

Student Health Services opens new women's clinic

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In July, Student Health Services spent about \$12,000 to open the Dysplasia Clinic, which was created to supplement services provided by the popular Women's Health Clinic. Peggy Norton is a family nurse practitioner at Women's Health who works in the new clinic.

"Dysplasia Clinic was set up for care of women with abnormal Pap smears," says Norton.

The Pap smear is a screening test performed during a pelvic examination. To get a Pap smear, a doctor gently scrapes a cell sample from a woman's cervix; the cells are then tested for cancer. Until the advent of the Pap, cervical cancer was the leading cause of death in women. With proper use of this test, physicians are almost able to eradicate death due to cervical cancer.

"Over the past three years, the number of abnormal Pap smears in UNC women has dramatically increased from 3.5 percent to 11.5 percent of all Pap smears done. This is the main reason for starting the new clinic," says Norton. "This increase is almost entirely due to an increase in venereal warts and reflects a national trend."

Venereal warts are caused by the virus condyloma acuminata. This virus is a common sexually transmit-

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ted disease which affects both men and women. In women, warts may be found on the external genitalia, in the vagina or on the cervix. When warts affect the cervix, they often transform cervical cells into cancerous cells. For this reason, warts are the most common cause of abnormal Pap smears.

"There are over 100 types of wart viruses, and at least three of these may cause cervical cancer," says

Norton.

"Of all Pap smears that come back abnormal from the lab, 50 percent will revert back to normal within six weeks. Of the half that does not revert, almost all remain abnormal because the patient has warts," Norton said.

The rise in incidence of venereal warts among UNC women is occurring independently of the other sexually transmitted diseases which, according to Norton, have not increased. Norton also says that chlamydia (the most common venereal disease) is still affecting about

18 percent of the sexually active women, and probably more men at UNC.

Women who have two consecutive abnormal Pap smears are referred to the new Dysplasia Clinic where a special microscope, called a colposcope, is used to visualize and guide biopsy of the cervix. This instrument costs about \$9,000 and makes up the bulk of the money spent to start the new clinic.

"Biopsy results are used to decide if minor surgery (i.e. freezing) is needed to remove the abnormal cells," says Norton.

"Dysplasia Clinic sees about five patients each week at UNC," says Norton. "Since the clinic has only been operating since July, many women at UNC with recent history of abnormal Pap smears are now being treated by private physicians. These women need to know that Student Health now provides these services cheaper than community doctors."

According to Norton, all women should have Pap smears done regardless of whether they are sexually active. Non-sexually active women should have a Pap smear as

part of a good gynecological check-up and should have follow-up tests every two to three years.

"All sexually active women should have routine yearly Pap smears," says Norton, "because studies have shown an increased incidence of cervical cancer among sexually active women."

Dysplasia Clinic is held every Wednesday on the first floor of the Student Health Service in the Women's Health section. Appointments are made by referral from either a Student Health doctor or a nurse practitioner in Women's Health.

Campus Calendar

The DTH Campus Calendar appears daily. Announcements must be placed in the box outside The Daily Tar Heel office, 104 Union, by noon one day before — weekend announcements by noon Wednesday. The DTH will print announcements from University-recognized campus organizations only.

Monday

3:45 p.m. UNC Media Board will meet. Check Union desk for room number.

4 p.m. Women's Lacrosse Club will practice on E-haus Field until 5:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Sociedad Hispanica presents a classical guitar concert by Eugenio Gonzalo and a recital of poetic readings in Spanish by Stella Manaut in the Toy Lounge, 4th floor Dey Hall. Free.

7 p.m. Career Planning and Placement Services will sponsor a presentation by Macy's Atlanta at the Carolina Inn. Open to all students.

The South Korean Campaign Committee of Amnesty International will meet at the Newman Center.

7:30 p.m. Students for Simon will meet in Union 209. All interested please attend.

8 p.m. Amnesty International will meet at the Newman Center on Pittsboro St. All welcome.

8:30 p.m. FCA will meet in Kenan Field House with NBA star "Pistol Pete" Maravich and special guest Bob Warren. Senior Class Gift Committee invites all interested seniors to share ideas about the senior class gift in Union 210.

Items of Interest

All Campus Calendar announcements are due by NOON on the day before they are to run in the DTH. Appointment sheets for English majors to pre-register with their advisers are posted on the bulletin board opposite 212 Greenlaw.

Campus Y Crafts Bazaar Volunteer Committee is searching for volunteers for waiters/waitresses or host/hostesses for the Bazaar, to be held Nov. 13, 14 and 15. To sign up, please go by 102 Campus Y. Shifts will be approximately 2 hours.

Chapel Hill League for Safe Bicycling will meet Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of Chapel Hill Town Hall. All interested students may attend.

Health Professions Advising Office is offering workshops to help pre-health students interview for professional schools. See bulletin board at the office on 2nd floor Steele Bldg.

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