

# Prized Pertelote underway

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Brevard College's yearbook, the Pertelote, has taken a turn for the better, its editors insist. They say the ideas for this year's yearbook are by no means ordinary, but instead are creative and fresh, not to mention tested in battle.

Editor Marcia Ashworth and Assistant Editor Kathy Moore attended a four-day workshop in August with 50 to 60 other North Carolina schools. While there, they had to come up with a theme package, which involved creating a cover, title page, divider, and a theme for the yearbook.

Out of all the schools there BC came in first place, receiving an award called "The Best of the Show."

Lack of organization hurt the staff last year, in fact a number of key personnel, including the editor, dropped out during critical times which forced a heavy workload on those remaining. Marcia says "We're doing a lot of different things with it this year..." which she says have already started pointing towards success.

Organization has helped the staff immensely. There is no doubt about who is going to show up or where a certain paper is. Marcia says that "hours have been spent just cleaning up file cabinets and getting things in order."

The work has even been divided into areas of interest, such as layout, sales, ads, copy, and photography. In

each group two people are chosen to be in charge. They see that the assignments are done, then turn them into Marcia and Kathy (editor and assistant editor).

Another key to improvement this year is experience. This year's staff consists of 18 people who have had a lot of experience on high school yearbook staffs in the past. Marcia says this will make a difference, especially during "...crunch time..." when deadlines are creeping up.

Along with experience, creativity has been added. Fresh ideas for stories and themes are being created and improved upon daily. These creative ideas are aimed at making the yearbook more enjoyable, and helping memories and feelings become more vivid for BC students as they move on to different stages of their lives.

This is Marcia's second year on the yearbook staff. Though she says she enjoys being editor, it's no easy job. It's hard being a good leader. "It's a lot of hard work because you have to be strict with your staff, but at the same time, fair, so they'll respect you," says Marcia.

So be on the lookout for the Pertelote. With all the effort and hard-work being put into it, it should prove to a great yearbook..

If anyone is interested in helping with the Pertelote, the staff meets every Tuesday and Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in Coltrane Commons.



Yearbook Assistant Editor Kathy Moore, left, and Editor Marcia Ashworth, right, proudly display the award they won this summer at a workshop where the current Pertelote received "Best in the Show" (Clarion photo by Rachel Moore)

## Brevard hosts College Day Oct. 3

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Life after Brevard College...it exists and awaits, but are you equipped to face it? What will you do? Where will you go and what do you need to get out there?

These are all questions that lurk in the not-too-distant future.

But what better time to prepare for them than the present? If these are questions that you find yourself contemplating, then Brevard College has something for you.

On Wednesday, Oct. 3, between 9:30 and 11 a.m. in the Boshamer Gymnasium, Brevard College will offer the Educational Opportunity Program, or College Day, to its students and juniors and seniors from surrounding Transylvania County high schools.

This year at College Day, there will be representatives from the Armed Forces and from over 100 colleges,

Students who have questions or would like a complete listing of the schools attending College Day may contact Adelaide Miller, Brevard's transfer counselor. Her office is located in the basement of the library.

# Mock Rape Trial entertains and informs students

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On Wednesday night, August 26, Brevard College witnessed a Mock Rape Trial in Dunham Auditorium which resulted in a hung jury.

Students, as well as real life personnel, participated in the trial. Twelve students were chosen for the jury after a random selection of name cards. The Honorable Robert S. Cilley, District Court Judge of the 29th Judicial District, State of N.C., presided over the trial. Jennifer Edwards, played by Joyea Warren, claimed to have been raped by acquaintance Mark Garrison, played by Derrick Briggs. Mark was defended by William R. White, an attorney-at-law in Brevard. The prosecuting attorney was played by William J. Cathey, III, Assistant District Attorney of the 29th District.

Since acquaintance rape is a common concern among all college campuses, this mock trial gave students an idea of the proceedings and technicalities of a rape trial. At college parties, alcohol is usually consumed and this can be a large factor in a jury's

decision. In these cases, it is easier for a man to rape a woman because he assumes she will consent to sex because she is drunk and behaving flirtatiously.

After the 12 jurors were chosen, the judge explained to them how important it was to be sure of their final decision.

The witnesses were sworn in by the bailiff, played by Greg Dill. The cast of witnesses included: (witnesses for the prosecution), Anna Paez as Resident Advisor Michelle McCarthy, Lin Redmond as friend of the plaintiff Rhonda Fleming, RD Laura Waller as Detective Carol Williams, Nurse Juanita Butterworth as Dr. Clark, and (witnesses for the defense) Brian Mendenhall and Mark Abbott as friends of the defendant Tim Van Pelt and Jason Kline, Thomas Smith as Pastor Olson, and Mary Wise as Jenny's roommate, Heather Linden.

The first testimony given was that of Jennifer Edwards, the alleged victim. She opened by telling the judge that she had had a fight with her boyfriend Rick. Since she was upset, Jenny went to a dance club, the Albatross, with her friends.

Jenny testified that she drank approximately three beers at the club and that everyone went to a party in the forest after the club closed. She then drank three more beers. Witnesses said she seemed drunk and was being sexually persuasive to the men. Jenny was said to be wearing a provocative outfit -- a black tank top and denim mini skirt. She had a sweater, but according to some witnesses, she had removed it.

Jenny then testified that, while she stood talking with Mark Garrison, someone spilled beer all over her skirt and soaked it. She told Mark she was going to the van in which she had arrived. Jenny removed her skirt and lay down in the van.

Mark testified to the same story, but then the story changed. Jenny said Mark came into the van and pushed her down. She kept saying "no," but he refused to stop, and allegedly raped her.

However, Mark testified that he assumed she wanted to have sex, and that she had teased him, but admitted that she said "no." Mark's assumption that Jenny didn't really mean "no" led to

the alleged offense.

Dr. Clark provided important evidence, testifying that the evidence gathered from the medical examination of Jenny gave Dr. Clark reason to believe that forced sexual intercourse had occurred.

After a short recess, a panel of counselors answered the audience's questions and explained their jobs. Charlie Byrd and Sally Farmer of the Hendersonville Rape Crisis Center, and Cynthia Shaffer from the Buncombe County Rape Crisis Center showed a rape examination kit used to gather physical evidence in rape cases. Steve Martin, BC's College Counselor, explained his experience with students and their problems dealing with rape.

After the panel had spoken, the jury could not reach a decision and this resulted in the hung jury: Mark Garrison was acquitted because there wasn't enough evidence against him.

When the audience was asked their opinion by a show of hands, about 70 percent found Mark guilty, 20 percent innocent, an 10 percent undecided.