

Urban Center Consider a Criminal Justice career

By Susan Shuford

Criminal Justice Career Day, held March 28, gave students the opportunity to discuss a number of unusual career possibilities with trained professionals.

As Criminal Justice is still one of the few wide-open fields in a declining job market, several of the agencies represented were actively recruiting students for future employment.

Represented were the F.B.I., Greensboro District Attorney's office, N.C. Highway Patrol, N.C. Dept. of Corrections, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, U.S. Marshall Service, N.C. Probation and Parole Office, and the Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Durham, High Point, Burlington, and Hickory Police Departments.

Employees from these agencies discussed pay, qualifications, benefits and other aspects of a possible career.

The F.B.I. offers the best pay in law enforcement with a starting salary of \$22,000 a year.

Representative Chuck Richard was looking for special agents, chemical analyzers, and computer programmers to help fill the 250 positions left this year all over the U.S.

Competition is especially keen, with 5600 applications annually. Fifty percent of those hired are females or minorities.

To become a special F.B.I. agent, one must have one of the following qualifications: 1) Law degree, 2) Be bilingual with a college degree, 3) Accounting degree, 4) A 4 yr. science degree plus either 3 yrs. experience or a Masters, 5) Any college degree plus three years executive professional experience.

All applicants to the F.B.I. must be 23-35 yrs. old.

According to Richard the F.B.I.'s main emphasis is on organized crime, white collar crime (like embezzlement, land fraud, etc.) and foreign intelligence; although they are authorized to investigate over 200 different violations.

Richards feels the F.B.I. is the best-trained American law enforcement agency. He enjoys his job and said, "I get a great deal of personal satisfaction from taking a known crook, who is undermining society, and putting him in jail."

Elizabeth Mabe, a current Urban Center student and Keith Holliday, a Guilford Alumni, represented the N.C. Dept. of Corrections Adult probation and parole program along with Ken Kilbarne.

Probation officers help law-breakers (who often have no one else to turn to) find employment and give referrals for drug, alcohol, and mental problems. They often prepare background reports which help judges decide what to do with an offender.

Probation officers handle both ex-cons released from prison early and offenders given



Students discuss career opportunities with members of the Greensboro Police Department.

suspended sentences. Probation, nicknamed invisible bars, is currently one of the only viable alternatives to overcrowded jails.

Pay is comparable to a teaching salary. Base pay is \$10,296 a year, and rises to a maximum of \$14,724 after seven years.

A four year degree is vital, and majors in A.J. or the behavioral sciences are preferred. Now is an excellent time to apply for probation work as there will be about 30 new positions opening across the state in July.

Although "underpaid and overworked" the three representatives all stated that they loved being probation officers and found their jobs extremely rewarding. "You've got to love people though," stated Holliday. "Sometimes you've got to become a mother and father to them."

The Greensboro and several other area police departments are currently understaffed. Applicants must be 21 upon graduation from the 17 week police academy program. High school

graduates are accepted though officers are salaried according to education level. Base pay is \$10,896 during the academy. New officers with a four year degree receive \$12,648, A.J. majors are preferred.

There are now over 100 Guilford graduates, mostly from the Urban Center, working for the Greensboro Police. The field is opening up for women also.

Several of the police departments represented offer a ride-along program in which prospective officers can sign a waiver and go along on a police beat before making the final decision to join.

Henry Poole, a Greensboro officer, commented "There isn't anything like police work. The job is exciting, fast paced and different every day."

Among the other career possibilities students explored was Juvenile detention, which offers attendant, security, director, and counseling positions. Four year degrees in A.J. or Psychology are preferred though practical experience is considered.

Greensboro's center on Wendover Avenue can accommodate 32 kids. It is basically a holding facility for juvenile offenders (usually runaways and truant) though there are more serious cases).

Mike Hoffman, attendant in charge of the juvenile detention center describes his job as "quite a challenge." "A lot of these kids have low self-esteem, and we try to encourage growth," he explained.

Most of the positions with the Greensboro District Attorney require Law degrees. However, there are openings for research assistants and investigators with a four year degree.

The N.C. Wildlife Commission was recruiting for game wardens to work with the park services enforcing N.C. game laws.

For more information on these and other Criminal Justice careers, contact Ann Johnson with the Urban Center or Dick Coe in Student Services, Bryan.

Humor and Wisdom worldwide

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"Sin un centimo"

La maestra esta enseñando a Pedrito a sumar.

--Y ahora -- le dijo --, si tuvieras tres pesetas en un bolsillo y cuatro en el otro, ¿cuánto tendrías en total?

El pequeño no respondía. La maestra repitió la pregunta y, finalmente, Pedrito habla.

--Tendría los pantalones de otro.

Worauf man in Europa stolz ist

Dieser Erdteil ist stolz auf sich, und er kann auch stolz auf sich sein.

Man ist stolz in Europa:

Deutscher zu sein

Franzose zu sein

Engländer zu sein

Kein Deutscher zu sein

Kein Franzose zu sein

Kein Engländer zu sein.

---Kurt Tucholsky

Aprendre une langue, c'est vivre de nouveau.

Semper avarus eget. (Horace)

Secrete amicos admone; lauda palam. (Publilius Syrus.)

Modum tenere debemus. (Seneca)

"Neceso laborigas la homojn"

Homo, kiu scipovas Esperanton, havas avantaĝojn en la internacia vivo. Li povas skribi al viroj kaj virinoj en multaj landoj, kaj, so li volas, amikiĝi kun ili sen la malavantaĝo de malsamaj lingvoj.

Какая погода в Индии?

Недавно Павел вернулся из Индии. Он встретил Сергея, который должен туда поехать.

--Я слышал, что ты был в Индии.

--Да, я был в Индии 2 года.

--Я должен ехать туда. Скажи мне, какая там погода зимой?

--Индийцы говорят, что там три времени года: жарко, очень жарко и очень-очень жарко.

THE WORLD'S SIMPLEST QUIZ -- from People's Almanac No. 2

1. How long did the Hundred Years War last?
2. In which month do the Russians celebrate the October Revolution?
3. In which country are Panama hats made?
4. From which country do we get Puruvian Balsam?
5. Which seabird has the zoological name Puffinus puffinus?
6. From which animal do we get catgut?
7. From which material are moleskin trousers made?
8. Where do Chinese gooseberries come from?
9. Louis XVIII was the last one, but how many previous kings of France were called Louis?
10. What kind of creatures were the Canary Island named after?
11. What was King George's first name? \$
12. What color is a purple finch?
13. In what season of the year does William Shakespeare's A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM take place?
14. What is a camel's hair brush made of?
15. How long did the Thirty Years War last?

(ANSWERS NEXT WEEK.)



Guilfordian staff poses for a quick grin. From left to right: first row: Gwen Bikis, Corky Williams, Beth Eakes, Susan Shuford, Jane Boger, Second row: Steve Lowe, Jim Hood, Brian Carey, Scott Davilla, Karen Ratledge, Mary Watkins.