

Permit to Purchase—Need a License?

(A few weeks ago THE JOURNAL ran an article about the ridiculously easy process of obtaining a permit to purchase a firearm in North Carolina. Shortly thereafter, the City of Charlotte altered its policy on gun permits. All applicants are now checked out through the Charlotte Police Department. This is the second in the series of articles initiated by that article.)

I had an appointment at the Highway Patrol station at three o'clock. It was a Friday, and I had not had a haircut in six weeks. I wore my glasses and a white shirt and tie (I NEVER wear a tie). Seeing a sign that said, please be seated. You will be called," I sat down. When the heavysset man in a kaiki outfit said, "Are there any more two-thirty appointments waiting?", I began a series of lies that would make sound honest. I said, "I have a two-thirty appointment."

The patrolman then smiled at me and asked if I had my renewal card that was sent in the mail. I lied and said that I had moved, so I didn't get it. He looked at my old license and asked what my new address was. Caught?Nope - I replied, "I

moved back." He handed me a copy of the test (it was a series "a" copy), which a friend had already told me about. As I was beginning to write my answers, a lady behind a desk said, "Who has been waiting the longest?" I said that I had and went to her desk. She copied the information from my old license, but I told her that I had recently moved, which was not true. She typed the fictional address on my new license.

Since I had already looked

up all the questions on the test, I knew all the right answers. I answered the last four incorrectly. An examiner called for the person who had been waiting longest, and I sprang up. As he had me look at an eye chart, he checked the test paper. He didn't say anything to me about the incorrect answers. I read six of the eight letters on the chart wrong with my glasses off. Six of eight! He told me to replace my glasses and tell what the signs meant. There were

twelve of them; I missed four. He took my money and sent me over for a photograph - NO RESTRICTIONS. I sucked in my cheeks and squinted at the camera. The picture does not even resemble me.

I got a haircut the next day. I don't wear a tie anymore. And my vision is really not very good. It took me fifteen minutes to get a North Carolina Operator's License. It's for sale. Think I'll go into dentistry next week.

New Record

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worse. The only thing which could save the record would be an enticing, original melody go with either set of bad lyrics. Mr. Cheek fails to produce this so both records become less than mediocre.

"Well Done (Little Girl)" plays for 3:35 in which Mr. Cheek repeats the title some 15 times. This occupies most of the record and the rest has nothing better to offer. The melody is a traditional country and western sound without any special elaboration. It sounds as if he does about five chord changes on his guitar and nothing more.

"Can't Find A Thing To Do" is an upbeat nonsensical offering. The guitar run has little more flourish, but still a standard matter not deviating from anything that someone who can handle a guitar couldn't do better. The lyrics the song go something like "I like to do my thing too, but I can't find a thing to do." Mr. Cheek, if this is the best you can do with your thing, then we suggest you find something else to do.

"School Board is made Up of Intellectual Cadavers..."

By Eileen Auerbach

I don't like this book therefore you can't read it! I don't like this movie therefore you can't see it! I don't like this painting, drawing, etching-therefore you can't look at it! This is censorship- the most illogical, flagrant misuse of public power.

I have the right to reject anything I don't like. I have the right to reject anything which offends me. I have the right to not see or hear any art form which I don't want to see or hear, but do I have the right to reject for someone else? Does anyone?

To disagree with a publication or a person is one of the basic tenets upon which this country was founded and

the right to disagree is guaranteed in the Constitution of the United States. This same principle works another way. We call it FREEDOM of Expression. Let's be consistent!

The SCHOOL BOARD'S negative reaction to INQUISITION was almost to be expected. People become old when their ideas become old, and the BOARD is made up of intellectual cadavers who have no room for views opposing their own antiquated "thoughts(unquote...)...besides this is an election year.

If a child is educated properly (i.e. honestly) by his parents, he can rationally weigh the artistic worth of art form debasing life, reject or accept different philosophies presented to him, and synthesize adequately

thoughts and ideas. A damnable job done by parents should not be left to the officialdom of the censor to correct.

Censorship is not just confined to people with long hair and beards, its illogicality affects everyone. I, for one, have enough pride and intelligence to be offended when told what I CAN see or read. Don't you?

Dedication

The University will formally accept the Van Landingham Glen at 3:00 P.M., Sunday, April 27 at the garden site on the east side of the campus. At that time, the garden will be dedicated as a place of beauty and as a source of inspiration to visitors to the University.

The donor of the garden is Mr. Ralph Van Landingham of Charlotte, who will be represented at the dedication by his niece, Miss Susie Cordon. We expect the hybrid rhododendron to be in bloom for the dedication.

Members of the Faculty and Staff and the Student Body are cordially invited to attend.

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law-makers that all students and faculty members ever do is plan the coming revolution, occupy administration buildings, disrupt cafeteria lines, and run around campus with little or no clothes on, half high from beer, L.S.D., or pot.

So, our erstwhile Governor has his private "shock-troops" standing by in case anyone raises his voice, and the lawmakers are contriving all sorts of goodies to "clamp down on a riotous, unruly bunch of trouble-makers". There are bills under consideration that will: greatly limit speakers on campus; subject all students to immediate dismissal if convicted of participating in a campus disorder; regulate student dorm conduct in state supported universities; and, subject all campuses to intervention by law enforcement officers without the consent of the Chancellor.

The most disastrous action is being directed at the University budget. The negative atmosphere surrounding higher education is slicing items at an alarming rate. Our University is growing rapidly, and it would be a foolish move to deny us everything but the funds necessary to meet operating expenses. We are being judged and condemned by the legislators for the actions of a small minority. Active interest in community organization, politics, and the forces that are involved in social change seems to awe our legislators. They are concerned that we do not strictly adhere to our role as students. Well, Mr. Politician, the role is changing. Times are changing, and we aren't satisfied with what you like to call progress. It seems that progress for you is at your convenience. We are anxious. We want to have a hand in shaping our destiny. Perhaps student unrest stems from the lack of this authority. It merits consideration.



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