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Gift donates music to students' future

BY LAURA FERRELL

In February, President J. Thomas Bertrand announced this over \$1 million gift contributed by Robert D. Coleman Jr. and his wife Ruth Kirkpatrick for the gift of music.

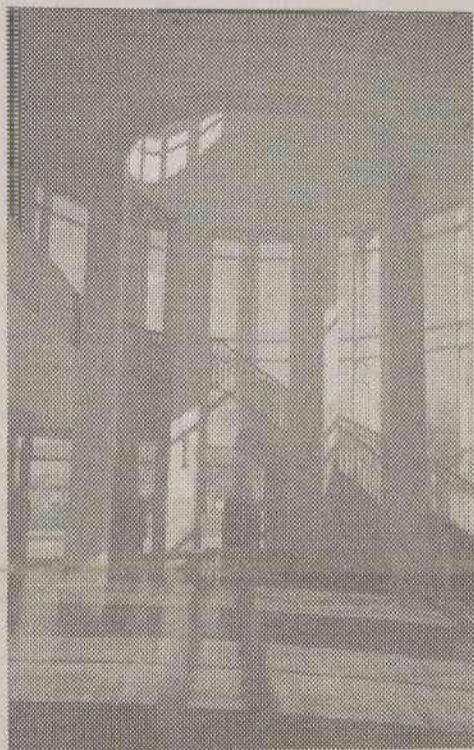
The gift will work to fund an organ for the Paul Porter Center for Performing Arts. The organ will be designed and crafted by a master American organ builder, Daniel J. Jaekel of Duluth, Minnesota.

The organ is being specially made for the Porter Center, due to its physical and technically advanced acoustics. The organ will become the largest "tracker" organ in the region, with pipes completely covering the rear wall of the main concert hall. The anticipated installation date will be February 2003.

The design may allow the organ to flow over the existing balcony and balustrade and consist of three manual divisions, 53 stops, 69 ranks and 3,323 pipes allowing for the authentic performance of the entire range of organ literature from the Baroque masters to Maurice Durufle.

The music department views the organ as an incentive for new classes and the recruitment of church music students at the college. In addition, the Center hopes to attract the best organ recitals from around the world.

In accordance with the Colemans' requests, the wooden case-



Staff Photo

The organ supported by the Coleman-West gift will be built to cater to the Porter Center's special acoustical design.

work and cabinetry will use only local hardwoods from the Southern Appalachians. The donors believe "the performers, students and audiences will develop a stronger attachment to the organ knowing it is made of that much native wood."

Contributions to this story were made by Brad Kimzey, News Bureau Director.

BC Choir serenades two states

BY WENDY BYERLY

Saturday, March 25, Spring Moving Mountains Day put students to work for the community.

Julie Robbins, Head of the Community Service Committee of Student Government, put together two exciting trips with assistance from Linda Helms, director of internships and volunteer services.

One group of students will be going to work with Habitat for Humanity.

"They will mainly be dry walling a new house," said Robbins.

Green River Preserve, a local environmental summer camp for youth, is the destination of the second group of students. They will be helping to maintain a place where students come to learn about the environment and preservation efforts.

Over the last two years, Robbins and Helms have worked to make every Moving Mountains Day count. The idea first came to get the freshman involved in the community and orient them with the people surrounding them for the years to come.

Anyone is welcome to help set-up community service trips. If someone wants to participate in an activity, contact Linda Helms.

Hands help community

BY LAURA FERRELL

Spring Break was not about fun in the sun for the Brevard College Chamber Choir.

March 12 through March 17, the group initiated its first tour in coordination with college recruitment. The experience helped increase recognition of the Brevard College Chamber Choir and offer more performance experience for the students.

"All around it was a successful first tour for Brevard College," said Kristina Todd.

Having to pay only a small fee to help cover some of the small expenses, they traveled on a tour bus to Lexington, Virginia; Richmond, Virginia; and Raleigh, NC. They performed at Trinity Methodist Church, Rockbridge County High School, St. James Episcopal Church and Highland Methodist Church.

The singers performed a broad range of songs including "Rejoice in the Lamb" by Benjamin Britten and "Same Train" by Robert Shaw. Their largest crowd attended at the Highlands United Methodist Church in Raleigh, N.C.

Graham White felt that his favorite part of their performances was "the way we sounded." The students performed their best and riveted audiences.

Of course, the group did enjoy

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Supreme Court says students must pay

(UWIRE) - The U.S. Supreme Court recently overturned ruling by a lower court, regarding whether or not students at the University of Wisconsin had to pay student activity fees used to support "political or ideological" student groups whose views were at odds with their own.

The decision came after groups representing America's college media warned the decision "could threaten the very existence of student media on hun-

dreds of public college campuses nationwide."

While the students challenging the school's policy said they were not targeting mainstream student newspapers, the effect of the court's ruling on student media could be devastating.

The student media groups warned that the appellate court decision gave no clear indication of how a school could distinguish between publications that were impermissibly "political and ideo-



logical" and those that were not.

Most college student newspapers include editorials or opinion columns that offer political or ideological viewpoints; the lower court failed to establish guidelines for determining how many of such editorials or columns could be published before a student newspaper could have its funding withdrawn.

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