

BC's Mexico work team leaves March 3

from BC News Bureau

With the Bush Administration setting the national tone of volunteerism and Senator Sam Nunn suggesting a bill requiring national service of college students, Brevard College is already implementing its own "service component" with a spring break trip to Mexico.

Brevard College President Dr. William T. Greer originated the service program last summer out of his desire, he says, to

"bridge the gap between the classroom and reality."

Dr. Greer began by hiring veteran volunteer coordinator Sybil Dodson as the school's new Community Service Program Coordinator. Dodson, who for 15 years ran a community center for the disadvantaged in Columbus, Ga., is also a deaconess of the United Methodist Church. It was her contact with missionary friend Marcella Mathys in Durango, Mexico, that led to the upcoming work trip over Spring Break.

With Dr. Greer's blessing, Dodson designed the college's first international

work mission and called it "Project Inside-Out" to represent a real education extending "from inside the classroom to outside - to the real world," Dodson says.

It's that connection between classroom and "real world" that excited Dodson and Greer. "That's what's going to turn kids on to learning - when they see what they're learning in the classroom and how it's applied outside - and that ties right into their growth and development - that to me is the exciting part of this program," says Dodson.

A work team of a dozen highly-qualified and motivated students was selected in December. Their job will be to do repair work on a 100-year old mission school in Durango. Students will be working also with the elementary school age children, according to Dodson, who has served on such work teams in the past.

The six men and six women (six freshman and six sophomores) chosen to go on the pilot project include: Daniel Miller, a freshman from Baker, La.; Bobby Ortiz, a freshman from Dalton, Ga.; Anthony West, a freshman from Griffin, Ga.; Robin Wicker, a freshman from Conover, N.C.; Ted Fort, a sophomore from Jonesboro, Ga.; James Frederic, a sophomore from Macon, Ga.; Penni Todd, a freshman from Hendersonville; Joan Gregory, a freshman from Plantation, Fla.; Ann Whitmire, a sophomore from Brevard; and Debra Lucenti, a sophomore from Brevard.

Also, Jennifer Wells, a sophomore from Boca Raton, Fla.; and Alecia Andrews, a sophomore from Williamsburg, Va.

In addition, three members of the BC faculty-administration are also going on the work trip along with Project Coordinator Dodson: Resident Director Sharon Waggy, Director of Public Information Jock Lauterer, and Maintenance "Wizard" Mike Dodson (no relation).



BC Mexico work team member Ted Fort displays a stereo, four-square ball and volleyball set bought with over \$100 raised by Brevard Elementary Schoolchildren as gifts for the Durango, Mexico, schoolchildren with whom the BC team will be working during Spring Break, March 3-11. Roses got involved with the project, too, by discounting the \$100 stereo to a sale price minus another 10 percent, according to Fort.

The students themselves are excited about the pilot project to Mexico. Says Jennifer Wells, "It gives me the opportunity to better myself as a person by working with people who are less fortunate than many of us." Penni Todd is looking forward to the trip too. "It will build character," she says, "and it will also bring a special awareness for sharing and helping others."

News of Note...

Band premieres Whatley's work

by Russ Evans

Clarion Reporter

"Different," says one student.

"I like it," says another.

"A bit rambunctious," says Dr. Larry Whatley.

By now you are probably wondering what this is all about. I know I would be. Dr. Whatley, a music professor here at BC, recently completed his composition for this year's BC concert band. Dr. Whatley started over a year ago on this piece, and finally completed it in December.

According to Dr. Whatley, this was a major work and a major project for him. A lot of hours went into the making of Symphonic Essay for Band, as it is titled.

It is a conservative, modern contemporary piece in mixed meter. The piece starts out slowly, then livens to a quick tempo. Dr. Whatley is excited about this

composition, especially since it is his first one written for band in 20 years.

