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Art Buchwald, the foremost humor columnist in the country, does not have to worry about a lack of material. As he says, "Facts get in my way." At least that's what he told an avid audience of over 700 in Dunster gymnasium Tuesday night.

Buchwald's only troubles, in fact, stem from how the news outstrips him in daily (Killer rabbits, attacking presidents, etc.) and how some of his columns have starred to come true. He told the story of how he invented and wrote about the Air Force's new secret weapon: a plane that flies new format. With this and other similar nonsense, the popular writer kept students, faculty, and others laughing throughout the speech. The Lecture Series Committee's only troubles, in was, delivered in a slow, steady foghorn voice. The speech was a disappointment to some because of its short duration. Including the lecture was its success, being both entertaining and funny throughout the speech. -a-certain member of the NRA (National Rifle Association)? Buchwald's solution? Register typewriter owners.

The perfect television show: all about a crazy family from Georgia that takes over the White House. Why can't we find a decent presidential candidate? "...but half of them [the country's population] are women... We'll be ready for a woman president in six months..."

About Carter's notorious Playboy interview, and his heart felt lust: "I could not make that up." The overall impression was that we were listening to a nightly comedian doing a Washington act. But this comedian knows the political beat intimately, as he should after 32 years on the job.

After the set speech, Buchwald answered questions and conducted his own presidential straw poll. The overwhelming favorite among the audience was John Anderson (of course), with "I don't know" coming a close second. Buchwald declared himself to be an Anderson supporter. Buchwald also learned that their idol wouldn't run for President because he didn't want to be made fun of by editorial columnists. In addition, after the news, he watched M*A*S*H, Barney Miller, and Taxi. He doesn't watch too much televisio... however, because after an evening in front of the tube, "I feel so stupid."