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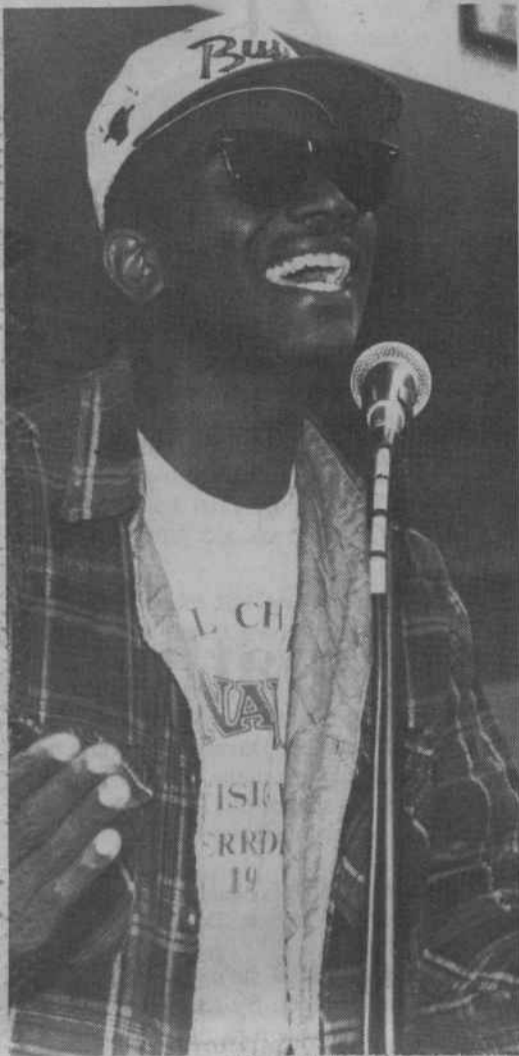
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Races meet to expose problems

'We are all here to help one another'



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An African American student pleads for better race relations.

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The "Open Forum on Race Relations" Wednesday night gave about 200 students a chance to better understand one another and vent their frustrations, even to the point where one female student cried.

For about two-and-a-half hours, the students in attendance discussed racial issues — a major concern of USC. A panel of five faculty members aided the students in discussing matters as they addressed specific issues.

David Haller, assistant chief of staff for student government and coordinator of the forum, said the discussion was sponsored by student government because they were "tired of the on-going racial battle in *The Gamecock* with letters to the editor."

"I came out here tonight because I wanted a better understanding of the causes of racial tension," said international studies senior Karen Eide.

Eide, who is white, added, "I wanted to know the truth, the facts and how people felt. I think I got all of that here tonight."

About two-thirds of the students in attendance were black while the remaining one-third were white. Some felt this made USC an "apathetic" campus because an even representation of both groups was not in attendance.

"I am upset that most white students who should be here are not. We are all

here to help one another. I am not out to see how many people I can oppress," said history graduate Will Christman, who is white.

African-American students admitted they believe they are treated with a "lack of respect" every day at USC. Moreover, they believe a certain amount of degradation is inflicted upon them by the campus community.

African-American studies senior Charles Shannon Jr. said, "I think we have a lack of respect for African-American history. We are being denied of our heritage."

Another issue students brought to the floor was the hanging of the confederate flag, which still hangs atop South Carolina's state capitol.

African-American students contend the flag is very offensive and symbolic of slavery, while white students maintain it is representative of the history and tradition of the South.

"The confederate flag is a symbol of the history of this state and this nation. Unfortunately, it has been perverted by the KKK, but that should not take away from its symbolic history," Christman said.

Ce Ce Byers-Johnson, an African-American panel member from the Atlas Road Alternative School, said, "If the State House is supposed to represent all of its people then there should not be anything in or on it which would offend any of them."

Mark Delancy, another panel member from the government and international studies department, said "one of the problems in a discussion like this is that people tend to want to speak for an entire race."

"We are brought up to think in terms as groups. Until we stop this, we are going to continue to see problems in multicultural communication," he said.

Another controversial issue raised by African-American students was the use and context of the word "nigger." The students maintained they become very offended when a white student uses the word.

"If any of you (white students) use the word 'nigger,' you should be ready to face the consequences. I personally do not accept the word from anyone," said Association for African American Students President Donna Moore.

Towards the end of the discussion, a white female student became so outraged by what an African-American student said, she cried.

Shannon told the white students in the audience they should, "wait until the year 2070 when the power structure of this country is reversed and whites are the minority. Then you (whites) should be scared because you will be feeling the oppression that we (African Americans) feel now."

The white female student, who did not want to reveal her name, could not understand how someone would "want to wish that suffering on anybody."



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...while this white student listens to his plea.

New garage gets 180 more spaces

By GORDON MANTLER
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One-hundred-eighty more parking spaces will be added to the new parking garage, a board of trustees committee recommended Wednesday.

The accepted bid, by McCrory Construction, came under the university's allowed budget for the garage, located at Pickens, Henderson and Senate streets, enabling the Building and Grounds Committee to approve an additional level. The total amount of spaces available for students and faculty will be 777, an increase from 587.

"The economy was the main reason the bids were low," Charlie Jeffcoat, a committee member said.

The garage is expected to be completed by Aug. 24, 1992, in time for the beginning of the fall semester.

"We're on a very tight schedule," said Bill Baker, director of Parking and Vehicle Registration Services.

Construction started in the commuter lot and will move to the regular lot by Monday.

The next president?



Eric Glenn/The Gamecock

William Kreml, a USC professor, announced his candidacy for the United States presidency. Kreml will run as a Democrat.

