

# Five New Positions To Help Health Department

**BY MARJORIE MEGIVERN**  
 Septic tank permits will be handled quicker and the animal shelter will have a fulltime attendant, thanks to new positions included in the Brunswick County budget for the health department.  
 Health Director Michael Barrett-Rhodes said Monday that changes in environmental health will take several months to accomplish, but the three new sanitarians to be hired will mean a complete re-structuring of the environmental health division.  
 "We can specialize more and get to permit requests faster," he said. "Also, we'll be looking at the quality of work, something we just didn't have time to do before."  
 At present six sanitarians, in-

cluding Supervisor John Crowder, have handled evaluation of property for septic tanks, tank inspection and permitting, inspection of water supplies for home loans, and inspection of restaurants, meat markets, day care facilities, nursing homes and motels.  
 With three new people, Barrett-Rhodes explained, one person can be assigned to food and lodging inspections, an important improvement since a new state law requires all restaurants to be inspected four times a year.  
 "We're advertising for the positions now," he said, "but they won't be on board till September or October. Then, if they're experienced, it will take three to four months before they're acclimated. Someone just out of college will take a year to be going strong."  
 Changes in the animal shelter operation will be welcome, too. A

shelter attendant and a clerk will be added to the present staff of four that includes Director Zelma Babson, two field workers, and one person to do everything else at the shelter.  
 Babson said, "We need help so bad, we're about to pull our hair out."  
 She explained the field workers answer complaints, investigate animal bites, and pick up strays. "We chase down hogs, cows, ferrets, you name it. If it's an animal, we get it," she said.  
 Babson is in and out of the shelter, while the one person remaining must answer telephone and radio, receive animals and keep the shelter clean.  
 The new clerk, Babson said, will take care of telephones and radio transmission and do paper work involved in animal investigations.  
 She said she hopes to have both new positions filled by the end of August.

## MORE LETTERS TO EDITOR

### Are You Keeping A Watchful Eye On Government?

To the editor:  
 As Pat Buchanan in a Newsweek article, July 13, stated, "The liberal wing of the Democratic Party has made itself the ally of communism." He further stated, among other things, that "The new party of Kennedy and Kelly and Dellums and Dodd, of Coelho and Solars and Foley and Wright, does not want the communist regime in Nicaragua overthrown."  
 Did you know your representative, Congressman Charlie Rose and four other N. C. representatives voted with this group on the looney left against a bill that would bar Americans who travel to Nicaragua or other Central American nations from assisting the Marxist Sandinista government or other communist guerilla groups? The bill (HR 1777 with amendment) was considered a policy statement against communism, not a travel ban.  
 The measure, introduced by a Republican, passed 213-201 with the aid of conservative Democrats.  
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 Robert H. Sellers  
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## Changes Coming For Community Colleges

An audit report just released on the state's Department of Community Colleges includes recommendations for decreased funding of some continuing education classes and stricter regulation of adult basic education classes.  
 State Auditor Edward Renfrow released the report last week, but Jesse Clemmons, Dean of Continuing Education at Brunswick Technical College, said he wouldn't know any specifics for that institution until the General Assembly adopted its budget, expected at the end of July.

Renfrow said in the report that the criminal investigation of Cape Fear Technical Institute in Wilmington, based on payment received for non-existent classes and falsified attendance records in that school's continuing education program, led to a closer look at continuing education programs at 21 other schools.

BTC was one of those under scrutiny by the State Bureau of Investigation, and the investigation was completed last week, with no comment on findings by the SBI.  
 Renfrow said, "We have found evidence of padded classes at 25 percent of the schools examined, as well as generally low class attendance, an

overall average attendance being 60 percent."  
 The result was a recommendation for improved controls over continuing education, most of which Renfrow said have been adopted by the State Board of Community Colleges.  
 "The report also includes recommendations to change the state support of certain parts of the continuing education program," Renfrow said, "increasing funds for occupational extension courses, and funding avocational and practical skills courses on a modified per capita basis."  
 Problems were also found in the adult basic education classes, according to Renfrow. Courses were being taught to students whose instructors admitted they could not benefit from them, and the average attendance was only 43 percent.

He recommended adoption of regulations to correct these conditions.  
 Because he believed his recommendations will have significant financial impact on some schools, Renfrow said a transition period for changing the funding formula has been suggested.

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