, rather than their minds.

If we teach people basic hygiene such as taking showers in communal stalls with broken soap dispensers and walking around barefooted on a fungus-friendly locker room floor, they will be better equipped later to avoid coffee breath and board room body odor. Americans are fat, lazy and

increasingly stupid. I say that the council should reject any proposal to reduce PE hours, since the reduction of PE credits will only add to the cellulite burgeoning in our corporate structure.

So what if brilliant minds sometimes reside in portly bodies? Not only should people be barred from graduation who cannot meet the PE requirements, we should include a physical fitness assessment with every application for undergraduate admissions. "Nope, I'm sorry, you're too fat. You're out of shape. Do 200 push-ups a day and try again next year." Now, THAT would show those slobs out there that their physical fitness is just as important as their grade matter.

The new proposal allows an exemption from PE for veterans. This exemption is a grave mistake.

Not only should veterans take PE classes, their experience doing PT in basic training should qualify them to head PE classes taken by the rest of the bums out there who can't do five consecutive chin-ups. And why stop with veterans? Mothers should be exempted from their PE credits for teaching other women Lamaze. Someday, most of them will have to use it for something or another. Like archery, it's a useful life skill that teaches health and physical fitness. And here's an idea — NCSU is

always ready to hire people from the community to give our students a real-life perspective on career planning. Why don't we recruit exotic dancers from Thee Dollhouse and Pure Gold to teach useful, money-earning skills such as lap dancing and how to twirl those little tassels... a very interesting way to keep in shape, if you ask me.

Like it or not, our minds are housed in our bodies. In order to continue using our minds, our bodies must be healthy. Let's just hope that the council does not submit to the student senate's plausible rationale in wanting to reduce the number of PE hours to an equitable and fair number.

This university can no longer afford to endorse archaic means of negotiation such as logic and rhetoric over the more direct, brute force we cultivate in our PE classes. Instead, we must defy the national trend towards "upsizing" by promoting the diplomatic skills we could be learning in karate class.

Without a healthy physical education program, NCSU will almost certainly become a university that turns out graduates who become fat blobs sitting in front of computer terminals, creating useless drive like space stations, nuclear fusion and newspaper columns.