Homecoming to get vote

By KATHY HEBERGER
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The Homecoming queen issue isn't dead, the advisement process should get better and Greene Street gates may stay closed from 8 a.m. — 4:30 p.m., the student senate decided Wednesday.

In its longest meeting this year, the student senate passed three resolutions and voted against another.

Senator Kelli Lister's resolution to gather student opinions about the Homecoming queen tradition passed 28-4. The resolution requests a question about continuing the Homecoming queen tradition be on the February 1992 student government election ballot.

"I've heard a lot of griping about it, and I feel the students need to have a say in it," Lister said.

The Homecoming Commission dropped the Homecoming queen tradition this year because the tradition caused division among the student body.

Beth Dubil, Homecoming Commissioner for 1991, said the resolution doesn't change how she feels about the decision to end the Homecoming queen tradition.

"I think it's a lot of hype about nothing," she said. "Students don't care."

The 1992 Homecoming Commissioner Ilana Myerson said the commission will not ask for funding for the queen. "We don't believe in it anymore. If another organization wants to do it, that's fine," she said.

In other business, the Academics Committee passed a resolution to make academic advisement a more positive experience for students.

As part of the resolution, the senate will contact the associate deans of the colleges and Faculty Senate

President Peter Becker and encourage them to spread the word to advisers that students need up-to-date advice on the curriculum.

The resolution also calls for students to take an active role in their college careers. "We want students to be satisfied with their education and the paths they take to get that education," said Academics Committee Chairman Kim Lovelace.

"Just because Mr. X is their adviser doesn't mean they can't ask for advice from other professors independently," Lovelace said.

The senate also passed a resolution to keep Greene Street gates in front of the Russell House closed from 8 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. The gates are currently closed from 9:30 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Student President Manish Shrivastava and a representative from the administration will contact the Columbia City Council about the extension of the gate closing time.

"I've been there at 8:30 a.m. and seen blind students trying to cross the street. They've had to walk a block to get to a safe place to cross," Shrivastava said.

In other senate action, a Minority Affairs Committee resolution asking advertisers to withdraw their advertising from the racially controversial *Gamecock Fever* was defeated 21-14.

The senators were in disagreement about the resolution's amendment, which said that the student body would boycott all businesses that continued to advertise in the publication.

BRIEFLY IN THE NEWS

In the World ...

■ The European Community on Wednesday for the first time urged the Security Council to consider sending U.N. peacekeepers to help enforce a future cease-fire in Yugoslavia.

The council heard a report from former U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, the U.S. secretary-general's envoy on the Yugoslav crisis. British Ambassador Sir David Hannay called it "thoroughly depressing."

■ Leftist guerillas launched a series of attacks in El Salvadoran rural areas, wrecking public buildings and blowing up power lines, rebel and government sources said Wednesday. At least four people were killed.

The guerillas' clandestine Radio Farabundo Marti said the attacks marked the second anniversary of a rebel offensive in the capital that left more than 4,000 people dead and \$100 million in property damage.

In the Nation ...

■ Canadian rock singer Bryan Adams wants Louisiana radio stations to pull the plug on his hit song "(Everything I Do) I Do It For You," which is being used in David Duke's gubernatorial campaign.

Adams wants radio stations not to play the tune until the election is over "so that none of the listeners are unintentionally influenced to vote for the man."

■ A panel of experts found Wednesday that Dow Corning, one of the nation's leading makers of breast implants, failed to provide reasonable proof of the safety of its silicone-filled products.

The finding, in a 9-1 recommendation to the Food and Drug Administration, could lead to the removal of the controversial implants from the market. However, the panel of medical professionals will resume meetings Thursday to decide whether overriding public health benefits should allow the device to be sold.

In the State ...

■ William Duberry of Summerville, thought to be the oldest person in the world, died Wednesday in Ridgeville, at the age of 121.

His birth certificate and U.S. Commerce Department records say he was born Feb. 7, 1870, on a farm about nine miles from Summerville.

■ The federal government has agreed to sell the Carolina Plaza Hotel to USC for \$3.95 million.

After rejecting earlier bids from USC and others for the Assembly hotel, formerly known as the Radisson, the federal Resolution Trust Corp. agreed to negotiate with the university, a willing buyer with money, said Pete Denton, the university's top financial officer.

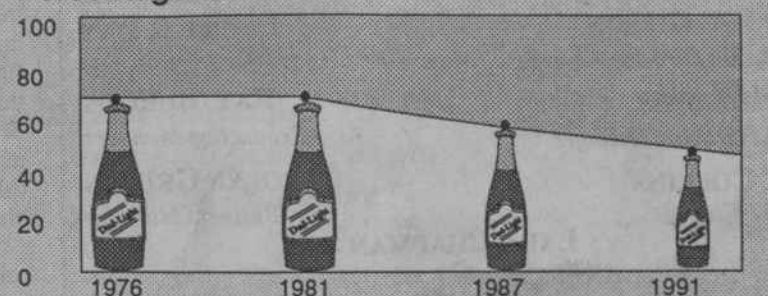
The university's trustee executive committee recommended the full board approve the purchase.



20 SECONDS 99 Bottles of Beer

Fewer Americans are drinking, but are you still wasting away in Margaritaville?

Percentage of Americans Who Drink



• Of those who drink: 51% drink beer most often, 23% drink liquor, 22% drink wine, and 5% drink all about equally.

• 23% of those who do drink said they drink more often than they should, and 20% said they will either cut down or quit drinking.

• 23% of Americans said that drinking had been a cause of trouble in their families.

Source: The Universal Almanac 1991
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