

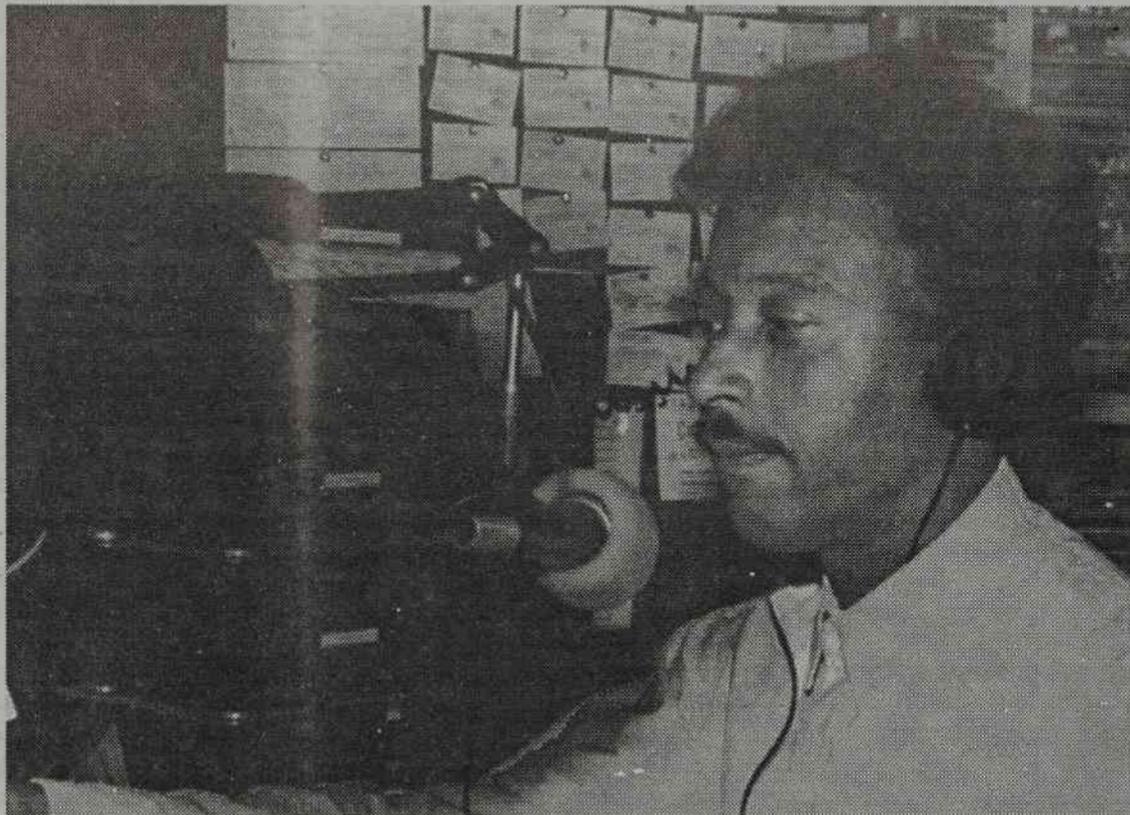
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PROGRAM DIRECTOR DIMITRI FERRELL ON AIR DURING WESQ FUNDRAISER.

WESQ fundraiser enjoying growth in support from area

By MICHELE A. CRUZ

North Carolina Wesleyan College's public radio station, WESQ 90.9 FM, recently completed its most successful fund drive ever, receiving more than \$10,000 in pledges — \$255 from the Roanoke Rapids area.

This fall's total represents a 67 percent increase over all of

the three previous on-air fundraisers and demonstrates the rapid growth of the station.

"All of us at WESQ are particularly excited with the extraordinary support the Down East community has given," Station Director Jerry Glass said. "It signals to us that we've been more successful at reaching our audiences and that the Down East area

definitely wants a full-service public radio station."

Listeners responded from Tarboro, Nashville, Enfield, Wilson, Greenville, Whitakers, Farmville, Elm City, and even Raleigh and Durham, in addition to the loyal Rocky Mount supporters. The business communities of Rocky

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Trustees add three from area

By MICHELE A. CRUZ

North Carolina Wesleyan College's Board of Trustees met recently and approved three new members: Thomas A. Betts, Jr., Julia Congleton-Bryant, and Anne Boddie Mosley, all from Rocky Mount.

Betts, owner of Betts & Company in Rocky Mount, served as chairman for the 1995 "A Day For Wesleyan" campaign and was a former president of the NCWC Foundation. A native of Rocky Mount, he earned his bachelor's in business administration from East Carolina University.

He has served as president of the Rocky Mount Area Chamber of Commerce, Nash Community College's College Foundation, Benvenue Country Club, and has served on boards for Planters National Bank, Nash County Industrial Development Commission, Rocky Mount Academy, and Nash General Hospital.

Betts currently serves as a

member of the board of Centura and is a past member of Wesleyan's board of visitors. A member of the Church of the Good Shepherd, he and his wife have two daughters.

Bryant serves on the board for the United Negro College Fund, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Tar River Choral and Orchestral Society, American Lung and Cancer Association, and Nash County Tourism Authority.

A native of Robersonville, Bryant has earned numerous awards including the UNCF Distinguished Service Award for special contributions to public education and dedicated service and the Outstanding Service Award as president of the Chi Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

She has served as a volunteer and a member of the 1995 executive committee for "A Day For Wesleyan." She and her husband,

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Wesleyan gets grant for literacy project

North Carolina Wesleyan College has obtained funding through an AmeriCorps grant to pilot a Student Coalition for Action in Literacy Education (SCALE) Community Literacy Initiative.

Wesleyan's literacy initiative will address the needs of area children at risk and adults with minimal skills, as well as those preparing for the GED exam.

"We had a training weekend with SCALE in October and have another planned for January," said Debra Kleesattel, coordina-

tor of the Wesleyan AmeriCorps Community Literacy Initiative. "The training provides a time when all the AmeriCorps members in the Community Literacy Initiative can come together. There are team-building exercises, tutoring technique training, and cross-cultural communication education."

Wesleyan programs will be established with Cities in Schools, Rocky Mount Housing Authority, Fountain Correctional Center for Women, and Opportunities

Industrialization Center. AmeriCorps volunteers will create programs and work in these agencies while recruiting other college students as volunteers.

"SCALE has provided us with wonderful training," Kleesattel said. "The training has helped give the AmeriCorps members confidence as they begin their tutoring in the community."

Seven Wesleyan students have been selected to serve as AmeriCorps members — Monica

Alston, Lori Battle, Yvette Contee, Siobhan Craig, Lorenzo Ellis, Nikki Hanson, and Cheryl Ridley. They will each work a total of 900 hours in a year and will receive a stipend and an educational award upon completion of their work.

Other schools participating in this project are Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, Fayetteville State University in Fayetteville, and UNC-Chapel Hill.

AmeriCorps is a new national

service initiative recently signed into law by President Bill Clinton. The mission of AmeriCorps has four components: getting things done, strengthening communities, encouraging responsibility, and expanding opportunity.

The AmeriCorps National Service Network consists of over 350 different programs across the nation. North Carolina, the state with the highest participation in the nation, will establish community literacy projects in six counties.