

R.A. Openings

by charlotte porter

Beginning Monday, March 12, students interested in becoming resident advisors (R.A.s) the coming scholastic year may pick up applications and job description sheets from the Housing Office or any one of the three resident co-ordinators.

The deadline for returning applications is March 21, and an appointment for an interview must be made. No applicant that does not take an interview will be considered. Applicants will be judged by a board of seven, to include one student R.A., the three resident co-ordinators, and one student from each dorm. The student representatives will be chosen from a pool of about 30, to be elected in house meetings. All members of the panel will have an equal vote.

Those applying for R.A. positions must have at least a 2.0 average and have at least sophomore standing when they assume the position. Also required are the fall orientation program for R.A.s and the academic course designed for them which offers three hours credit.

Beyond this, outside work and activities must be limited so as not to conflict with the responsibilities of the R.A. Work

other than that involved with the job will be limited to six hours per week; this can be negotiated.

The job of the R.A. is less easy to define. The R.A. is intended to be primarily a friend and counselor. The R.A. has no power to enforce university policy, which prevents some potentially embarrassing conflicts between duty and friendship with the residents. The R.A. is able to refer students to professional counsellors and various facilities of the university if the student is troubled or doesn't know where to look for something he needs.

All R.A.s have single rooms in order to make students who come in for counseling more at ease. Pay that the R.A. receives is equivalent to double room rent; telephones are required and the R.A. is billed for half the cost.

To quote the qualifications sheet, the R.A. must show that he or she is capable of "strong leadership, a high degree of sensitivity for people, handle stress and emergency situations and have a high desire to be involved in student programs in the Residence Hall."

Approximately 100 students are expected to apply for the jobs open.

Plans Complete for Center Addition

by charlotte porter

The Statement of Program of the University Center Building Committee has been completed and sent to Raleigh for approval by the Division of Property Control. Once approved, work will get underway for the 40,000 square foot addition to the University Center.

The addition is latecoming for a number of reasons. First, according to Dennis Rash, Dean of Students, there was a substantial difference of opinion between the committee planners and the architects hired to help with the planning. Second, loans from the Department of Housing and Urban Development were refused since UNCC already had applications in for two dormitories. HUD approval finally came in April of 1972. Third, an increase of 300 seats in what is to be the lecture area made it

necessary for plans to be revised.

The addition will be built over part of the parking lot adjacent to the Union and will include an open plaza, lecture hall, lobby, lounge, conference area with lounge, and games room with lounge.

The lecture hall will include a small foyer which will contain restrooms, book and coat racks, and access to the mezzanine area. It is planned that the foyer be used for art shows and similar displays. The hall itself will seat about 550 and will be equipped with motorized dividing walls to separate the hall into three smaller meeting areas. The hall will be used for lectures, films, readings, skits, forums and conferences.

The main lounge area is planned as the campus "living room." It is hoped that it will be the main place on campus for

informal discussions, receptions, and meetings. Its appearance should be the most decorative in the Center. It will contain an information desk and sound system for music listening areas.

The outdoor plaza will be used for art shows, movies, cabarets, dances, concerts, and exhibits.

The addition to the center has been planned with the "university community" concept in mind. The statement of concept in the Statement of Program says that the "University Center serves as the one facility on the UNCC campus where students, faculty, and staff tend to come together periodically for productive interchange."

Ground breaking will take place sometime this year or early next. The addition should be completed by the summer of 1975.

George McGovern

Senator George McGovern, 1972 Democratic presidential candidate, will be the annual Harry Golden lecturer on April 9 at UNCC.

Dr. Morton Shapiro of UNCC, chairman of the Golden Lectureship Committee, said that tentative plans call for a cocktail party at the home of Charlotte broadcaster Stan Kaplan, a dinner

at about 6:30 p.m. in the University Center cafeteria and an address at about 8:30 p.m. in the UNCC gymnasium.

The most recent Golden lecturer was former Attorney General Ramsey Clark in 1971.

The lectureship was established by UNCC by friends of well known Charlotte writer Harry Golden.

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A lazy, rainy afternoon at Rowe...



— petitions

Complaints Against Servomation

by d. patrick miller

Campus residents are again planning to file a complaint against their food service, in respect to both the dorm cafeteria and the dormitory vending machines provided by Servomation. Last fall a petition was circulated around the dorms that brought attention to the alleged poor quality of food and unclean nature of the silverware in the cafeteria.

This time a new petition has been prepared and circulated by the Moore Hall Dorm Council that specifically cites the "pitiful quality" of the food served in the cafeteria and the "slipshod upkeep" of the vending machines located in the dormitories. The petition request improvement of the cited conditions and threatens that should Servomation refuse to comply with this request, "we will take those steps within our power necessary to rectify the situation".

What those steps might be is presently unclear and it also appears as if they may never be taken. An interview with Greg Johns, the elected president of the fourth house of Moore Hall, provided information that the mere circulation of the petition

may be having a beneficial effect on the nutritive conditions surrounding dormitory residence.

Johns said that the initial complaint arose in the Moore Hall dorm Council several weeks ago because some of the Council members felt the food in the cafeteria was too often "cold and poorly prepared".

The frequent uncleanness of vending machine areas was also a complaint, though Johns admitted that this is not entirely the fault of Servomation. Another machine worry had to do with their tendency to run out of supplies.

It was finally decided in the Moore council that a petition specifying these complaints would be circulated in each house of all three dormitories. House presidents were charged with the duty of petition circulation. The initial plan also called for presentation of the completed petitions to administrative personnel of both the University and Servomation, but at this time the plan is to submit the documents only to James Soch, administrator of the dormitory cafeteria.

Circulation of the petition has not yet been completed, due to a

late beginning of the necessary work in Sanford Hall. But Greg Johns reports that a high percentage of resident students are signing the petition, and he is hopeful that it will have a powerful effect. He noted that Mr. Soch has already been in touch with the resident coordinator of Sanford Hall, and agreed with a query suggesting that Servomation may be anticipating the petition by already beginning improvement of its service.

All in all it seems as if this problem may soon resolve itself. Campus representatives of Servomation appear fairly responsive to the needs and complaints of their customers, and usually react quickly enough to satisfy those customers, at least for a little while. Moore Hall Fourth House President Johns says that his petitioners are "serious" in their complaint, and intend to "get something done". Hopefully, what is necessary will be done, peacefully, to allow Servomation and especially their customers to get down to even more serious questions of existence.