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Learning and Teaching Styles

Each one of us has a personal "learning style" which characterizes the way we collect and process information, and the way we interpret this information. Researchers have classified these learning styles into various categories, and understanding them is useful for the college instructor.

To all of us who teach, it is apparent that it is difficult to address the needs of all students at all times; and more often than not we are unaware of what our students' "learning styles" are.

It has come to our attention that **Dr Herb Thompson**, professor of Economics and Chair of the Economics department, devotes his first assignment to discovering exactly that. He asks his students to fill an on-line questionnaire on Learning Styles and to hand him the results of this questionnaire. We have asked him to write a piece on "learning styles" for our *New Chalk Talk* series. We have also asked him to share the results of the questionnaires which he has conducted over two semesters in his Microeconomics class. Dr Thompson has agreed to do this and for that we thank him very much. *New Chalk Talk* will devote the next two or three issues to this subject. They will appear starting next Tuesday.

We would like to encourage all faculty members to contribute to the New Chalk Talk series by sharing teaching and/or learning experiences.

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