Steve Kelley, chairman of the Music Department here at BC, asked Dr. Whatley to write a piece, so he started out with a single idea, and built from there, putting various ideas together. Dr. Whatley says that this is written in his style of composing. He has had plenty of time to develop this style, he has been composing since he was 15 years old. He actively composed during his college years at the University of Alabama, and has had his compositions performed by the University of Alabama Bands, the Asheville Symphony Orchestra, the Brevard High School Band, the BC Concert Band, and at various other places.

Dr. Whatley is excited about the premiere of this piece on April 13 at the Spring Concert by the BC Concert Band, and is looking forward to hearing it for the first time.

Cries for overall improvement tops SGA deliberation

by Brian Howell

Clarion Reporter

Better food service and a more functional campus, are on their way, if not here already, according to those taking the floor at the Feb. 6 SGA meeting.

First Floor West Beam Freshman Representative Lora Woodrum, chairperson on the Food Committee, recruited new volunteers for the committee at the meeting after expressing frustration at the lack of participation by former members of the committee.

The new Food Committee includes Lora Woodrum, Cottage Sophomore President Jeff Pajak, Second Floor West Beam Freshman Representative Charlotte Safrit, Cottage Freshman Representative Shawn Young, Third Floor West Jones Freshman Representative Raisan Russo, Third Floor Green Sophomore Resident Assistant Duane Moore, Ross President Freshman Robin Wicker, Second Floor East Jones Freshman Representative Graziella Allen, Taylor Basement Freshman Representative Jeff Angelo, SGA Vice President Ann Whitmire, and Ross Freshman Representative Brian Thomas.

Woodrum said that a meeting between the new committee and Jerry Jackson, director of dining services, is yielding current progress and plans for future improvements, such as a bigger salad bar and two choices of soup. The new cereal containers are being used to keep bugs out of cereal, said Woodrum, and unconfirmed reports say that added salt and butter are being omitted from the vegetables. Jackson told the committee that when days occur between requests and their implementation, the delays are sometimes due to the limitations of menu planning, which is done three weeks in advance. But, Woodrum emphasized, "(Jackson) is really willing to work with (the committee) and ...the students."

On another subject, Dean of Student Affairs Norm Witek listed several student-requested maintenance jobs accomplished by the Maintenance Department, i.e., a ground level window in a Jones stairway being welded shut for security reasons, and parts of the interior of Stamey being upgraded for repair.

Witek said that the kitchen stove in Jones has been fixed, and he is now working with

housekeeping, which is presently using the kitchen as a lounge, to allow residents of Jones to use the kitchen as well.

Other student requests may have to wait until next fall, however. The addition of functional water fountains throughout Jones, the pavement of the parking lot and driveway behind Taylor and the appearance of coin machines on campus will be considered for next year's budget, according to Witek. The coin machines will cost about \$1,700 each, excluding probable mandatory insurance coverage and the money supply to fill the machine initially, said SGA President Juan Kincaid. Witek said he will investigate an offer made by arcade game vendor to supply coin machines free to the college if the college agrees to give its arcade business exclusively to the vendor in return.

The largest new addition to Brevard College next year should be the new \$895,000 Student Union, an expanded version of the Coltrane Art Building. Construction on the building should have started by February and be finished by January of 1990.

SGA President Kincaid reported that elections for about 10 SGA representatives will be held after Spring Break to replace

those who had not met the attendance requirements adopted on Dec. 7 of 1988. "We need people who want to participate in the student government," said SGA Vice President Jennifer Wells. Kincaid said that since resident assistants are no longer required to attend SGA meetings, representatives are "the main source for getting information back to the dorms and the halls."

Ann Whitmire, chairperson on the Judicial Board, asked SGA members to stress the seriousness of the Judicial Board and its function, noting the frequency of lying that takes place in the judicial hearings. This corruption has grown in spite of the oath signed by all students bearing witness at hearings to be truthful, said Whitmire.

She then answered charges questioning the right of a community student to be on the judicial board. Whitmire, a commuting student, defended her position, saying that many commuting students spend time out of class on campus. Although commuters admittedly experience less of the daily temptations of dorm life, Whitmire said, "There are instances of commuting students coming before the board."