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Anyone who does not believe a racial problem exists at the U.R. "is absolutely wrong," said Zachary Harris, President of the Black Students Union.

"One of the most important things we must all realize is that racism permeates every aspect of society, including the U.R. We have to face that fact," he said.

The consciousness of white students of the race problem needs to be raised, Harris said.

The U.R. community must realize that problems causing one "part of it to be ill at ease belong to the whole community," said Dr. Frederick Jefferson, director of Special Student Services. Students must "change their lenses" to look at the problem with a wider scope and ask what role they play in the problem, he said.

Other students and administrators expressed similar concerns.

"The primary problem seems to lie with student insensitivity," said Provost Richard O'Brien. "It (racism) should be everybody's worry. A healthy mixed society is something we should all want."

O'Brien said that such a "healthy society" does not yet exist. The needed level of mixing, or "the point where two communities meaningfully meet and interact in a positive way does not exist at the U.R.," said Marion Walker, director of minority students affairs office.

Open forums and discussion groups would provide the opportunity for interchange of ideas between black and white students, he said.

It is important that all groups talk to each other and that the conversa-