

"NO ONE DENIES THAT HE HAD THE RIGHT TO HOLD DISSIDENT VIEWS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT WAS A DRAG HAVING HIM AROUND."



# No Handguns

"And I discovered that doing the column the way I do that for every uptight person in this country, there's an uptight organization to back him up," says Art Buchwald speaking before a graduating class. "And I discovered that the most uptight organization in this country right now is the National Rifle Association. Now, before you get to like me, I am for gun registration and it's very personal with me. My neighbor has a gun, and he can't even water his lawn straight. But every time I do an article for gun registration, I get hundreds of letters all neatly typewritten telling me I'm trying to destroy the Constitution, and I discovered that everybody in this country who owns a gun also owns a typewriter. So my solution to the gun registration problem is to make everybody register his typewriter."

There has been growing pressure over the last few years to do what Buchwald and millions more Americans want. The U.S. is one of the few places in the world that guns are so common among individuals. Many European countries either ban or control guns in such ways that make them difficult or impossible to get.

Here are a few statistics from an FBI report in 1973:

- 1) Handguns account for 20% of all guns.
- 2) Handguns account for 53% of all murders — 95% of all armed robberies.
- 3) 65% of all murders involve family members or friends — simply passion crimes.

These statistics can only lead to one solution: the total ban of the sale, manufacture and ownership of all handguns. The arguments against this are weak. Handguns do not provide proper protection for store owners or home owners. Statistics show that a person is less likely to be hurt if one does not pull a gun on a robber, and they also show that 99% of home robberies occur when there is nobody is home. This compares sharply to the earlier statistic of murders involving family members.

Despite constitutional arguments, this would be completely lawful. A close reading of the second amendment shows that the constitution only guarantees the right of a militia to bear arms. This would be just as constitutional as the ban on machine guns.

Although registration is only an early stage, the arguments against it are just as weak. The Russians will not go around collecting up guns in case of an invasion. This country is too large to occupy as well as the fact there would probably be nothing left after another was that would end this way. Therefore, it can only be taken that anyone who is against registering his gun is admitting a willingness to commit a crime.

Still, the biggest obstacle to gun control legislation is a small group of people known as the National Rifle Association. This group has an \$8 to 9 million budget to make it the strongest lobbying force on the Hill today. Despite the fact that some polls have shown that a majority of Americans favor a ban of handguns, this group has done everything possible to stop it. This group has been called "Public Enemy Number 2" behind the Mafia. The reasons why stem from the fact that it has a notorious reputation of distorting the truth, and for calling gun control advocates "commies" and "pinkos."

Before you go to sleep tonight, decide whether or not you think a person should have the right to own handguns and have the right to fondle and play with them. Also recall the fact that about 25,000 people will be murdered next year because of guns, and that the only use for guns is to kill. If you think that people have that right, you won't be able to sleep if you have a conscience.



# Office of Community Service Created by Guilford

BY DAVE OWENS

"Expanding understanding through continuing education" is the thrust of the newly-created Office of Community Services of Guilford College in Greensboro.

Edwin R. Boelte, program director, said courses will be offered in many formats, including short workshops, conferences, seminars, lectures, field trips and certificate programs.

And the result? "Education can help careers and enrich personal lives," Boelte declared. "It can bring the satisfaction of meeting a challenge. And, it can be fun."

Some of the programs in various stages of planning are:

- The Metric System: Preparing for a World of Grams, Meters and Liters
  - Metrics in business and Industry
  - Financing and Managing the New and Growing Small Business
  - OD — Organizational Development
  - Product Liability
  - Production Control and MRP
  - Business Values
  - Insurance Problems and Programs for Small Business
  - Aging
  - Environmental Geology for Planners
  - Athletics and the Law
  - Forensic Science
  - Economic Crime
  - Parapsychology
  - Understanding and Helping Children in Mathematics
  - PREP — College Preparatory Courses for Adults
- "One of the most important projects deals with the lack of verbal and quantitative skills as currently expressed by educators and individuals in business, industry and government," Boelte said.

He contends that programs must be designed to improve basic skills in reading, writing speaking and math. Such programs will be designed:

To improve communications and mathematical skills of both adults and younger persons to increase chances of success in college and university work.

As refresher courses for individuals who have been out of school for a lengthy period.

To improve basic academic skills of educationally disadvantaged veterans who wish to take advantage of GI Bill benefits to prepare to complete college degrees.

To develop basic communications skills of academically disadvantaged minority groups.

To improve basic communications skills of persons employed in business and industry which may improve productivity and job satisfaction.

As refresher courses for parents who wish to effectively assist children with homework.

As refresher and remedial courses for women who are interested in returning to school or who plan to return to work.

To develop communications skills for the unemployed.

Boelte believes that a key to the success of the work of the Office of Community Services will be identifying what will be needed in the future.

"Our community can provide valuable advice on practical courses and new programs needed by business, industry, government, professional organizations and other community groups by suggesting program topics to us," he pointed out.

Boelte, former director of the Urban Center of Guilford College, joined the college in 1970 to develop and direct the Administration of Justice Program.

# Founders New Hours

Due to many requests from Guilford students, the hours that Founders Hall will be open to the public have been lengthened. Founders will now be open Sunday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 a.m. This will enable students to have additional hours to study and talk.

# New Meal Plan

BY RUTHANNA HAINES

It's been rumored that the cafeteria is going to implement a new and stimulating program to better the cafe atmosphere, and thus to improve the general digestion on campus.

This new program is an outgrowth of student input, or should we say, an ingrowth of student output. It has been christened by general consensus as the *Ron'll Shirley Chuck et al.*

The program will be evident in all phases of the Great Student Quest for Food, during 8:55 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 5:00 p.m.

At the door of the Cafeteria, we will be issued dinner jackets. Mr. Jail and his assistants will be replaced by Eva Gabor and Dustin Hoffman. The three high executioners are to be restationed as the Truckin' Trio, who will entertain the students as they sit down to enjoy their meals, and will greet them as they enter the cafeteria.

Students will be given a choice of two main dishes each meal. For example: breakfast — Ham and Cheese Omelet or Pecan Waffles, lunch — Quiche Lorraine or Cornish Game Hen, and dinner — Filet Mignon or Roast Duck. Unlimited quantities will be available.

Dessert will be brought to the tables on request by imported munchkins.

Most impressive is the plan for movement during the rush periods. This can be effected by the hiring of quick and efficient robots to serve the students.

Students will be urged to leave their trays on the tables, to be picked up by student volunteers dressed as Pillsbury Doughpeople.

Cleanup of the cafe and all the plates, glasses, etc. will be done by the robots and Hobart.

We hope this plan for meals will better serve student needs. If you have any additions or corrections, please respond to the Guilfordian Office Door, care of the author.

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"Now that's inflation . . . 2 years ago I bought that same guy for half price."