

USC/Clemson share ideas

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The annual Clemson-USC Leadership Exchange took place Wednesday at Clemson, where student representatives from both universities gathered to discuss issues facing their campuses.

Leaders were present from the two schools' student governments, minority organizations and newspapers. Clemson President Max Lennon welcomed the group and discussed what his school is focusing on.

"Graduate students are very important to us," Lennon said. "But undergraduates are a priority as we see it. We have a commitment to the excellence of our undergraduate programs."

USC Student President Tom Young offered the traditional letter of good will to Clemson leaders.

The group then met for an informal discussion about higher education and concerns both campuses share.

The need for a student honor code to govern areas such as cheating was a hot topic at the meeting. USC Student Vice President Kelli Lister said the creation of a code would have benefits for a university.

"When a school has a code of honor, it's saying something," she said. "It's saying that cheating isn't going to be tolerated."

Lennon said Clemson's student government has tried to devote its attention to several key areas that are most important to its students.

"Since 50 percent of our students live off-campus, it is important that we have good relations with the community," he said. "We are making efforts to strengthen those."

"We are also working on a debit card system that students could use on and off campus. Finally, we are continuing to work here at Clemson and in lobbying the legislature with other schools to make sure the things our students need are funded."

Lee McCallum, USC's Association for African American Students first vice president, discussed racial tension on campus. He told Clemson leaders about USC's race relations forum earlier this semester.

Clemson students asked Young about some problems he thought minorities encountered at USC.

"Unfortunately, there are professors at the university with attitudes which could be called racist," he said. "Carolina needs to be more active in hiring minority faculty members. Right now, there are not very many of them."

At the end of the day, the two student presidents continued a tradition of exchanging sweatshirts from their schools. The student president of the losing school in Saturday's football game will have to wear the other school's sweatshirt next week.

"I think we were able to learn some things from each other Wednesday," Young said. "We had some constructive discussion on areas such as honor codes and budget."

"I would have preferred more time for discussion, and I hope in the future more time can be set aside for it," he said.

'Jail and Bail'



Waiting for bail are business freshman Joe Good, political science freshman Jimmy Moore, history senior Brian Hillen and English sophomore Andy Fields during Kappa Alpha's and Chi Omega's "Jail and Bail" on Thursday afternoon.

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Congressman speaks to frat, other guests

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Congressman-elect Jim Clyburn spoke to Omega Psi Phi fraternity and guests Wednesday night in the Russell House Ballroom.

The newly elected official from the 6th Congressional District and alumni of Omega Psi Phi gave a motivational speech to the students.

Clyburn spoke on the importance of holding onto one's aspirations and to keep in mind that no doors can be closed on an educated mind.

"My main motivation when speaking is to spend as much time getting young people involved in more of the political process than just voting and avoiding the idea of 'fashion politics' by not browbeating my statistics and providing a more general scope in accordance to my audience," Clyburn said.

Omega Psi Phi President Victor Jones said he was pleased with the turnout. He said there was representation from every African-American organization on campus.

"It is a great honor to have a speaker of this caliber here at USC representing such dedication towards the young people in this community," Jones, a political science senior, said.

"Congressmen Clyburn has had a major impact being the first black congressman in the African-American community, and we felt it was imperative to have him as a guest speaker," Omega Psi Phi member Warren Harley said.

Clyburn is the first black congressman from South Carolina since Reconstruction in 1892.

Rick Wade, Omega Psi Phi adviser, concluded the program by challenging the audience to strive for excellence.

"Become leaders and accept the challenge Brother Clyburn has given you, brother and sisters, as black Americans at the University of South Carolina," Wade said.

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