

## Kissing Contest!

In keeping with Guilford College's strivings to impart culture and to stimulate search for the Truth, the *Guilfordian* will, from time to time, be sponsoring essay contests that seek to meet the aforementioned criteria.

The first of these contests will call for an explication of that fast-rising cultural phenomenon known as "the coffeebreak."

The essay judged to be best by our editorial staff will receive the grand prize: two (2!) kisses on the cheek from members of the *Guilfordian* staff. You can spend your moment in ecstasy with either of the following pairs: Forest Hughes and Pat Townsend, or Gib Ferguson and Richard Phillips. The choice is yours! (Please for mixed pairs will be duly considered.)

All entries should be double-spaced typed with a minimum of typos. They should be returned to Founders Hall, Room 208 by 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 12.

## Harry A. Truman Scholarship

The start of a national academic search for the first Truman Scholarship candidates has been announced by the Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation.

The Honorable John W. Snyder, chairman of the Foundation's board of trustees and former Secretary of the Treasury under President Truman, made the announcement.

"The Foundation and the Truman Scholarships were established by an Act of Congress to honor one of our nation's great Presidents. This memorial is a living and prestigious one, as it provides a concrete way for our most talented college men and women to prepare themselves for careers in government."

Fifty-three students who will be in their junior year of college next fall will be selected during this year through the Foundation as the first Truman Scholars.

The Foundation will award scholarships in programs leading to careers in government and provide a maximum stipend of \$5000 a year for up to four years of college

study. In addition to being outstanding students, with a grade point average of at least "B" (or equivalent) and being in the upper quartile of their classes, candidates will be required to demonstrate a firm commitment to public service.

One student will be selected from each state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and considered as a single entity, Guam, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

For consideration as a Truman Scholar, a student must be nominated by his or her college's president, upon the recommendation of the Truman Scholarship Program faculty representative. Accredited institutions of higher education must submit their nominations by December 15, 1976. For further information, contact your designated Truman Scholarship faculty representative.

Guilford College students interested in the program can contact Dick Coe in the Placement Office.

## Do You Feel Civilly Prepared?

### CONTRIBUTION

Officials of the North Carolina Department of Military Veterans Affairs Division of Civil Preparedness will conduct a series of interviews in Guilford County, December 6 through December 10, Department Secretary John J. Tolson, III, stated today.

The interviews are the first phase of an On-Site Assistance Program to determine the status and existing level of readiness of emergency preparedness in Guilford County and its municipalities.

Among those scheduled to be interviewed are representatives of business and industry, school officials, law enforcement, fire and rescue personnel and others who participate in emergency service activities, as well as officials of the county and the municipalities.

"The program," said Tolson, "will provide citizens the opportunity to voice their opinions as to what should be done to increase local government's capability to handle disaster or emergency situations.

"Civil Preparedness, sometimes called 'emergency preparedness' or 'disaster preparedness,' is all measures taken by citizens and governments at local, State and Federal levels to minimize the adverse effects of any type of disaster. It represents an unbroken chain stretching from prevention through ultimate recover," the Secretary explained.

"Regardless of what actions may be taken at the State and Federal levels," Tolson continued, "the victims of an emergency situation are at its

mercy and must rely on local government's capability to cope with the emergency for the first 24 to 48 hours. so, it is vitally important that local government have all available resources for use in the emergency."

After the interviews are completed, they will be evaluated and presented to the Board of Commissioners and municipality officials in a Summary and Recommendations document together with an Action Plan which designates what actions should be taken and when, and identifies responsibility for the specified actions.

Tolson said that Civil Preparedness at the local level is the single most important aspect of emergency preparedness in the State. It is a people-and-property-protection plan, much like fire insurance carried on homes. "You may never need it, but, if you do, you're glad you have it," he said.

"The On-Site Assistance Program is one of the most effective studies that can be requested of the State by the local governing officials. It is one service of State Government that is available at no cost to local government, and it is up to local government to implement the recommendations without any fears of interference from the State or Federal Governments," Tolson concluded.

The Division of Civil Preparedness is one of five divisions of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs. State Civil Preparedness Coordinator is David L. Britt of Raleigh.

## Recollections at the Typewriter

Second of a series  
BY RUTHANNA HAINES

Having recently gotten into the habit of reading Charles Dickens' works again, I am reminded of the childish mutiny that he so often describes in the various London households. For example, in *Bleak House*, he describes a family called the Jellyby's, where the pack of urchins are forever getting into some kind of scrape — getting a head caught between banister railings, falling into a grungy coal bin, falling down a whole flight of stairs screaming all the way, and other like predicaments.

In my family there are four children, all girls. Every Saturday night, my dear mother would undertake to get us all cleaned up and shining for church on the following Sunday morning. you can imagine the hullabaloo caused by four young children who don't want to be washed. I realize, as I look back, that my father was never around during this ordeal. (That shows you where the intelligence comes from in our family!)

One Saturday night in particular, I remember above all others. That was the evening I found out



what a truly horrifying experience a bath can be. I was the first to be tackled of four. I was taken into our huge bathroom, stripped of all my filthy clothes, which were thrown into the washer, and deposited, struggling, in the stall. Present were a washcloth, a bar of Ivory, and a full bottle of Prell.

In my struggles, I knocked over the bottle of Prell, which Mommy had just opened. Of course, the shower floor became instantly slippery and, in feebly attempting to keep my footing, I grabbed onto the soap dish. That was slippery, too, so I went right on

down. In final desperation, I grabbed for the handles marked H and C. Inevitably, I got C, slipped on to the floor, and that freezing water began to fall.

You can imagine all the outraged screams, the running feet, the tumultuous inquiries about what was wrong, and finally, the hysterical laughter of my mother, who always has seen the funny side of every bad situation. While wailing bitterly, I was given a spongebath, dried off, and sent out to the living room to wait until the others received their baths, at which time we would be read our weekly story. I remember vividly the story we were told that evening. It was the opening section of *Oliver Twist*, a most appropriate Dickens novel.

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