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WESQ gets program director

Dimitri Ferrell joined the college and WESQ radio station this Monday as Program Director.

Ferrell holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Temple University. While he is coming from his home town of Philadelphia, he lived and worked in Rocky Mount from 1986 to 1990.

His television experience includes WNCT-TV in Greenville and WFBE-TV (now WRM-TV) in Rocky Mount. His radio experience includes WDAS-AM and WHYY-FM in Philadelphia and WVSP-FM in Rocky Mount. At WVSP, he was the Director of News and Public Affairs and the producer and host of a classical music program, "Cadenza." He is presently working part-time at WHYY-FM, one of the public radio stations in Philadelphia.

Ferrell also brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in jazz, classical music, and public radio to WESQ. His father was a jazz musician, and it was not uncommon for Nat King Cole or Cannonball Adderley to stop by

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SHOWTIME — Comedienne Wanda Sykes-Hall entertains students in Doc's during a performance on Feb. 24., sponsored by the Campus Activities Board. CAB activities during the coming week are Spring Fling '93. (Photo by Chris Taylor.)

Allen wins presidency unopposed

By ELLEN STANTON

Tommy Allen had no problem winning the election for Student Government Association President on March 17 — he and Dawn Romano, incumbent candidate for SGA Treasurer, were the only students running for those respective offices.

The race for the vice presidency was close between Patrick Brannan and Chris Brandt, with Brandt prevailing as victor. In the contest for SGA Secretary, Tonya Rouse won over Tammy Minchew. President-elect Matt Snyder will round out the five-member Executive Board by taking over as Campus Activities Board President.

Andrè Clanton defeated Tiffany Clay to become the junior class president, and Julie Salked was elected as vice president.

Elections for all vacant positions, including senior and sophomore class officers as well as the judicial board, will be held April 7. Petitions are currently avail-

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Briefs

Choir approved

The NCWC Gospel Choir was recently approved as an official organization. For more information, contact Kirk Oldham.

Director resigns

Josie Williams has decided to resign as Director of Admissions to pursue a Master's degree. Her resignation will take effect this summer.

Students welcome Clinton's call to service

By CHARLES DERVARICS

(CPS) — Asking the nation's youth to join him in "a great national adventure," President Clinton has outlined a broad-based service program that eventually would offer up to 100,000 college students a chance to get education aid in exchange for community work.

"National service is nothing less than the American way to change America," Clinton said March 1 at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. His speech was greeted with loud cheers by the students who packed the university's gymnasium.

Among other tasks, students in the service program would help rebuild neighborhoods, clean up

the environment, and counsel children, Clinton said. In the process, they would earn tuition vouchers or forgiveness of student loans and set in motion a new national commitment to service.

Students also would have an option to repay college loans by deducting a percentage of their salaries after graduation.

Some details of the program, such as how much of a stipend community volunteers would be paid and how much of their college loans would be forgiven, have not been worked out yet.

The president likened his program to the GI Bill after World War II and the Peace Corps in the 1960s. One difference is that Clinton said his program would

allow for substantial local autonomy.

"We make progress when people and their government work at the grassroots in true partnership," he said. "I want to empower young people and their communities, not empower a new bureaucracy in Washington."

Clinton provided only modest budget details of his proposal, which would cost an estimated \$7 billion during the next four years. It would begin this year with a "summer of service" for 1,000 young people who would receive leadership training, work at jobs throughout the nation, and then meet at the end of the summer for a Youth Service Summit.

The government would fund this \$15 million summer program

through the president's short-term economic stimulus package announced last month. Clinton asked students interested in this program to send him a postcard at the White House marked "national service."

The White House envisions 25,000 students participating in service programs in fiscal year 1994 at a federal cost of \$400 million. This figure would grow to an estimated 100,000 students in fiscal year 1997 at an annual cost of \$3.4 billion.

Students generally would trade one or two years of community service for financial assistance with college. A cap will be set on the loan amounts that will be forgiven by the federal government.

The initiative would include

not only college students and graduates, but teenagers as well. The White House said about 35,000 secondary school students could participate in the program and earn vouchers for their future education.

"When people give something of invaluable merit to their country, they ought to be rewarded with the opportunity to further their education," Clinton said. The president later made the case for his program to a nationwide audience on MTV.

Clinton said he the program probably would be built on many existing community programs but also would allow for some "entrepreneurship" in which students

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