

UNC applications fall by nearly 2,000

Almost 2,000 fewer high school seniors and graduates have applied to UNC this year as compared to 1983 after the Office of Undergraduate Admissions added a 300-400 word essay to the 1984 application, Richard Cashwell, Director of undergraduate admissions, said Monday.

"We are concerned about students verbal skills, about their writing — and (writing) in a cohesive fashion," Cashwell said.

and not to lower the number of students who are accepted to the University. Only 10,000 students applied to the University this year, compared to 11,900 last year.

Cashwell said the new essay probably would discourage students who have marginal grades and students who have a low interest in UNC.

"It will give us more time with more serious applications," Cashwell said.

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions has discussed adding an essay to the University's application for several years Cashwell said.

The new form of the University's application asks prospective students what personal qualities or accomplishments they believe will attribute most to their success as college students, Cashwell said.

Cashwell said that the University has no plans to rescind the essay in the future unless they find that the new application is somehow weeding out good students.

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Reading hour features orally interpreted literature

By TOM CAMACHO
Staff writer

At a recent reading hour in Bingham Hall, English literature Professor Christopher Armitage creatively described the 17th century themes of science, love and religion. As he quoted from such prominent 17th century writers as Sir Walter Raleigh, John Donne, Richard Lovelace and John Milton, his distinguished British accent and manner complimented the readings.

"Literature is not meant just to be read," Armitage said after his performance. "It is to be interpreted as well."

A reading hour is a forum of performances, where students, faculty members and others orally interpret and perform pieces of literature, said Randy Harrington, a graduate student in speech communications, who has been involved with oral interpretation for more than six years. Performers may choose past or contemporary literature, poetry or fiction and interpret the work or works however they want, Harrington added.

"During an oral interpretation," he said, "the performer takes the audience along." While enhancing the performer's presentational abilities, a performance gives the audience a chance to look at a piece of literature in a new way. It gives the audience a whole new perspective, Harrington added.

"Oral interpretation provides us a means to experience literary texts in a way not possible by reading them silently on a page," said Charlotte Stewart, chairperson of the reading hours this semester. "The reading hours give people an opportunity to polish their performance skills while exposing audiences to different types of literature."

In oral interpretation, there is not a lot of movement or background scenes. Performers use their voice, eyes, hands and other assets to convey the idea that they want the audience to understand, Harrington said. Acting and oral interpretation of literature are very different, he said.

UNC began holding reading hours in the late 1970s. "They served to give another dimension to our performance program," said Martha Hardy, professor and chairman of the speech department.



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Professor Christopher Armitage reads poetry in the Reading Hour, in which literature is interpreted and performed.

"In the beginning, it was just people in the speech classes who attended and performed in the reading hours."

Today, the reading hours are regularly scheduled each month, and students, faculty members and guests of the University attend and perform. Performers mainly include students from past speech 41 classes, faculty members and members of the Individual Events Team of the UNC speech and Debate Team.

The next reading hour has been tentatively scheduled for Monday March 19, featuring works by Ken Kesey, author of the novel *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*. There will be an April Fool's reading hour Monday, April 2, involving both faculty and students reading poetry humorously.

For more information on reading hours, or to schedule a performance for next semester's reading hours, contact Martha Hardy in room 115 of Bingham Hall.

Raper elected Honor Court chairman

By JIM YARDLEY
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Sarah Raper was named Honor Court Chairman in an election held recently within the court.

"I'm really excited about the whole thing," Raper said. "I've had the chance in the past to participate in other activities on campus, and I am excited to be in a position to contribute as much as I think I'll be able to."

The Honor Court is composed of 30 undergraduate court members and four undergraduate officers. In addition to the chairman, there are three vice-chairmen. Suzy Adler, Carolyn Griffin and Olly Ames were elected as the three vice-chairman for the 1984-85 academic year.

Raper said she was pleased with the present Honor Court, and would like to make the benefits of the honor system more known to the University community.

"I think David (present Honor Court Chairman David Keesler) has done a really good job," she said. "I believe the defendants have left knowing they were treated fairly. We are going to try to continue that. We will be very interested in creating more awareness of the honor system around campus. I would also like to expand our (the honor court's) education program."

"The majority of students at Carolina went to a high school where there was not an honor system," she said. "For some, it is a new concept. It's not that people are rejecting the idea; it's just that they haven't really thought about it. I would like people to be more conscious of what honor means to the individual person."

The process of electing a chairman and vice chairmen began January 30 when members of the court nominated people for the two positions. A person must have served on the court for at least a semester to be nominated.

On February 20 each candidate gave a brief speech answered

questions, gave a prepared answer to a question that was given out on Jan. 30 and answered a spontaneous question.

The candidates were considered after they had left the room and then the members of the court voted for the four offices. All members of the court vote equally in the election.

"All of the candidates for the offices were outstanding," Keesler said. "Concerning the group that has been elected, I am fully confident that they will do an outstanding job during the coming year."

"Sarah has already served for two years on the court," he said. "She has a great deal of experience in many facets of the court and the honor system as well. She served very successfully this past fall as the judicial orientation coordinator. In that capacity, she directed a program of honor code presentations for all freshmen honor classes. Perhaps most importantly, she will bring a great deal of energy to the post of chair, and I have full confidence that she will conduct the court to a successful year."

Like Raper, Keesler said he wanted to further extend student awareness of the workings of the honor code.

"We believe more people are aware of the system," he said. "During my term, there was a great increase in the rate at which violations have been reported. We attribute that change to an increased awareness within the University community of the values embodied in the honor system."

As his term comes to an end and Raper's begins, Keesler reflected on the 1983-84 term with satisfaction.

