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RA application deadline for 44 positions nears

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Meetings continue today for students interested in being a Resident Assistant at one of the University residence halls next year.

Despite stiff competition and demanding time requirements, about 125 students applied for the 44 positions last year. About 50 applications have been received this year, according to Lou Vijayakar, area director of the Bean complex and applications coordinator. Deadline for submitting applications is April 12.

During the academic year, an RA receives free room and board, a single room, free telephone service and a stipend of \$160 (about \$17 per month). In exchange, the RA assumes responsibility for a number of administrative and social duties within the residence hall, ranging from locking and unlocking outside doors and conducting room inspections to helping to plan recreational and educational activities with dorm residents.

"I think the people that are applying for the position need to exercise really good time management," Vijayakar says. "It is a real special relationship between the RA and the student."

The RAs are considered staff members of the

University housing department, and answer to student managers and area directors who work in each residence hall. Student managers already have been hired for next year.

In addition to daytime duties, each RA is expected to work "duty nights" three or four times a week. On those evenings, the RA must be somewhere within the residence hall, which provides some students with the incentive to spend extra time on homework, Vijayakar notes. Several RAs noticed a "remarkable" improvement in their grades last term, he says.

The housing department also will hire four Resident Assistant Interns for next year. The interns will receive a free single room and telephone, but will be billed for board charges (about \$1,300). The experimental positions will help in the large residence halls and allow the student intern to receive good training toward becoming an RA, Vijayakar says.

Applications are available at the housing office in Walton Complex. Applicants must attend one of the three remaining orientation meetings being held at 7 p.m. each of the next three nights: tonight in the Bean West Conference Room, Tuesday in the University Inn Main Lounge and Wednesday (for intern applicants only) in the Bean West Conference Room.

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University geologist awarded New Mexico research position

University geologist William Holser, whose research on the chemistry of ancient oceans may one day guide deep-sea exploration for petroleum and natural gas deposits, has been appointed to an endowed professorship at the University of New Mexico.

Holser will take an unpaid one-year leave from the University to become the 1982-83 Caswell Silver Distinguished Professor of Geology at the Albuquerque school.

Holser will continue his studies of ancient marine sediments to detect and understand changes in the oceans over the last 500 million years.

During his year in New Mexico, Holser will be joined for several months by Judith Wright-Clark and Raisuddin Ahmad, two University graduate students assisting in his research.

Holser, 61, has been a member of the University faculty since 1970 when he left the Chevron Oil Field Research Co. He is a former geology department head and was an honorary Fulbright fellow in 1976.

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