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joined the ranks of a growing number of college students across the country who are turning to elective cosmetic plastic surgery to correct perceived flaws in their appearance or just to feel better about their bodies and themselves.

"There's no question that there's a definite increase in cosmetic surgery in general," said Richard Greco, chairman of public education for the American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

According to ASPS, the overall number of people having cosmetic plastic surgery tripled between 1992 and 2001. And though there are no statistics available specifically for the 18-22 age bracket, Greco said an increase in college students opting for aesthetic plastic surgery definitely has contributed to the trend.

"It's more socially accepted and, cost-wise, relatively more affordable than in years past," Greco said. "People are more aware that it's available."

For local plastic surgeon Glenn Davis, the national trend is reflected in the growing number of college-aged students walking through the doors of his Raleigh-based practice.

"We're seeing more young adults than we were five or 10 years ago," Davis said. "A lot of times we'll see 18- or 19-year-olds right before they leave for college or just when college starts."

"It's an ideal time — you go off to school with a whole new body image."

But UNC freshman "Emily" didn't wait until high school graduation to change something that had been bothering her since she was 10 years old.

"There was a bump in my nose, and it was really wide and bulky," said Emily, who also asked to remain anonymous. "I felt all the time that people were looking at me. I felt ugly."

The summer after her junior year in high school, Emily got rhinoplasty surgery and went into her last year of high school with a new nose.

"I probably should have waited until right before college because a lot of people at my high school noticed, and I'm sure there was talk," Emily said. "But I wanted to get it done as soon as possible."

Women who want to undergo breast augmentation do have to wait — at least until they're 18 and their breasts have stopped developing, Greco said. Because most people reach that age around the time they head off for college, breast augmentation is the most

asked-for procedure among college students. Liposuction ranks second in popularity for both men and women, and Greco said the two procedures range in cost from \$3,200 to \$6,000 and \$4,000 to \$5,000, respectively.

The price of plastic surgery can strain any student's budget, and both Greco and Davis said many college students who come in for aesthetic plastic surgery pay for the procedure in collaboration with their parents.

"I'd say about half support themselves and the other half are either covered by their parents or split the costs," Greco said.

But money isn't the only consideration, and even those who have the financial means to pay for cosmetic surgery might not get the nip or tuck they're looking for. Plastic surgeons also have to consider the mind-set of their patients, especially those in high school and college.

"Younger people might be more naive," Greco said. "It's important before anything else is done that you talk to (young patients) about what their goals and hopes are and whether or not you can reach them."

Davis said he turns away about 5 percent of people who come to see him because they have the wrong motivations or unrealistic expectations for the surgery.

"I try to assess (a patient's) motivations and maturity level, regardless of their age," Davis said. "But in general, the young people I see in college — most of them are pretty well-focused."

"They've done the research; they've gone on the Internet and talked to people. They've done their homework, and they pretty well know what they want."

Davis said the right attitude for someone considering plastic surgery is "someone saying, 'I know this isn't going to change my life — it's not going to get me the better grades or the date or job I always wanted, but I will feel better about myself when I look in the mirror.'"

That message resonated with Katie, who admitted, "I thought (the surgery) would change my life, and it didn't. But I do feel better. It was the best thing I ever did that I never want to do again."

And while perhaps not life-changing, the effects of cosmetic surgery still can be powerful for its recipients' body images.

"It changed my personality," Emily said. "I used to not let anyone take pictures of me with my head to the side. Now I don't feel as uncomfortable."

Though Katie and Emily are happy with the outcomes of their procedures,

both women continue to be selective regarding who they tell about their plastic surgery.

"I've told my close friends, but I wouldn't bring it up if we were talking about plastic surgery in class," Emily said. "You never know how they're going to view it; a lot of people think it's wrong."

But Emily said she has no regrets about her decision, even offering advice to people who are considering her procedure.

"If you want to do it because one person told you that you looked bad or you're just going through a phase, then don't do it, because it's going to be a change that will last the rest of your life," she said. "But if it will really make you feel better about yourself, then you should go ahead and have it done."

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**PROTEST**  
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class, we would," he said.

Though many students lauded the protest, some still said war is the only way to remove Hussein from power.

Senior Brian LiVecchi, a member of the Association of Student Patriots, said the ultimate goal needs to be removing Hussein from office. "The most important aspect of the war is to disarm (Hussein)."

But the protesters said the war could be more damaging than leaving Hussein in his seat. "We're alienating ourselves from the rest of the world if we go in without (United Nations) support," Stallmann said. "That's a very dangerous risk."

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ed to serve as the chairman of the committee. "He's the man that knows everything when it comes to renewable energy," Liles said.

Varner said he has done an extensive amount of research in the field of renewable energy. "Everything I've done has been based on this one subject."

Though Varner said unofficial plans for green energy on campus include thermal solar panels on the new science building and a solar water-heating system in the Morrison Residence Hall renovation project, the committee can't start work on them until the fee increase goes into effect.

But student officials said they welcome the extra time in which to structure the committee.

Nagy said that for now, the committee will be working on budgets and will write its constitution and bylaws, as well as research what the actual implementation of renewable energy will look like on campus.

"The fact that we're held back is giving us a few years to lay a good foundation for this program," Varner said.

But he said UNC's implementation of renewable energy alone will not have a significant effect on the environment as a whole. The difference will be made in spreading the idea to other universities, he said. "I hope that it provides a good first footstep for the promotion of large-scale renewable energy implementation."

Nagy echoed Varner's sentiments. "It was a bold step," she said. "I think the University could be the leader in cleaner energy of universities across the nation."

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high school, there was miscommunication from the beginning.

Many residents misunderstood the plans and thought their land was going to be taken by the government and used for the new school.

Halkiotis said the duties of school systems have expanded beyond their capabilities in some cases.

"School systems were not made to cover some of the things they are asked to deal with now," Halkiotis said. "I think what Commissioner Jacobs is proposing is totally reasonable. I think it will save some time and money."

Commissioner Moses Carey also favored Jacobs' proposal. He encouraged the board to discuss the possible changes in order to make the process move as smoothly as possible.

"This is a start," Carey said. "We have to start somewhere."

The location of the future third high school in CHCCS has not been determined yet, but the topic has been one of contention between the county commissioners and the Board of Education.

The construction cost of the school has been estimated at \$27.8 million, but a definite date has not been set to plan

and build it.

All the commissioners on the board strongly emphasized the need for collaboration with the school board on this issue.

"We need to interact with the school board and municipalities on this," said Commissioner Alice Gordon. "We need to float the idea to other groups involved and make sure it's very collaborative from the start."

Jacobs also encouraged getting the opinions of county residents in making the site selection of the future school.

"We need to engage the town concerning these ideas," he said.

Margaret Brown, chairwoman of the Board of Commissioners, said Jacobs has the board's approval to investigate further a change in the site selection process.

"I do think it would be very beneficial for the county to work with the school board in finding a location for the third high school," Brown said.

"I certainly agree with what everyone has said."

The plan the Board of Commissioners develops will go to the county manager and staff for consideration.

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