

# Use talent to excel, Leutze says

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To reach excellence as individuals or as a nation we must assess our limitations realistically and concentrate on what we do best. James Leutze, professor of history and chairman of the curriculum on peace, war and defense, told about 50 people Friday in Memorial Hall.

Waging war and using military power are not activities the United States has excelled in. Leutze said as he delivered the Frank Porter Graham Lecture on Excellence after The Order of the Golden Fleece Annual Tapping Ceremony.

The U.S. devotes too much time to military solutions because they seem "easy" and because we mistakenly believe we are good at working with military force, he said.

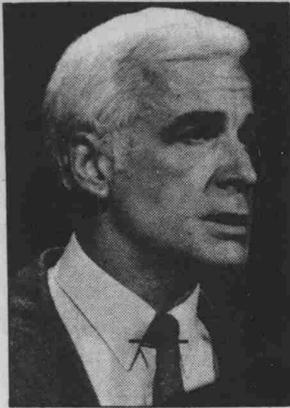
Our misplaced confidence in our nation's military ability comes from the claim that we have never lost a war. Leutze said, but "We haven't been as good as we like to think" in our military past.

"Before praising ourselves for never losing, we ought to take a close look at the War of 1812," he said. We should also consider the Civil War and the performance of U.S. troops in World War II, which was "mediocre at best," he said.

Our attention to the military "distracts us from what we do best," Leutze said.

Instead of diverting ourselves with "vain displays of military muscle," we should concentrate on areas where we have the potential to be the best, he said, like openness, generosity, freedom, compromise and diversity.

The same principle applies to the individual as well as the nation, Leutze



James Leutze

said, and he referred to the careers of Winston Churchill, Dwight Eisenhower, and Ulysses S. Grant as examples of the individual pursuit of excellence.

Churchill had a miserable childhood and prepared to be a professional soldier because he didn't seem able to do anything else, Leutze said. But Churchill took advantage of his ability to write and his contacts in high places and became known as a great speaker despite a speech impediment, he said.

Eisenhower was a mediocre student and "not destined to be a stellar athlete" but he could "subordinate his ego to the team goal," Leutze said. Eisenhower realized he could not succeed as an athlete, so he used his ability to hold together a coalition and became Supreme Commander, Leutze said.

Grant was not a military genius and he had failed often in his life. Leutze said, but he climbed "a ladder of desperate situations" to success. Grant was a simple man who understood that war was about killing people, and knew he could afford to lose more men than his enemy although he might have abhorred the fact. Leutze said.

"They didn't concentrate on their deficiencies," Leutze said of Churchill, Eisenhower and Grant. They all had faults but overcame them by working in areas where they could excel, he said. "They did not deal in illusion."

To attain excellence, individuals need to recognize their imperfections but not dwell on them, and develop their personal talents, Leutze said.

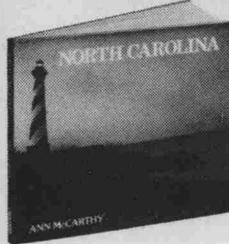
"Upon you a special responsibility falls," Leutze told the 22 new Argonauts sitting in the first row of seats before him. "I am laying upon you the burden of excellence."

He said although the initiates could choose to pursue excellence privately, he hoped some of them would come forward to lead this nation.

As a last note of advice to the initiates, Leutze told them, "Please be humble during your quest, especially if you achieve your goals." Perhaps the only thing in the world more rare than excellence was humility, he said.

The people tapped out Friday night were: Susan Emily Adler, Vikki Jaye Barrett, Herman Lee Bennett, Stuart Bondurant, Anne R. Bowden, Phillip Edward Burney, William Regan Burton, Edwin Louis Fountain, John Lucy Kennedy Jr., Elizabeth Ashley Lefler, Major Charles E. Mauer, Janet Anne Olson, Colin A. Palmer, Mark Hersey Pavao, Kimberly Sue Reynolds, Arne Joost Rickert, Camille Zebretta Roddy, Teresa Wynn Roseborough, David Bradley Schmidt, Otis Edward Tillman Jr., Joseph S. Tulchin and Michael Roscoe Wilson.

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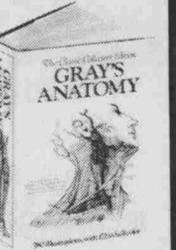
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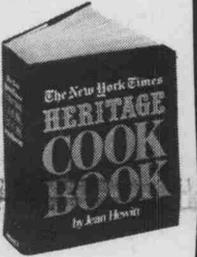
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**Monday**

10:00 a.m. Alpha Phi Omega is sponsoring a bloodmobile until 3:30 p.m., in the Union.

4:00 p.m. Entrepreneur Club hosting Rol-

lie Tillman and Dick Levin of the Business School to speak on "Techniques of Entrepreneurship," 224 Union. All welcome.

7:00 p.m. Students for America hosting a panel discussion and videotape on South Africa and University divestment, 205 Union.

7:30 p.m. Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies holding the final meeting of the semester, Dialectic Society Hall, Top Floor, New West.

### Items of Interest

Preregistration for Student Parking Permits for 1986-87 will be held at the

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By MIKE GUNZENHAUSER  
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Clayton McKoin, 26, of Lilburn, Ga., was found by rescue personnel responding to a call at Colony Apartments off Ephesus Church Road at 7:51 Thurs-

day. Rescue personnel took McKoin to N.C. Memorial Hospital, where he was dead-on-arrival.

McKoin was employed by Carol Woods Health Center, police said.

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