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### Transylvania party chairs to speak at BC forum

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The Debate Society/Young Politicians of America will hold an open forum on Monday, Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Reserve Dining Room hosting the Transylvania County Democratic and Republican Party Chairs.

Marshall McCallie from the Democratic Party and Jim Meyer from the Republican Party will be on campus to address students and answer questions about upcoming elections, opportunities for involvement, registering to vote, party platforms and the way politics has shaped their lives.

McCallie said, "I am delighted to address the Brevard College students because they can play an important role as voters in the current elections, and in the future, they will serve as civic leaders in their communities. The overall quality of politics in the United States will be determined by the thoughtfulness and commitment of such civic leaders. I believe that it is particularly important that we re-establish informed civil dialogue in this country and

Brevard College is a great place to start the process."

Meyer, who also expressed excitement about the upcoming forum, said, "The Brevard student body, like most other college student bodies, is consumed with a heavy academic load on top of a potentially heavy work schedule. This affords little or no time to reflect on the advantages and rewards of community service or the opportunities which are available for the students to help add their voice to the public discussion and direction of our culture."

He continued, "With the opportunity being afforded me Oct. 11, it is my desire to describe clear public policy choices and their associated repercussions so that the students may formulate their own plans and add their new gift of leadership made possible by this college experience. As the new leaders of our culture it is important that good choices are made and the long journey is started as early as possible."

McCallie went on about why it is important to address our student body: "Our country needs bright, well informed citizens who, from an early age, are prepared to study the issues, thoughtfully engage one-another and become involved in the political process. For the past 20 years the United States has enjoyed pre-eminence in the world, but the world is quickly changing and we cannot assume that our leadership will go unchallenged."

McCallie continued, saying, "Further, we have great domestic challenges: trying to create a more equitable, productive economy while protecting our environment and ensuring the civil rights of all of our citizens. These challenges will not be met by sloganeering and shouting matches; they will be addressed through the active participation of a new generation of committed and wise citizens."

Meyer, who agrees strongly with the importance of speaking with our students, said, "A 2006 survey found that 72 percent of college faculty define themselves as liberal. This lopsided platform has a tendency to promote a double standard that protects liberals and progressives while attacking conservatives.

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## EPA audit certifies BC's compliance with federal environmental standards

By Caleb Welborn Staff Writer

Although the leaves will be changing color soon, Brevard College will remain a green campus. According to a report released on Sept. 24, 2010, BC is completely up to Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA standards.

An environmental audit was conducted at Brevard College by the engineering firm of HRP Associates Inc., and trained peer auditors from North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities Association, or NCICU colleges on Oct. 28-29 2009. The audit was conducted in order to bring the college into compliance with EPA regulations.

The team that audited BC consisted of four trained auditors, including an environmental engineer and personnel from three other schools affiliated with the NCICU. The team inspected the school in almost all aspects, including food, maintenance, housekeeping, grounds, science, art, chemical storage, and waste management.

There were a number of violations discovered. However, by the time the final compliance

#### **Environmentally conscious changes:**

Some of the more visible changes you may have seen on campus:

- Installed low-flow shower fixtures
- Installed compact fluorescent bulbs
- Began an active recycling program with receptacles around campus
- Removed trays from cafeteria for water and energy conservation
- Began to use all green chemicals

report was sent to the EPA in, all violations had been corrected. The overall cost to bring BC to compliance was between \$1,000 and \$2,000. For some colleges, the cost was up to \$30,000 or more.

"We had one of the lowest costs of North Carolina colleges to bring ourselves into compliance because of our ongoing efforts to be environmentally conscious, even before the audit." said Stanley F. Jacobsen, the Brevard College Director of Safety and Risk

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