"In terms of the court this year, I think we had a lot of success particularly in two areas," he said. "Those two areas are professionalism of performance and increased educational efforts toward the University as a whole. The area involves reaching out more enthusiastically toward the University community in hope of increasing general awareness and appreciation of the benefits of the honor system."

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away from them because the small dorms don't have enough," Friend said.

But Calarco said the committee would represent the interests of the entire campus, not of North Campus residents exclusively.

"The committee would be accountable to every area," Calarco said. "If anyone felt they were treated unfairly the committee would be accountable to explain its decision."

David Lewis, an Ehringhaus resident assistant present at the RHA Governor's Board meeting Feb. 20, proposed an alternate plan which would be more acceptable to South Campus residents, Friend said. The proposal is to allow each area to control its own enhancement fund. This would allow North Campus dorms to pool their funds.

But Chip Foushee, Olde Campus governor, said pooling money would not solve the problem of having too few funds on North Campus.

"That would be taking from the poor and turning around to distribute to the poor," Foushee said.

Pooling the money of the five Olde Campus dorms would create \$1,000, Foushee said, and that is a small sum for a large enhancement project. Also, pooling money would leave the individual dorms with even less money to work with, he added.

Foushee said he liked the housing department's proposal because it encouraged long-range planning. Currently, North Campus dorms only use funds to replace broken

materials, he said, but the possibility of receiving more funds may lead to bigger enhancement projects on North Campus.

Foushee said he realized that if the proposal passed, North Campus dorms were likely to reap its immediate benefits. But he said he didn't think South Campus dorms would lose their money.

"I would think the people on the committee will be rational people," he said. "If they see that North Campus has received all the money for three years, I think they'd turn around and give South Campus some."

Friend said RHA had set up a committee to discuss concerns over the proposal and would send its recommendations to the housing department.

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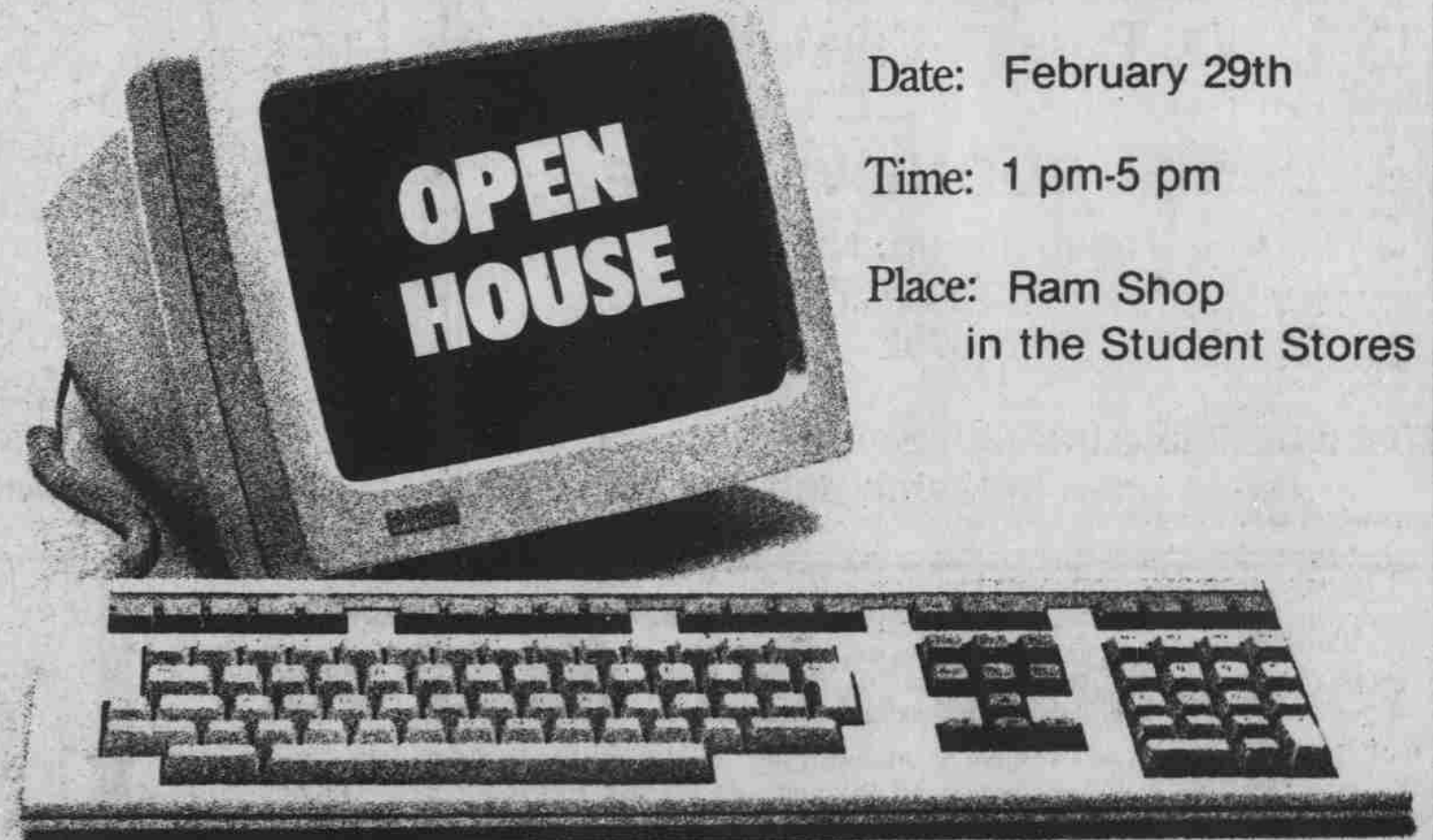
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