

Preview alleviates those new student nerves

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Learning your way around campus and learning about the activities and the opportunities you can find on campus is part of the process of coming to a big state university like USC.

So the Student Orientation has set aside a special week called "Carolina Preview" for all new students.

"Carolina Preview" is an annual week-long program with a host of activities for the new student to do, said Jimmy Hefley, the Carolina Preview graduate assistant.

"We have been working on planning this week since January. Our goals for the week are to offer a diverse supply of events and to show them the different areas at USC they can become involved in," Hefley said.

The Student Orientation Office and various other organizations on campus such as the Carolina Program Union and Off-Campus Student Service have teamed up to present the many programs scheduled for the week, he said.

The week of events begins on Aug. 20 when residence halls open at 10 a.m. The first major event is scheduled

for students who live off campus called "Soar Into Your Off-Campus Experience."

According to Off-Campus graduate assistant Faye Sanders, the event is especially designed for off-campus students who are new to the area.

"We are going to have skits about fears and expectations of coming to college and living in an apartment alone for the first time. We will also be giving out packets. In the packets will be fliers. One flier will be about lockers off-campus students can get in the Russell House. Another will be about events for off-campus students such as tail-gating and our first meeting with an ice cream social," Sanders said.

Sanders recommended that students who need more information contact the Off-Campus Student office at 777-4174.

At 7 p.m., President James Holderman will give his annual speech in the Koger Center for the Arts welcoming all new students to USC.

The week will also be filled with its annual-not-so-fun traditions such as mandatory residence hall meetings for all new students on Aug. 20 at 7 p.m. and the freshman placement tests in the Nursing Building on Aug. 21 from

12:45 until 5 p.m. But the program will also have events that are fun as well as present very informative sessions, Hefley said.

"One new event we are having this year is the Freshman Colloquium on Monday, Aug. 21 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. All new students should attend. It will be a really informative time," Hefley said.

The colloquium will be divided into two parts. The first part will feature a series of speakers who will discuss such topics as alcohol/drug abuse, racism/sexism, safety, health/wellness, behavior guidelines, and AIDS and sexuality, Hefley said.

During the second part of the colloquium, the students will be divided into 50 small groups and relocated to various places on campus where a faculty member and an upperclassman student leader will discuss the topics and answer questions, he said.

A Minority Student Affairs Freshman Workshop will

Russell House Ballroom. A reception will follow in Gambrell Hall room 153. The program and reception is designed to introduce minority students to the many services offered by the Minority Student Affairs office, Hefley said.

The fun will be provided with help from CPU, Hefley said. For the first time this year, Carolina Preview will feature extra, extra entertainment, he said.

CPU will present "Rock and Roll Comedy on Piano" with Carl Rosen at 8:30 p.m. Aug. 22 in the Russell House Ballroom and hold an outdoor movie, "Big," at 9 p.m. Aug. 24 on Intramurals Field A. CPU will also feature a concert by Hootie and the Blowfish from noon until 4 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Intramurals Field.

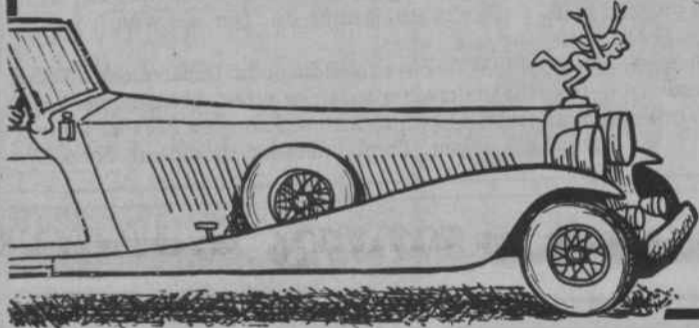
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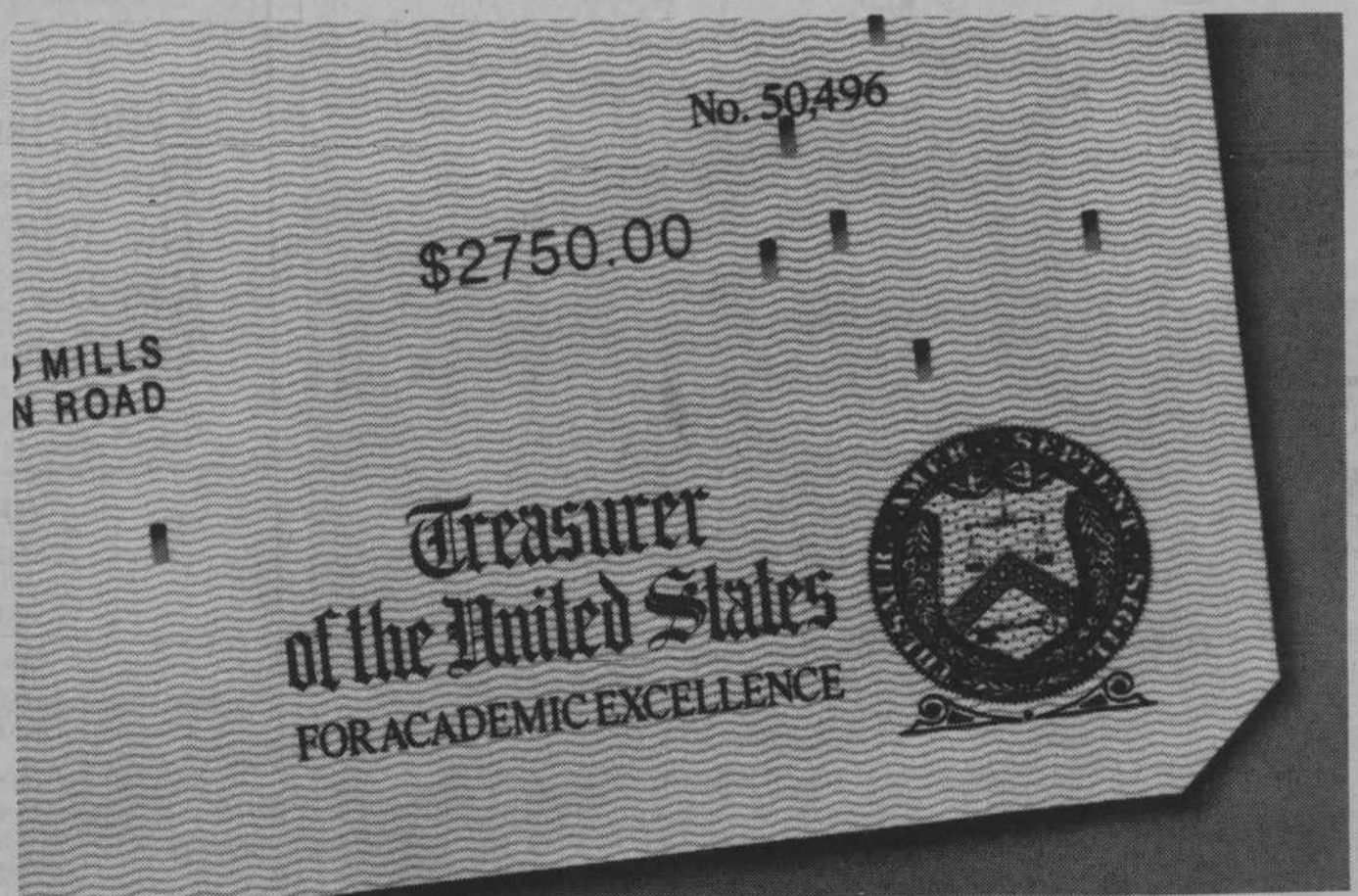
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