

Last Thursday, October 19th, NPR correspondent Richard Harris came to the Knight Auditorium to discuss his new book, *Rigor Mortis*. The title of Harris's talk was "Science Friction: What's Slowing Progress in Research." Harris, a biomedical researcher, spoke about how the field of biomedicine is changing. His talk was not necessarily entertaining, but it was interesting to hear about how corrupt the field is and has been in recent history. Most of the corruption is related to finances and poor lab research. Harris said scientists and financial backers need to be transparent, but that would be rather difficult since there is little to no transparency in biomedicine. There is a potential crisis occurring but scientists are not doing anything about it. Harris mentioned he is not a fan of the word, but he said the field needs to change soon, or it will not exist. With the budget for research decreasing, scientists need to find a way to produce things at a lower cost. It will be very difficult with the lack of funding, but Harris seemed optimistic.