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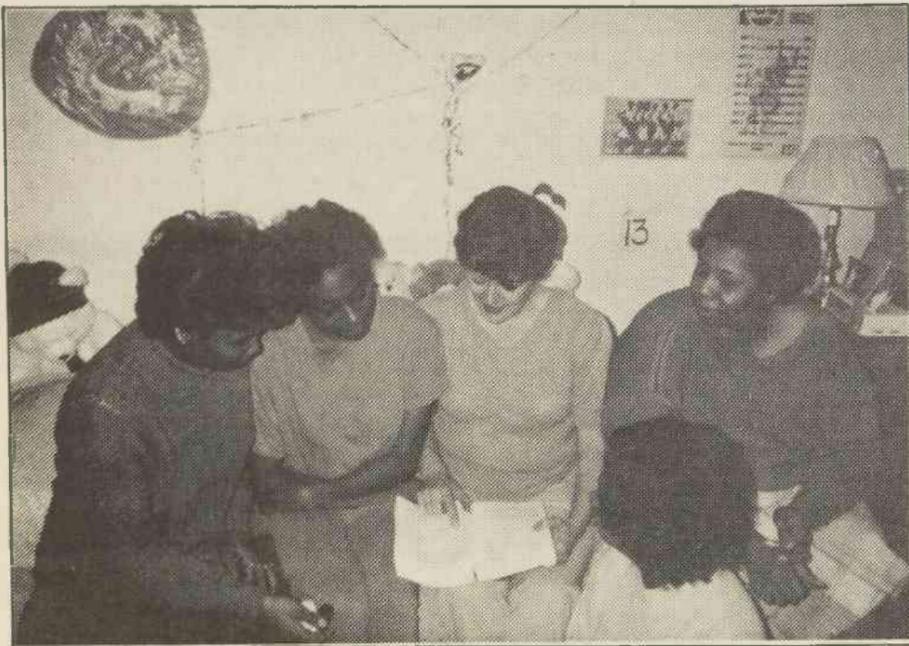


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From left are EuGenia Williamson, Dawn Culmer, Janet O'dell, Mary Watts and Cathy Edwards.

Non-traditional students are now boarding on WSSU's campus

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The idea of older students boarding on college campuses is not unusual. They are becoming more and more involved with college life.

Why are older students flocking to the lifestyles of the "traditional" college students? We have no answers toward these suspicions but we can take an inside look at some special people.

Mary Watts is a 46-year-old student who resides in Moore Hall. Watts decided to reside on campus because "it was much more economical than living off-campus."

"I didn't come here expecting to become a part of their peer groups because my interests aren't theirs and their interests aren't mine," she explained.

Even though she had some problems in the beginning, everything has smoothed out since then. Overall, she said that she's enjoying herself and that she gets along with the girls just fine.

Some students admire the courage and assertiveness of these non-traditional students. While other students feel that their desire to return to school and earn a degree is the greatest decision they could ever make.

"They don't shy away from me," said Cathy Edwards, a 32-year-old student who resides in Colson Hall. Edwards said that the girls treat her like

another member of the gang. They go out on the town together and they study together all the time. Edwards is the president of Colson Hall and she feels the residents chose her because she is a dedicated and responsible individual. Her choice to live in the residence hall was a last-minute preparation. She would like to live off-campus one day but she's satisfied with her living arrangements for now.

On the other hand, students feel deprived of their freedom. Since the older students are like mother figures, the students feel that they are going through the same things they did when they were at home. With an older student in the residence hall, one is always at a limit, stated a sophomore. She said that she's always having to look out for the older student in case her actions get out of hand. Lastly, she stated that one must always respect one's elders.

Janet O'dell, a middle-aged student who also lives in Colson Hall feels great about living in the residence hall and having easy access to classes. She is a full-time school bus driver for Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools and loves being surrounded by younger students. When asked about how the younger students accept her, she stated, "A lot of them accept me, but then again, no one is accepted everywhere." She concluded by saying that we're just "supernice people."

