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## Forum addresses on-campus race relations

KRISTIN RICHARDSON Staff Writer

Integration, interaction and participation among races was the theme of last night's race relations forum in the Golden Spur.

The forum was sponsored by Student Government, Senate Minority Committee, and the Student Committee of Race Relations.

Student body Vice-President Jamel Franklin was the key speaker for the forum and was eager to begin the program. "The program is a collaborative effort to try to promote discussion and collaboration among the student body about the issue of race relations."

A panel of six people of various organizations introduced themselves and gave their definition of race relations. The overall theme of the forum was interaction among different

racings and participation in programs sponsored by different ethnic groups.

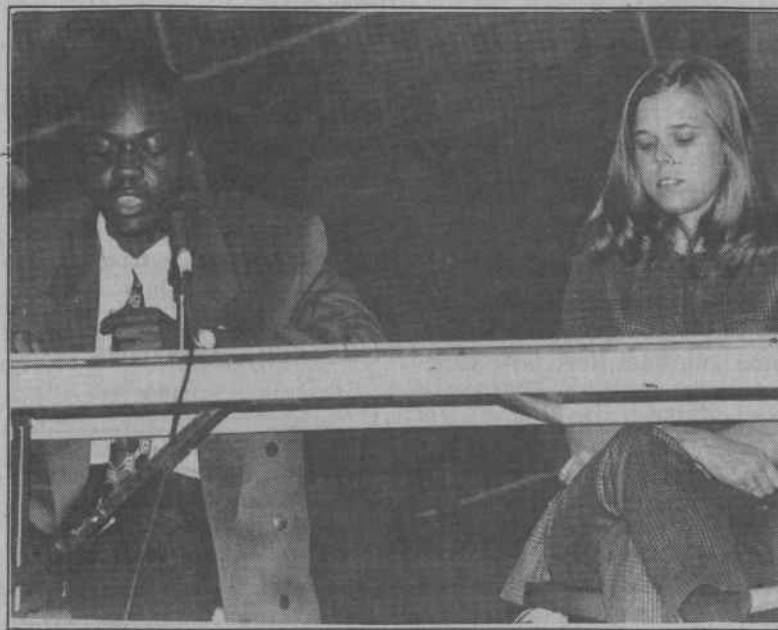
Marcus Gardner, a member of the Association of African-American students, began the discussion about the importance of interaction between students.

"There is very little interaction between people of different races on campus," Gardner said. "The misunderstanding of other races is the root of the problems of racism."

Sorority and Fraternity Council Presidents Melanie McAllister and Jimmy Bailey introduced the issue of race relations within the Greek community.

McAllister said "participation between different races and increased publicity about programs dealing with one certain race should be addressed, and it

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Marcus Gardner of AAAS and Melanie McAllister, Sorority Council president, respond to questions ranging from the origin of racism to the improvement of race relations on campus.

### A month of celebrations

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Acclaimed poet and scholar Nikki Giovanni, whose work is known for its distinctive expressions of the African-American experience, will be one of the featured speakers during USC's celebration of Black History Month.

Giovanni's lecture, titled Civil Rights and Equality in Education, will begin at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17 in the Russell House Ballroom. Admission is free for USC students, \$3 for USC faculty and staff, and \$5 for the public.

Giovanni, who taught at several universities, is best known for her provocative writing, including *The Women and The Men*, considered by some scholars to be her best work.

The theme of USC's Black History Month celebration is Educate, Experience and Embrace African-American Heritage.

Other Black History Events at USC include:  
• USC's Black History Month Kick-Off Celebration, 6 p.m. today in USC's Russell House theater. The event will include a fraternity and sorority stepshow. Admission is free.

