

Students welcome call to national service

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could submit their own innovative service proposals for consideration.

So far, the president's program has drawn generally favorable reviews, although most groups want more details.

In Washington, the United States Student Association welcomed the emphasis on service but emphasized that it will reach only a small segment of the nation's five million college students.

"I think a lot of people will be inspired by the idea of service,"

said Stacey Leyton, USSA's president. "But it will in no way replace the need to strengthen the existing student aid programs."

USSA said the president should combine the national service initiative with one to make the Pell Grant program an entitlement, thereby giving more students greater access to post-secondary education.

In addition, teen-agers who would earn vouchers before college also must retain their eligibility for the Pell program, she said. If not, students may believe they were "tricked" into providing service when they could have obtained other aid.

Another issue in the debate is the stipend students would receive during their years of service. USSA said some of the figures circulated — minimum wage or as little as \$100 a week — might limit participation only to those who could live at home while they serve. The student group recommended a stipend of at least \$10,000 a year, with higher pay for older, non-traditional students.

USSA also recommended a part-time service option to help recruit the widest cross-section of college students and graduates.

An educator who specializes in community service also wanted more details about Clinton's plan, expressing concern that it unfairly may target low-income students most in need of aid.

"It's another hoop poor students may have to jump through," said Arnold Mitchem, who has

helped build support for programs that recruit low-income and minority youth for college.

Mitchem, who heads the National Council of Educational Opportunity Associations, said he had "mixed feelings" about the plan because the neediest students are most likely to participate.

"It makes a distinction between a middle-income student and a poor student," he said.

During his campaign for the presidency, Clinton envisioned a much larger service initiative but reportedly scaled back those plans because of budget constraints. He is expected to release more details in April on the structure of his service program in his fiscal 1994 budget.

In addition to the service initiative, the president outlined a number of changes in student loan programs in his Rutgers appearance. One change could give students a chance to pay back their education loans based on a per-

centage of their post-college income, which he said would allow graduates to take more community service jobs. College graduates complain that economics are forcing them to take higher-paying jobs immediately upon graduation just to repay student loans.

Such a policy would enable graduates to "hold jobs that may accomplish much but pay little," Clinton said.

USSA's Leyton said income-based loan repayment could help some students but hurt others because of higher interest costs and a longer repayment schedule. She said students needed more details about this element of the president's plan before passing judgment.

For his part, Clinton said his service and loan proposals also would help reduce the college dropout rate in high schools. "We can do better than that through national service and adequate financing," he said.

Allen wins SGA presidency

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able in the SGA office.

Even though SGA elections should be taken seriously, only about 200 students participated in voting. But current SGA President Judy Boyd said the number of voters had improved since last

Ferrell joins WESQ

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Ferrell's childhood home for a visit.

WESQ also announced that community volunteer Lauri Crowder and student volunteer Bruce Wayland will produce "The Ear Candy Show" on Tuesdays from 10:30 p.m. to midnight. The show will stress musical diversity and unpredictability. Crowder works in her mother's court reporting service in Rocky Mount.

There are now 11 student and seven community volunteers, including one staff and one faculty member, working to make WESQ grow. Anyone interested in being a volunteer should contact Jerry Glass at 5236 for more information.

year.

"There was much more publicity this year by candidates than before," noted Boyd, who said this may be a factor in the increasing turnout. She also said there was little publicity for a debate that was held between candidates and the time of the debate was a key factor as to why no students attended.

Another reason that contributed to increased voter turnout was that election centers were set up in the administration building during classes and in the Hardee's Student Union during lunch. Most students just did not vote because they had an apparent lack of interest.

One non-voter remarked, "SGA does little publicity any other time, and I don't know much about the organization."

Currently the old and new officers are going through a transition period. The present officers are trying to prepare and train the new officers for their jobs. An induction ceremony will be held April 26 at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel and will be followed by an open house in the SAC.

TOP TEN MOST CLUELESS PEOPLE ON EARTH

10. Rainforest chainsaw operator.
9. Millionaires in prison.
8. Drivers with turn signal perpetually on.
7. Las Vegas lounge acts.
6. Unregistered voters.
5. Frozen dinner enthusiasts.
4. Javelin catcher.
3. Someone in express checkout line with eleven items.
2. Chain-smoking gas station attendant.
1. Drug users.

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