NEWS The Gamecock

Exchange offers students opportunities

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The National Student Exchange (NSE) program is searching for sophomores and juniors to discover the opportunities that await them at 124 various American collegiate institutions.

The USC branch of NSE, located in the Educational Support Services Center at 1625 College St., is actively recruiting Carolina students who have completed at least one semester at USC and have at least a 2.7 cumulative GPA.

These qualifications, plus an in-depth application, faculty recommendations and an essay, are required for a student to become a member of NSE.

Applicants are asked to highlight their reasons for selecting a particular school. Academic objectives, hopes for social and personal gains, educational enhancement and demographics are all included in the NSE application.

Amy Taylor, Assistant NSE Coordinator, said the temporary pains of an application are well worth the benefits NSE students receive.

Placement of NSE students ranges from Hawaii and the Virgin Islands to Alaska and Maine. Popular states for

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doors open."

The atmosphere of the college led to the formation of new relationships.

"People that live here want to be here, unlike other dorms. Everyone in Preston College is involved in other things on campus," resident Jenny Malizia said. "This is my first year to this school, and it has helped me meet a lot of people."

Any student interested in Preston must submit an application and have a minimum of 2.3 GPA. There is a selection committee that evaluates students' applications. The application deadline is Wednesday, Feb. 14. Applications and more information are available at the front desk of Preston.

Student Media

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USC students are California, Colorado, Hawaii, New Mexico and Utah.

Currently, 75 Carolina students are members of NSE, and 100 students hope to be granted membership for the 1996-1997 academic year.

Students join NSE for a variety of personal and academic reasons.

Members of NSE pay USC tuition and fees and the room and board fees of

the host campus. Plus, the usual hassle of red tape is avoided. Instead of students having to deal with the normal paperwork associated with transferring to another institution, NSE handles all the arrangements.

Many members of NSE enjoy and appreciate this unique opportunity.

"NSE is a great way to learn about yourself and others in a new environment," said Kim Lucas, a former NSE member from New Mexico. "Not only do you make friends with the students at the exchange university, but you develop a close bond with the exchange students there from other parts of the United States."

NSE offers opportunities to students from exchange programs across the

Promotion gives away CDs

CDs.

Virgina

What three things do most college students need? If you guessed deodorant, CDs, and food and beverages, you're right.

What's even better is you can get these for free tonight at the Russell House ballroom, thanks to Carolina Productions and Market source at the Right Guard RightSound Listening Party.

Go by the ballroom at either 7 or 9 p.m and check out a 90-minute music video presentation of new groups such as Echobelly, Emmitt Swimming, G. Love and Special Sauce and Presidents of The United States of America and leave with their CDs.

In addition, students can also snack on free food and taste free beverages provided by Arizona Beverages. The CDs

Classifieds Work

Call 777-1184 to place your ad or to find out more information.

United States. Thus, USC also has its share of students who have left their home campuses to experience life in Columbia.

USC now boasts of about 75 new Gamecocks who have come from various states to become a part of the Carolina student body. The academic draw for these students are the colleges of Business, Biology and Journalism and Mass Communications.

However, the real bait for prospective exchange students appears to be Columbia's climate.

"I came on exchange to USC for the warm weather and to experience life at a large university," said Amy Taylor, an NSE member from Colorado. "This experience has given me a chance to explore the East Coast as well as opportunities with the university. I have grown to love the Southern hospitality and owe it all to NSE."

Although applicants to NSE are not guaranteed placement at their first choice, they are asked to list four institutions where they would be satisfied. The deadline for applications to NSE

for the 1996-97 academic year is 5 p.m. Feb. 16th.

will be provided by Sony, who is also

providing Sony Playstations to sample

concert committee was so eager to do it

(Right Guard tour) was it combined music

with a free giveaway to get students in,"

said Vance McNabb, Carolina Productions

have been selected to host the Right

Guard and RightSound Listening Party.

USC is the third stop for the tour, which

has already been to Boston and West

people at each party," said John Hall,

manager and host of the Right Guard

tour. "We had as high as 800 (students

For more information about the event,

Battecock

"Td love to see as many as 700 or 800

Twenty-five schools across the country

Concert Commissioner.

attending) up in Boston."

contact McNabb at 777-7130.

"The reason the Carolina Productions

Elections debate today

Briefs

The Gamecock, Carolina Productions and Student Government will be sponsoring a debate of the executive office candidates. The debate will be held from 1-2 p.m. in front of the **Russell House on Greene Street**

Clothesline Project starts

The second annual Clothesline Project is a visual display honoring women who have survived intimate violence. Women are invited to design a T-shirt that reflects their feelings about their experiences. Each shirt will be on display during Women's History Month in March. Women interested in participating should attend a shirt-making session in Russell House from 7-9 p.m. tonight (room 305), Feb. 21 (room 302) and Feb. 27 (room 305). Counselors will be available for assistance at each session. Call Kim Sheffield at 777-8248 for more information.

Sound Listening Party tonight

Right Guard RightSound Listening Party will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in the Russell House Ballroom. Tickets will be available at the information center in the RH Lobby. There will be free CD samples, giveaways, games, sweepstakes and refreshments. The party is free.

