

Student Spotlight

Kirkpatrick Sets His Dreams To Music

by Wayne Richardson
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Leon Kirkpatrick is a freshman here at B.C. who has set his dreams into motion.

"The Music Department at Brevard is what really drew me here," says Kirkpatrick. It was while Leon was in high school that he knew he wanted to be a composer. "Really, when one of my pieces was entered in and then won a prize," he said, referring to the PTA Reflections contest held in Hickory, N.C., "that I got my real boost into writing." Now he wishes that he could write all the time.

Leon says it feels great to hear one of his pieces played. "Wonderful. To sit there and listen to YOUR piece being played is just wonderful," he responded.

In the year and a half that Kirkpatrick has been composing and arranging, he has completed nine pieces.

Some of them are played by our own brass ensemble during performances and rehearsals.

On top of the achievement of having his works played by the Brevard College Brass Ensemble, Kirkpatrick has had the honor of writing pieces for Salvation Army Brass Bands also. "When you're in high school it feels good to write for a band other than just a school band," Leon reported.

But Leon's strength in music does not just lie in his writing abilities. "I play just about every brass instrument. I'm learning to play the trombone and piano now." He still enjoys writing more than playing, though.

After Brevard, Leon intends to go on to a four year institution and one day double major in Orchestral Conducting and Composition. "I would even like to go overseas and study for a while," he said.

"We have a great Music Department here at Brevard and I would like to give my thanks to Dr. Whatley and Ms. Still for the help and support they've given me," Leon said.

"If you enjoy and love something enough, you will strive for it," Kirkpatrick says, "and achieve it no matter how hard it is or what gets in your way."



Leon Kirkpatrick: a great composer in the making. (Photo by Henry Stepp)

Sam Cope And Rita Colbert Present "Love Letters"

by Lorrin Wolf
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Brevard College will present Professor of Theater Arts Sam Cope and Instructor in English Rita Colbert in A.R. Gurney's "Love Letters" on April 30 and May 1 in the Barn Theater on the Brevard College campus. Tickets for the 8 p.m. performances are free for BC students and can be picked up at the switchboard in the Beam Administration Building on the Brevard College campus. The tickets are \$5 for the public.

"Love Letters" is a dramatic

reading, performed by two characters who read the letters that they have written to each other over the course of their entire lives. "Through the reading of these letters," says Cope, "we learn all about these characters: their hopes, dreams, failures, triumphs and tragedies. Through it all, they have relied on each other and on their letters as the medium between them. It is our hope that the audiences will leave the performances with an understanding of the importance of friendships in everyone's life."

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National Youth Service Day

Cognosce Ut Prosis: Learn In Order To Serve

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On April 20, National Youth Service Day will be celebrated throughout the United States. An annual public awareness and educational campaign, National Youth Service Day is designed to broaden national, regional and local recognition of the importance and power of organized youth service.

Brevard College is a leader in the community as well as among educational institutions in youth service; through the College's service component, Project Inside-Out, every Brevard College student is required to complete at least 30 hours of service to the community as a requirement for graduation. This program stems from a philosophy that is rooted not so much in the work ethic as it is in the

importance of serving one's fellow man. Since its beginning, Brevard College has lived by its motto, *cognosce ut prosis*: "Learn in order to serve."

During the 1992-93 academic year, 380 Brevard College students have completed over 5,600 hours of service at over 100 sites, including Brevard and Transylvania County as well as sites in their own home towns. Some of the local agencies which BC students have served this year include the Brian Center, the Healing Place, Transylvania Community Hospital, the Girl Scouts of the United States of America, the National Forest Service, various Volunteer Fire Departments, and several local schools and churches. In addition to hours committed to these agencies, students often participate in special service groups, such as the one that

recently worked with Chris Sheridan, a member of the Transylvania County Cemetery Commission, to help clean up two abandoned cemeteries.

The Brevard College work groups, under the direction of Project Inside-Out, often undertake much longer and more intensive service trips to locations as far away as Mexico, New Jersey and Washington, D.C. This year, BC service teams have gone to Homestead, Fla., to

contribute to Hurricane Andrew relief efforts; Nashville, Tenn., to work in an inner-city church; and to New Orleans, La., to work in a United Methodist Community Center and day care program.

Brevard College is proud to participate in National Youth Service Day, particularly as an institution that strives to promote service among young people on an everyday basis.

Spring Fest Comes To Brevard College

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Spring Fest will be held on the weekend of May 1 and 2. At Spring Fest there will be a lot of fun games. There will be softball and volleyball

tournaments. There will be prizes for the winners. There will be a cookout that will consist of smoked turkey, ham and barbecue.

Casino night will be held on the Friday before the Spring Fest starts.