

RH patio entourage just average folks

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USC — Anyone who has gone to the Russell House via the patio has most likely passed an odd-looking group of students who seem to live at a table outside the Grand Marketplace.

You may call them radicals, far-leftists, losers or punks, but it turns out there is a more fitting word to describe them: average.

That is right. They may not look like everyone else on campus, but these table potatoes have a lot in common with the typical college student. To clear up one misconception, members of this group do take classes. Most of them are earning between 15 and 18 hours this semester, which is what most advisers suggest students take.

This group is not planning to overthrow the government, either (although it may be a good idea). They are not discussing revolution out there, only MTV, music and drugs. And what college student can say one of these topics has never come up while talking to friends?

It turns out not everyone at this table is a bleeding heart liberal, although most of them are. Junior Adam Strong, more of a permanent fixture than the bench he sits on, actually considers himself a conservative. And all of them are disappointed in Presidents Bill and Hillary Clinton.

"I'm very liberal, but he's a bad president," freshman Artis McClendon said.

Equally underwhelming to them



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Christine Delage, William Araya and Cullen Nolan hang out on the Russell House Patio discussing life, politics and music.

is SGA, which "you only hear from during elections," said Strong, who added, "Carl Solomon is a better president than Tom Young was."

Speaking for all of the gang and much of the student body in general, sophomore Stephanie Hanes said overnight visitation and pot legalization are the key rules they want changed. McClendon added: "You should be able to skate wherever you want."

The members share the opinion of the student body about the food they are so close to. "It sucks," Strong said.

It seems the main difference between these individuals and the mainstream is where they eat and what they wear. There is no dress code, but boots, Chucks, flannel and anything baggy are constants. A young lady with hair the color of

clothes you threw away in the '70s describes the style as "anti-fashion."

Strong said they hang outside because inside is "stuffy" and smoking is not allowed.

McClendon said there are other motives. "Half the reason we're out here is some messed up stuff happens out here," he said. "There's people watching us. They had some Mimes for Christ out here last year. You see a lot."

Although it humors them, all group members wish people would not stare at them. "People look at us funny," Hanes said. "Do they think we're freaks?"

They are fun to look at as a group or when they are falling off their skateboards, but McClendon may be right when he said, "I don't think we're any different."

FOWL PLAY

Turkey lovers gobble up good grub

By WENDY HUDSON
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USC — It is Turkey Time! Thanksgiving is almost here, and with it comes time with family, fellowship and, best of all, food.

Thanksgiving is traditionally a time for turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. But the table would be pretty bare if that is all there is.

Some people stick with side dishes such as green beans and butter peas, while others try something different such as sauerkraut. No matter what the family dinner tradition is, a lot of food is probably part of it.

These recipes are some easy, quick side dishes. The cheese ball is good for those who cannot wait for dinner to start. Pass them along to the Thanksgiving dinner cook. Do not gobble up too much turkey next week.

Sweet Potato Souffle spoon)
1 small onion chopped (optional)

Ingredients:
6-8 medium sweet potatoes, sliced and cooked
1 cup sugar
1/3 stick margarine
1/2 teaspoon salt
1.5 teaspoons vanilla
2 eggs, beaten
1.5 cups milk

Directions:
Drain and mash the potatoes. Combine the remaining ingredients. Spray a casserole dish with cooking spray, and put the mixture into it.

Topping:
1 cup brown sugar
1/3 stick margarine, melted
1/3 cup plain flour
1 cup nuts (optional)
Mix the topping ingredients, and sprinkle on top of the casserole. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Brown Rice
Ingredients:
1 cup rice (not instant)
1 can beef broth soup
1 can consommé soup
1 pat butter (about 1 table-

Directions:
In a deep casserole dish, pour in the rice and then the two cans of soup. Do not dilute the soup with water. Put the butter pat on top. Cook in the oven at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until the rice has no soup at the bottom.

Large Cheese Ball
Ingredients:
2 8-ounce packages cream cheese
2 cups pecans, chopped
2 tablespoons onion, chopped
1 8.5-ounce can pineapple, drained
1/4 cup bell pepper, chopped
1 teaspoon salt

Directions:
Soften cream cheese (put in microwave uncovered for one minute) and combine pineapple, one cup pecans, bell pepper, onions and salt. Chill well. Form into ball, and roll in one cup pecans.



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Wednesday, Nov. 17

Chimera Self-defense Workshop, 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Female faculty and staff should call 777-8248 to reserve a space.

Internship Workshop, 4 p.m., BA 601B

International Coffee House, 7 p.m., Wade-Hampton Lobby. Topic: Womens' Roles: Cross-Cultural Perspectives. Sponsored by

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OXFAM Fast Day, 7 p.m., PALM Center. Fast so others can eat.

Interfaith Hunger Awareness Service, 7 p.m., PALM Center

"Two Rooms," 8 p.m., Benson Theatre. Presented by student theatre organization. 777-2551.

Women Students Association, 6 p.m., RH 201. Topic: breast cancer.

Thursday, Nov. 18

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, 8

p.m., RH 202. Speaker is Marion Aldridge, pastor of Greenlawn Baptist Church.

Burnout Prevention/Coping with Stress Workshop, 2 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Counseling and Human Development Center. 777-5223.

"Two Rooms," 8 p.m., Benson Theatre. Presented by student theatre organization. 777-2551.

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Corrections

The story about the Traditional Living Center in the Nov. 10 Gamecock should have said the center is for physically handicapped students.

The Gamecock regrets the errors.

The story about Derby Days in the Nov. 15 Gamecock should have said \$1,000 will be distributed among the top three sororities in the competition, according to Geoff Richardson.

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