Academic Skills workshop today

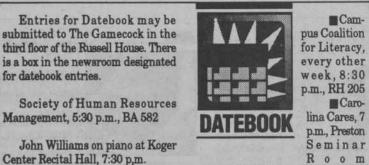
The Academic Skills Program will present a workshop on Textbook Mastery and Notetaking today from 12-1 p.m. in Room 315 of the Russell House. It will continue 3-4 p.m. in the Tower's Conference Room.

Career research opportunities The S.C. Cancer Center is

sponsoring cancer research opportunities in laboratories at **USC and Richland Memorial** Hospital. The program runs from June to August and provides a \$2,000 stipend. Applications are available in the office of Dr. Stanley Fowler. Call 733-3331 for more information. The deadline is March 1.

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PALM Campus Ministry, dinner

Student National

and program, 5:30 p.m., 728 Pickens

Pharmaceutical Association, first and

third Wednesdays of each month, 5:30

p.m., Coker Life Sciences Building

lounge. Call Sonia at 544-0899 for

Young Democrats, 7 p.m., RH

Student Government Senate,

Women Students' Association,

Carolina Productions Marketing

Carolina Productions Special

Carolina Productions Black

College Republicans, 7:30 p.m.,

The Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian

Psi Chi, every other week, 8

Fellowship of Christian Athletes,

9:15 p.m., Williams Brice Club level

Programs Commission, 6:30 p.m., RH

Cultural Commission, 7:00 p.m., RH

Gambrell 250. Call 343-7194 for more

Association, 8 p.m., BA 436

p.m., Barnwell 510

Commission, 6 p.m., RH 201

Wednesdays

more information.

5 p.m., RH Theater

6 p.m., RH 203

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information.

Sundays

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PALM Campus Ministry, Worship and Dinner, 5:30 p.m., 728 Pickens St.

Entries for Datebook may be

third floor of the Russell House. There

Management, 5:30 p.m., BA 582

Center Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.

for datebook entries.

Student Government Executive Cabinet, 6 p.m., Witten Room Sorority Christian Fellowship,

7:30-9 p.m., basement of South Tower. For more information, call 779-7173. Ballroom Dance Club, 4-5 p.m.,

Blatt PE Center107

Mondays

Model United Nations Club, 8:30 p.m., RH 302

Sorority Council, 5 p.m., RH Theater

Fraternity Council, 4:30 p.m. Carolina Productions Traditional Events Commission, 6:00 p.m., RH

Carolina Productions Ideas and Issues Commission, 6:30 p.m., RH 203

Carolina Productions Performing Arts Commission, 7 p.m., RH 201

Tuesdays

Newman Club, 7 p.m., St. Thomas More Center

🔳 Hillel, 7:30 p.m., Immaculate Consumption, 933 Main St. For more information, call Roger Rachima at 544-2523

SAGE (Students Allied for a Greener Earth), 7-8 p.m., RH 302 Association of African-American

Students, 6 p.m. P.E.E.R.S. meeting, every other week, RH 315

Carolina Productions Concerts

Commission, 7 p.m., RH 203 Carolina Productions Cinematic

Arts Commission, 7 p.m., RH 309 Carolina Productions

Membership Commission, 5:30 p.m., RH 201 Carolina Productions

Homecoming Commission, 7:30 p.m., **RH 348** RHA Senate, 7 p.m., Grayson

Room in Patterson Hall

Scholarship Donors Lounge Thursdays Habitat for Humanity, 5:30 p.m., RH 205

🔳 Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, 7:30-9 p.m., RH 322/326 Baptist Student Union, Heart to Heart, 7 p.m., BSU Center

 Campus Crusade for Christ, Prime Time, 7:30 p.m., Calcott 15 Omicron Delta Kappa, every

other week, 6 p.m., RH 203 Students For Christ, 7 p.m., RH 302. For more information call Ryan or Jamie at 544-0828

Carolina Productions Executive Council, 3:30 p.m., RH 201 Carolina Productions Finance

Commission, 5:30 p.m., RH 201

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If you are currently living on campus, and plan on signing up for a space next year, you must fill out your social security number on the scan form that was delivered to your room this past week.

It's one bubble sheet worth paying some attention. Don't worry, it's not a pop quiz or a midterm, so you don't have to study.

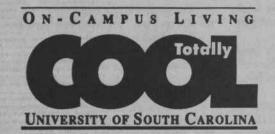
By bubbling in your social security number and returning this scan form by February 15 (to your Area

Office or the Central Housing Office at 1215 Blossom St.), you'll receive an appointment time and can sign up for on-campus housing next year.

No scan form. No appointment time. No housing.

Now if only we could make getting a date for Valentine's Day this simple.

USC Housing. The Cool choice.



Regular Housing sign-up will be March 19-21. Students will be notified of their assigned time slots the week of Feb. 26. Additional scan forms may be picked up in any Area Office Be on the lookout for a 1996-97 Sign-up Booklet that will be delivered to your room the week of Feb. 26 If you have any questions, call 7-4283.

SCAN FORMS ARE DUE FEB. 15!