

Worship service opens Black Culture Week

Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles on the upcoming Black Culture Week, Feb. 3-8 at Washington and Lee. The Student Association for Black Unity is sponsoring the week.

By STEVE YEVICH

The opening event of Black Culture Week will be a worship service on Feb. 3, at 6 p.m. in Lee Chapel.

This service, to which the entire student body is invited, will be a complete Sunday service, with ushers, programs, sermons, and an offering. SABU is making an effort at capturing the essence of the black worship experience at this ceremony, according to its officers.

Lutrelle D. Rainey, who is SABU's advisor as well as Assistant Dean of Students at W&L, will deliver the main sermon, "The Courage to Dream." The choir and members of the First Baptist Church, of which Rainey is minister, will attend the service, along with delegations from other local churches. SABU hopes that there will be a good turnout for the event, to get momentum going for the week.

On Monday night, Feb. 4, Wendell P. Russell, president of Virginia State College in Petersburg will be on campus to deliver a speech on the black experience in education.

Russell is a member of the Governor's Manpower Planning

Council, the State Water Control Board, and the Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Education Board. He received two bachelor's degrees at Virginia Union University, his M.A. at Case Western Reserve University,

and his doctorate in education from the University of Virginia.

Prior to going to Virginia State, Russell worked for American Can Company, first as research manager for public relations and advertising, then as an

assistant to the vice president in that department, and finally as director of public affairs for the company. For twelve years he served as Dean of Students and as Dean of the College at Virginia Union University.

Department level student input desired

By HERB RUBENSTEIN

Members of the Student Curriculum Committee have been working on the creation of a student-faculty forum for the discussion of new courses, departmental policy, and student suggestions for improvement.

Last semester, the Executive Committee recommended that the faculty open its monthly meetings in order for students to voice their opinions concerning curriculum changes as well as faculty policies.

The faculty rejected this proposal, stating that substantive academic or curriculum policies were not developed in faculty-wide meetings, but were developed at the departmental level by the chairmen and members of each department. In rejecting the proposal for open faculty meetings, the faculty advised the students that should they want to take a more active role in giving suggestions, this should be done at the departmental level.

The Curriculum Committee has been contacting the chairmen of the departments this week and has discussed the feasibility of such a forum beginning this semester. The chairmen were receptive.

This plan would set up informal meetings each semester between a few majors in each department representing the students and the department chairmen. This plan will provide a good information channel for the department chairmen to inform their students what new types of courses will

be offered and changes of policy long before this information has filtered down to the students in the past, and it will allow greater student input.

Any student who wishes to participate in this new form and who has declared his major may volunteer by submitting an application in the new Curriculum Committee "Input" box now in the Co-op before February. Sophomores are eligible to apply only if they have decided on their major. Include your name, class, and major on your application.

W&L offers Exchange Programs; applications due by Feb. 19

Washington and Lee will participate again this year with seven other colleges (Davidson, Hampden-Sydney, Hollins, Mary Baldwin, Randolph-Macon, Randolph-Macon Woman's, and Sweet Briar) in an Exchange Program.

shorter period of time.

For those students who wish to participate in 1974-75, the deadline for application is Feb. 19, 1974. Applications require prior approval of major department. Applications should be submitted