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Poetess Nikki Giovanni visits WSSU during Black History Month

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Students, faculty, and members of the community gathered in the Lecture Room of the Hall-Patterson Building to hear Ms. Nikki Giovanni on February 15, 1989. There weren't enough chairs to seat the excited crowd, but that didn't stop them because they found space on the floor and lined up on the available wall space.

Giovanni is known across the nation for her numerous books, records, films, performances and professional activities. She didn't speak only of her accomplishments, but she spoke of how young black people can make positive things happen. She couldn't stress enough the importance of blacks having

togetherness, discipline, creativity and following dreams.

Jokingly, however serious, she entertained people with some of her philosophies of life and spoke about black women's accomplishments and what else they (women) could accomplish if only given the chance. "But if black women are not given the chance, take it and don't wait!" she urged.

Nikki Giovanni ended her speech by reading a few of her well-known poems, including "Ego Tripping" which received a rousing ovation from the audience. She then opened the floor for an enlightened forum and answered several questions posed by members of the audience. A reception at the Selma Burke Art Gallery was held immediately after the presentation.

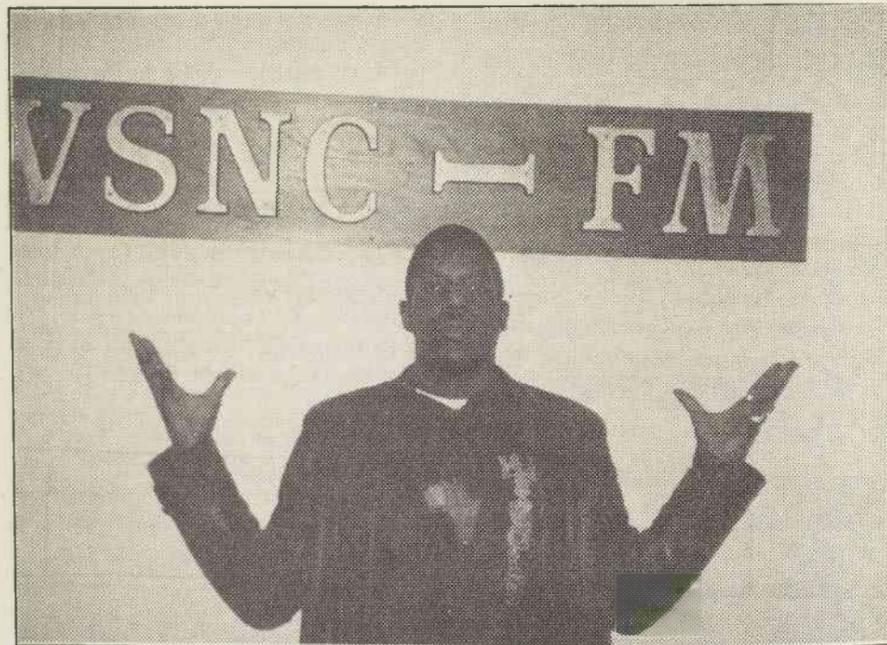


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WSNC Program Director Steven Maddox

WSNC-FM has new program director

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WSNC-FM is a non-commercial radio station on the campus of WSSU with the frequency of 90.5. WSNC-FM offers students a forum for educational growth and on-the-job training.

Each semester the radio station selects a new program director. The program director for Spring '89 is Stephen "Steady Steve" Maddox. Maddox is a 21-year-old junior from Akron, Ohio, majoring in psychology with a minor in mass communications.

When he was a freshman, Maddox was the studio engineer, later on he accepted an on-air shift. Since his sophomore year, he has served as the

co-production manager. Maddox is also an announcer at the station.

"The music we play and the promotions that we do make the black community more conscious of what our full potential is," said Maddox. He and his staff are working toward becoming more involved in the black community.

"Steady Steve" says that the staff is crazy, but they're fantastic and a lot of fun to work with. "Without them the station wouldn't be what it is today."

Maddox concluded by noting that because he is the production manager, he doesn't want his staff members to feel that he's trying to run things. "I just want them to feel that I'm helping out."