

Erin Greenlaw... or is it Erin Austin?

BC singer eyes country singing career

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She uses the stage name Erin Austin, but she's known as Erin Greenlaw. She's not just a little bit country, but she's all country. She grew up listening to country music on her hometown of Springfield, Va.

Her goal in life is to be a country music singer at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn., however, her ultimate dream "is to be Country Music Entertainer of the year," she says.

What's is so special about Erin Greenlaw's goal in country music entertainment?

A big break gives Greenlaw a chance at her goals by cutting an lp record in December with two songs. Although one song is undecided for the recording, Greenlaw is planning to do a remake of the song "Who's Sorry Now," by Connie Francis.

Erin Greenlaw's opportunity happened after she won the local Country Showdown Singing Contest. Unfortunately, she did not win the preliminary competition, but her chances for country stardom had not completely disappeared.

The man in charge of the competition, Joe Boucher, saw Greenlaw perform, was impressed and gave her his phone number. Boucher set up a recording date with Greenlaw to cut a 45 Lp record and wanted her to sing for Cable television on

local station this December.

Erin Greenlaw is a sophomore at Brevard College majoring in voice. Not only is she gifted in singing, but she is multi-talented in playing musical instruments. She has played the piano for eight years and studied the steel guitar with the well-known country musician Buddy Lee Charleton of the country music group Ernest Tubbs and the Troubadors.

Greenlaw began singing at age four but did not receive technical training until she was a freshman in high school. Her first solo performance was in the school choir. She trained in voice for four years, before attending Brevard College.

"I have a lot of support from my family and friends, but especially from my Momma, who has given her time and encouragement," said Erin. Her inspiration for country music was derived after watching Barbara Mandrel perform at Bull Run Country Jamboree.

"From that moment on I knew I wanted to be a Country singer," said Greenlaw.

Erin Greenlaw already has a song playing on the radio. It's a duet sung with sphomore Chris Sammond. You can catch it on WPNF AM. The name of the song is "When the Rain Comes Falling Down," written by Chris Sammond.

Erin Greenlaw appears well on her way to becoming known as Erin Austin.



Erin Greenlaw's dorm room looks like the country music hall of fame. The BC sophomore, who is skilled in the steel guitar, is aiming for a singing career in Nashville. (BC News Bureau photo)

The Beauty and the BC

by Scott Holmes
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How many of you girls have dreamed of being in the Miss America Pageant?

Well, here is your big chance. On January 28, at Durham Auditorium, Miss Brevard College 1989 will be crowned.

The pageant, with the theme "A Night On Broadway," is being directed by Fred Goble, who is assisted by Graziella Allen, Raisin Russo and Beth Rickerd.

Contrary to popular belief, "This is not a beauty contest," said Goble. "This is a scholarship pageant in which the most well-rounded girl wins, what I mean is that the prettiest girl up there has a very good chance of not winning." Scholarships will

be given to five girls: The winner gets \$800, first runner-up receives \$500, second runner-up — \$350 and third runner-up — \$250. A \$200. scholarship also goes to a non-finalist talent.

This pageant is an official preliminary of the Miss America Pageant, with the winner going to the Miss North Carolina Pageant with the possibility of going to the 1990 Miss America Pageant.

A limit of 15 contestants have until Nov. 28 to turn in their applications to Fred Goble. Each participant is judged in three categories: 50% on talent, 25% on interview, and 25% on a swimsuit and evening gown exhibition. The judges are representatives of the Miss North Carolina Pageant Association.

Prof. Fisher recovering at home

by Brian Howell
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Double pneumonia and a suspected case of Legionnaires disease are the culprits responsible for the Division of Social Sciences Chairman Roy Fisher's frequent and extended visits to the hospital for the last month, the senior faculty member said.

"I'm feeling much, much better every day," said Fisher, who has been teaching at Brevard College since 1959. Fisher, although recovering well, will not participate in the Semester in Austria program this spring due to his illness.

Fisher says his present sabbatical has turned into somewhat of a medical leave. He is presently an outpatient at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville and is staying with his mother in Brevard.

His friend Brad Coryell, adjunct professor of psychology and sociology, notes that Fisher's illness accounts for the "first time in 29 years he (Fisher) has ever missed a class."

