



A Different Perspective

# Providing Condoms Promotes Responsibility

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The Brevard College Infirmary gives out free condoms upon request. This is not a good thing nor is it a bad thing to do, but it is necessary. I don't think that a Methodist college should encourage students to have sex, but I do feel that steps should be taken to prevent students from contracting STDs, especially the AIDS virus.

The '90s are a scary time to come of age. When our parents were young, most anything they caught could easily

be killed off with a little penicillin. We can die. We can also cause others to die.

Next to abstinence, condoms are the most effective form of protection available. Since everyone knows that teenagers will not stop having sex, the logical thing to do is to encourage safe sex.

Many people feel that teenagers can buy condoms in drug stores, so there is no need to pass them out in high schools and colleges. They feel that if young people are mature enough to have sex, then they should be mature enough to buy protection.

That is very idealistic. Sixteen is the average age of both males and females to lose their virginity. Sixteen-year-olds are not responsible. That is why they are not allowed to vote or drink alcohol or stay out past curfew. Condoms also cost money - anywhere from \$4 to \$8 for a box of ten. This is money that teenagers don't want to spend, especially since they still think that they are invincible. Condoms aren't worth buying since they know that "they won't get AIDS."

Many people also feel that giving out condoms will encourage students to

have sex. This is absurd. Teenagers are not going to start sleeping around simply because condoms are easily obtained. In fact, they will probably question whether or not they should have sex because condoms make people think of AIDS. And AIDS kills.

Giving out free condoms upon request in the Brevard College Infirmary is an excellent idea. Not only do the BC nurses give out life saving contraceptives that prevent STDs such as the AIDS virus, they also have an opportunity to ensure that students are making responsible decisions about sex.



Think About It

# Spring Fever Epidemic Spreading Rapidly

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Spring is finally here, as many of us can tell by the beautiful weather we have experienced lately.

Be careful, because along with spring comes that irresistible virus called spring fever. How can one resist the urge to soak in the hot radiant sun, or jump in a game of volleyball?

Studying becomes a hassle as the weather becomes so near perfect that one can't stand to be cooped up in a hot, dingy, class room, reviewing over English notes.

Yet along with spring comes final exams. Yes, finals and spring fever do clash, but only if you allow them to. Finals tend to bring great amounts of

stress as one is confronted with studying, studying, and more studying. What's a better way to relieve stress than not studying? Well, that may not be the answer.

- Try to plan ahead, take it one class at a time.

- Be a more positive person and focus on the good qualities of yourself and others.

- Learn to forgive because frustration and anger can really put someone over the edge.

- Don't become too competitive, just do the best you can.

- Learn to relax without drugs or alcohol. Even tobacco is known to cause stress.

- Talk to someone about things that bother you. If you need to you can even

write *The Clarion*.

- Learn to play during your spare time, not during classes. Exercise and fun are always healthy, but in

moderation.

I hope my suggestions help you as the time comes nearer. Start on them now, not just before exams. Enjoy the weather, good luck, and have fun!

## Policies

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For every bed there will be someone in it," said Wright. After consolidation is completed, a lottery will decide who receives any remaining private rooms.

Another change next semester will be the existence of smoking and non-smoking floors. The administration feels that separate smoking and nonsmoking floors are important for health reasons. Under this policy the top one or two floors of each dorm will be designated as smoking floors. Smoking will not be permitted on the lower floors or public areas of the dorms. People who carry lighted cigarettes into nonsmoking areas will receive points.

The reversal of East and West Beam will be put into effect before summer school begins. According to Wright the student population is 58% male and 42% female. The extra floor is needed to make more housing spaces for male students. It will also bring everyone into the center of campus.

Some changes in the area of student

life have been brought up before the SGA. However, college rules themselves will not change. "I don't see a lot of real changes in any of the rules or regulations," Norm Witek, Dean of Students, said.

A subcommittee of SGA and Dean Witek have gathered research and will make a proposal about changes of visitation hours or the possibility of an escort service. "So far there are no specifics on visitation or an escort service," Dean Witek said. If an escort service were established, it would be for everyone during visitation hours. Hosts or hostesses would be responsible for escorting their guests, and there would never be a student without an escort in a dorm housing members of the opposite sex.

Dean Witek also said that he wants more activities that students will enjoy and become involved in. He would like projects such as weekend trips and the coffee house, as well as clubs with leadership roles, to grow stronger.

## Perimeter

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many people who are not as tidy as themselves, where as before they had private bathrooms. There will also be no place to heat up their food, and they will not be able to get away with a lot of things they used to.

Students who occupied Complex-Duplex, Little House and Ross were mostly students who are on the Track and Baseball teams. They all lived

together with their teammates, and became like a family. Any problems that occurred were usually solved and kept between them. Now, with this move, they will have to learn to deal with other students, their peeves, their personalities and new living conditions.

However, with a little adjustment, and a little bit of effort, the transition from Perimeter housing to dorm housing will not be as terrible as many make it out to be.

# THE CLARION

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