

BC Infirmary Offers Free Condoms

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Contraceptives are available to Brevard College students not only in community drug stores, but in the BC Infirmary and the Transylvania County Health Department.

The BC infirmary gives out condoms upon request in order to ensure the health of all BC students. Students will receive this form of birth control and information about sexually transmitted diseases if they ask for some form of protection.

LPN Patricia Jenkins feels that the infirmary staff could not provide preventative health care for the students on campus if the sexual aspect of health was not discussed. "We have determined through the incidents of infection and STDs (sexually transmitted diseases) that condoms are necessary for health reasons. We don't give out any other form of birth control because all we are interested in is the prevention of disease," she said.

Jenkins believes that available protection is needed because teenagers between the ages of 14 and 20 are more readily influenced by hormones, and the newly found freedom of college life is more conducive to casual sex. "Abstinence is encouraged, but we are not judges. We are just here to ensure the students' safety," Jenkins said.

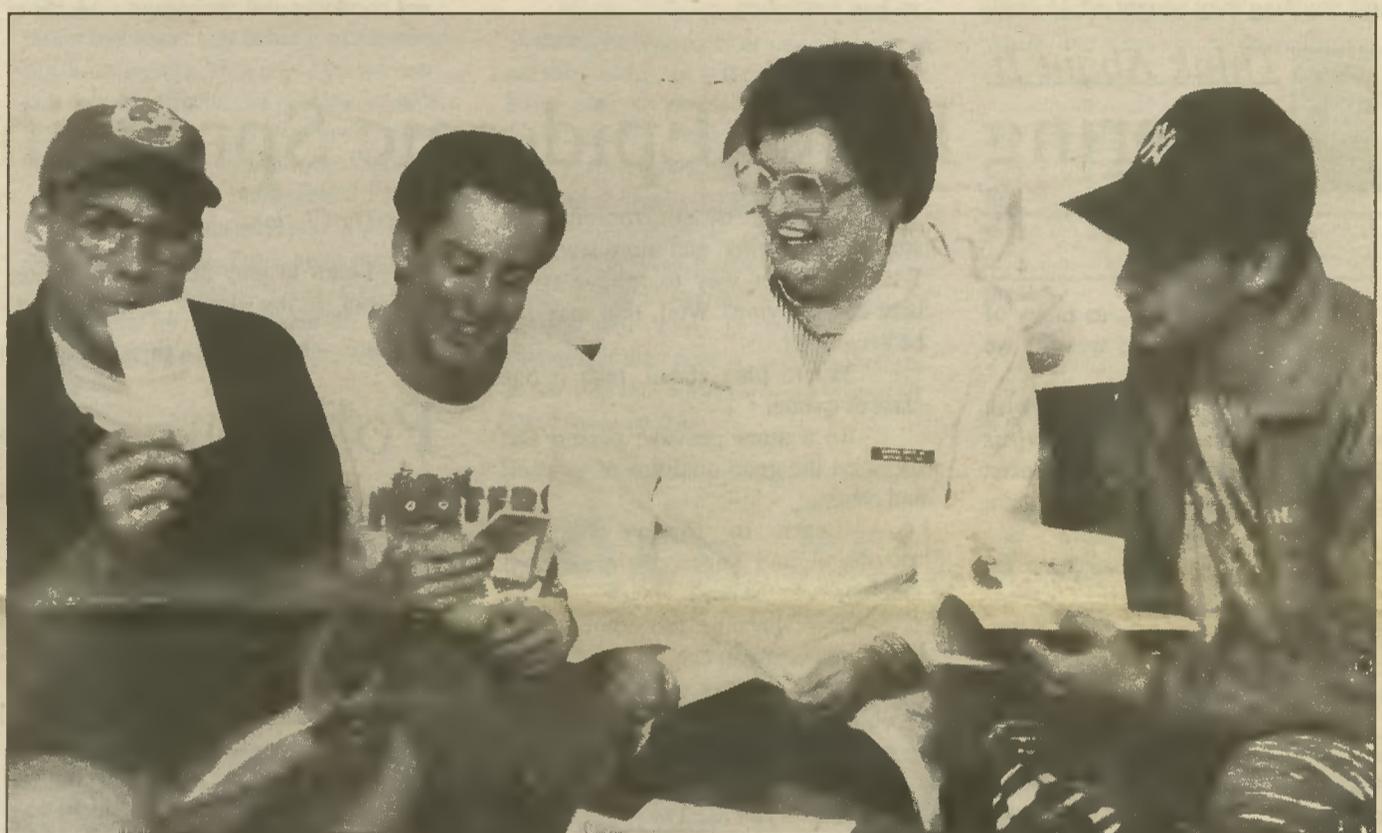
The Transylvania County Health

Department, located in the Community Service Building across from the Transylvania County Public Library, offers family planning services. These include counseling, a complete physical exam, follow-up for all patients and a

choice of the most appropriate form of birth control. An appointment is necessary and fees are based on income.

The clinic also provides free STD testing and \$5 pregnancy tests Monday through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30

p.m. Free and confidential AIDS testing, with counseling and education, is available Monday through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. No appointments are necessary for either service.



BC students discuss contraceptives with Nurse Barbara White. From left to right are Sean Elko, Brook Jewell, White, and James Woodley. (Clarion photo by Kelley Hulsey)

Economic Situation Causes Perimeter Housing Shutdown

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For all you students who have gotten used to a home-like setting, peace and quiet, and complete privacy in Complex, Duplex, Little House, and Ross: turn on the lights, because the party is over. Next year Brevard College will be shutting down perimeter housing.

The decision to close down perimeter housing was made by Dale Wiener and the Brevard College business office. It is strictly based on an economic standpoint.

Due to the economic situation, everybody's budget was cut across the state. Brevard had to make some financial adjustments, so every department was asked to cut down on expenses by 4%. Perimeter housing is a major way for Brevard to save money, according to Wiener.

For example, Ross Hall occupies

30 students, and Green houses over 100, yet it costs way more to run Ross than it does Green. Ross has too many maintenance problems such as the heating system and windows, among other things. It will be much cheaper to close it than to try and work on it.

Complex, Duplex and Little House will be rented out to faculty and staff or be offered as a "perk" for faculty and staff; if Brevard College cannot pay you what you want, they could offer you a place to live. Perimeter housing would then become profitable.

There will be no problems in moving all perimeter students onto the central part of campus. According to housing, there are over 600 spaces on campus, and only 550 residential students.

Many students believe that because of the move, there will be less students being admitted. That is not true: there will not be a reduction of incoming

students on campus. Brevard will not turn down any students applying due to their housing situation. If necessary, the College will move to step two, which will probably be the re-opening of Complex-Duplex.

Students who are now living in perimeter housing are not at all happy

about the change. Their main arguments are that, while now they have peace and quiet, privacy, and a place to lounge around in, next semester they are going to be stuffed up in the noisy and cramped-up dorms. Also, they are going to have to share the bathroom with (See *Perimeter* on Page 2)

Housing Policies Change In Fall

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Students returning to Brevard College next autumn can expect a number of changes in housing policies.

According to Tommy Wright, Assistant Director of Housing, the changes will take place in the areas of consolidation, reversal of East and West Beam, and the establishment of smoking and nonsmoking floors.

After the closing of perimeter housing, consolidation will be necessary to utilize all housing spaces in the center of campus. Under the consolidation policy all students will have a roommate, and only a limited number of private rooms will be available for an extra fee.

"Next year the college expects 550 resident students, with only 600+ housing spaces in the center of campus. (See *Policies* on Page 2)