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Pictured are the cast from the play, "A Merchant's Tale", from "The Canterbury Tales". "A Merchant's Tale" was presented on Humanities Day to area high school seniors by the UNCA Drama Department.

Photo by David Pickett

Grad school aid available

By Elise Henshaw

Students interested in furthering their education by attending graduate school, should be aware of the fact that there are various forms of financial aid available.

Money is available for graduate study in this country and abroad through fellowships, scholarships, and teaching assistantships.

Several UNCA faculty members serve as advisors for some of the more prestigious scholarship programs. They emphasize their desire to make students realize the opportunities open to them for continuing their education after graduation from UNCA.

Dr. Guy Cooper, Associate Professor of classics, said, "There is a great deal of money available from individual universities in this country."

Cooper advises students considering graduate study to first determine the colleges and universities that will best satisfy their needs. He then advises them to write to the chairman of the department of their interest to request information on applying to the graduate program. Students should also request information on available fellowships, teaching assistantships and any

other possible financial aid.

Cooper said he felt certain any department head at UNCA would be glad to assist a student in selecting the universities or colleges that would be best to contact for the student's particular needs.

Dr. Peggy Downes, Assistant Professor of literature, said she obtained both her masters degree and doctorate by utilizing fellowships and teaching assistantships. There are advantages to both. She said, "You have a free ride with a fellowship and more time to study, but a teaching assistantship offers invaluable experience."

Downes emphasized three items that are considered when a student applies to graduate school: "grade point average, G.R.E. [Graduate Requirement Exam] score, and strong letters of recommendation." She said, "It is important to write intelligent, well-organized letters and write as often as you can without making a pest of yourself. If you can visit the campus, that's best. If you can't make your face known, make your voice known."

If a decision must be made between equally qualified candidates for a scholarship, the one with the

greater visibility will usually have the advantage.

The following scholarship competitions offer excellent opportunities for graduate study. Additional information on these programs is available from the professor listed with each.

Mellon Fellowships in the Humanities are available to 100 to 125 "exceptionally promising students." These five year fellowships provide \$7,000 plus tuition and standard fees to the graduate school for the first year. Stipends are expected to increase by \$500 annually.

Winners may take their awards to the graduate school of their choice in the United States and Canada.

Any college senior or recent graduate who is an American or Canadian citizen, can present evidence of outstanding academic promise and wishes to begin graduate work in preparation for a career of teaching in a humanistic field of study is eligible for consideration.

Contact Dr. Cooper in the classics department by Oct. 15.

Harry S. Truman Scholarships enable outstanding students to

Seniors sample Humanities

By Jennifer Blalock
and Suzanne Booker

The second annual Senior Humanities Day drew 193 students from 10 area high schools to the campus of UNCA. The aim of Humanities Day, held on Sept. 23, was to help students decide whether to pursue a liberal arts education, according to Olivia Jones, coordinator of the event.

"The program should whet their appetites enough to find out what it is like to major in some area of the humanities," Jones said. Humanities Day briefly exposed the students to the fields of art, classics, drama, foreign language, history, literature, music and philosophy.

UNCA introduced Humanities Day last year in order to briefly acquaint high school students with new areas of education, according to Jones. This year's program attracted three times as many students as the 1981 Humanities Day, Jones said.

Nearly one-third of the seniors who attended last year enrolled at UNCA [19 out of approximately 65]. Although Jones said that the primary purpose of the event was not to recruit students, statistics indicate that it may boost enrollment in the future.

Arnold Wengrow's dramatic adaptation of "The Merchant's Tale," by Geoffrey Chaucer, attracted the most attention, according to the student evaluation forms Jones received.

Wengrow is director of the University Theater and associate professor of drama. Julie Gillum and Michael Manley played the leading roles in the production.

Student evaluations also indicated that the music department's performance during lunch in the student center was well-received, according to Jones.

Marian Gouge and Gary Waddell, vocalists, accompanied by Robert Brown, guitarist, performed for the students.

Kathy Crain, a student guide for the day, said, "The students seemed really interested."

prepare for careers in public service. Truman scholarships provide \$5,000 annually for up to four years, two years of undergraduate and two years of graduate study. An applicant must be a full time student and a junior.

The student must have a grade
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