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WHEN: Weekly group meetings facilitated by a professional

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First Year Reading students experience 'Rich in Love'

BY ALI FREEMAN Staff Writer

Dr. Don Greiner, assistant to the Provost, sent letters to 550 freshmen last summer inviting them to participate in the "First Year Reading Experience" by reading "Rich in Love," a novel by Josephine Humphreys, an author from Charleston.

The reading experience was such a success last year for the 380 students who read "The Water is Wide," that it was expanded this year. Next year, Greiner hopes to expand again to 750 students. "It's wonderful to start Welcome Week with an academic event rather than just social. It's great to get students and faculty talking in a nonthreatening environment," Greiner said.

At 9:30 a.m., the freshmen filled Dray-

ton Hall to hear Humphreys speak. She an exhibit in McKissick Museum in honspoke very casually and informally with the students about the book, as well as her life, the historical novel she's working on, and the strangeness and lonliness of writing.

She said that she was raised in an upper class Charleston family, but that, "at age 33, I got tired of always being a good girl. I became a writer instead of a good girl, and there's a big difference."

"She was so open and nice that at the end of the lecture when she asked for questions, the hands soared," Grein-"I enjoyed listening to her. It was

fascinating to listen to a modern writer speak and to have that kind of insight," freshman Jonathan Sharpe said.

After the lecture, the students saw

or of Humphreys' three novels. They then discussed the book in small groups with a faculty leader.

"The best part of the day was getting to know people in the group," said fresh-

man Brian Corley. Dr. Ward Briggs was a leader for one of the groups; he said, "I was nervous going in and really satisfied going out. I teach literature, and it was really to discuss something out of literary terms. It was interesting to focus instead on issues and how the students felt and responded. Even though we had just ten people, there was a real diversity of opinion within the group."

After the discussions, everyone gathered on the Russell House patio for a luncheon. Humphreys was scheduled

to attend the luncheon and sign books, but did not. She needed to return to Charleston to pack for a family trip to the Caribbean.

"After the stimulating lecture and discussion, the luncheon was anticlimactic," Amy McCormick said. Many students, including McCormick's roommate, who bought three copies of "Rich in Love", were dissapointed that Humphreys did not sign books.

The day concluded with a showing of "Rich in Love" in Russell House Theater. McCormick said, "I was glad the University showed an interest in literature and especially in exposing students to a day of activities centered around a good book by an author from South Carolina."







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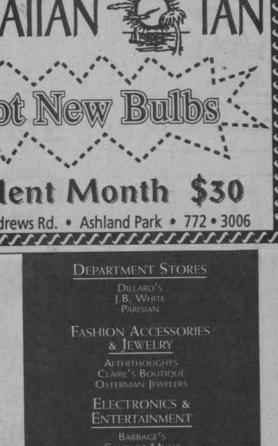
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