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## Student Government ELECTIONS

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| <b>Vice President</b>                 | Lauri Velotta- Liberal Arts       |
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| Michael C. Phillips, IV- Liberal Arts | Leroy Dwan York- Liberal Arts     |
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| Summar Ford- Science and Math         | Ruth Nettles- Business            |
| Michael Ladd- Science and Math        | Chris Polony- Business            |
| Laura McFarland- Science and Math     | Chris Pricenor- Business          |
| Catherine Mitchell- Science and Math  | John Sageser- Business            |
| Sumeet Shah- Science and Math         | Kelley Vickery- Business          |
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| Quincy Whittle- Science and Math      | Tevonya Garland- Engineering      |
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| Tim Cooper- Liberal Arts              | Graham King- Journalism           |
| Jomarie Dacanay- Liberal Arts         | Kathy VanNostrand- Journalism     |
| Chris Dorsel- Liberal Arts            | <b>Senate District 09</b>         |
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| Zerell Hall- Liberal Arts             | <b>Senate District 10</b>         |
| Shelly Hogan- Liberal Arts            | Jared Mobley- Law                 |
| Jamie S. Jeffords- Liberal Arts       | <b>Senate District 12</b>         |
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| Ashley Jones- Liberal Arts            | <b>Senate District 13</b>         |
| Caltee Kaiser- Liberal Arts           | Kimi Blew- Pharmacy               |

## Student mediation program in the works this semester

KAREN LAYNE News Editor

If the people upstairs consistently hold their late-night line dancing lessons before your early-morning physics exams, a new mediation program might be your ticket to a good night's sleep.

The program, sponsored by the Department of Housing and the Judicial Board, will allow students to resolve conflicts with the aid of a neutral third party, according to Liz McCormick, one of the service's organizers.

"The advantage to mediation is the identification and resolution of a problem before it escalates into a really huge problem,

where more people are involved and you get in trouble," McCormick said.

Students will be able to unload conflicts with roommates, teachers and even boyfriends or girlfriends with no fear of judgment or punishment, McCormick said.

The program will offer an alternative to going to the Judicial Board for more personal problems.

"It's not like counseling," she said. "It opens lines of communication with a mediator."

"No one person gets assigned a punishment."

One solution, for example, to noise might be an agreement from the neighbors to only

kick their heels up between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m., McCormick said.

Mediators also will be students trained in conflict resolution, she said. These skills are marketable and applicable to many jobs. Employers will know mediators can listen to others and also examine their own conflicts.

An information session will be held at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 10 in the lobby of the Towers for students interested in being trained as mediators. The program is scheduled to begin this semester.

For more information, call Liz McCormick at 777-4193, or Vicki Gist at 777-7783.

### KARATE KIDS



TORI O'HARA The Gamecock

American Karate Club members (left to right) Mke Mitchell, Jimmy Moore, Tommy Andrews and Renee Greenwell practice in Blatt P.E. Center. The group meets from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday.

## Royals return without incident

KAREN LAYNE News Editor

The return of royalty to the university has brought neither the scandal nor intrigue promised by last year's battle to revive the Homecoming tradition.

Since they were crowned in October, the Homecoming king and queen have stayed out of the limelight, playing various informal roles in Student Government.

At first, the university was hesitant to support the Homecoming showcase, forbidden for the past five years, SG Vice President Jamel Franklin said.

Under the old system, there were supposed racial tensions, and there was no Homecoming king, which was considered sexist.

This year, the king and queen do not have formal, prominent roles, Franklin said.

"They don't have platforms," Franklin said. "Their role is more whatever program they choose."

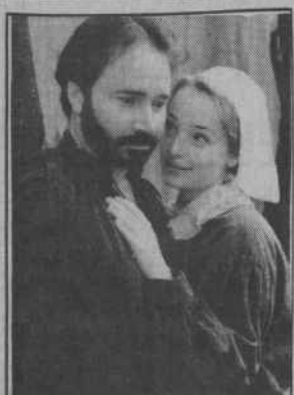
Junior Eilene Grana said she has served on the Race Relations Committee and as the master of ceremonies for Tigerburn.

Senior Ernest Sessoms said he also has served on the Race Relations Committee in addition to his involvement in Carolina Productions and his job planning breakfasts with President John Palms.

Sessoms said SG Vice

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### GAMECOCK INSIDE



In the mood for a classic play? The Workshop Theater is performing Arthur Miller's award-winning, controversial **THE CRUCIBLE**. More in ETC. **WORKSHOP PRESENTS PAGE 5**

You know it's a big game, but do you know why? The Kentucky Wildcats challenge a perfect **CATS ARE COMING** Gamecock record this week. Check out **SPORTS** for probable starting line-ups, keys to the game **PAGE 8** and more.

How many men between the ages of forty and sixty-four snore heavily?



ANSWER: 60%

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