



Brevard College's new full-time Director of Security, Steve Woodson. (Clarion photo by Lin Redmond)

Woodson named BC security director

'I like to have an open-door policy'

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Brevard College's new Security Director, Steve Woodson, arrived on campus the day after Thanksgiving Break.

Woodson was hired to relieve Kevin Binkley, who is also Resident Director of Taylor Hall and Housing Director for the whole campus.

Housing and Security, which was previously one position, is now being divided into separate jobs. About the change, Binkley says, "Security was taking up so much of my time, my other responsibilities were suffering. In looking at the position of Director of Security, Administration decided there were so many aspects to it that it needed to be a full-time position."

Woodson worked seven years with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Department. He was Chief of Police of Weaverville and started that town's police force. When asked by SGA members why he left city/county law enforcement work, Woodson cited his days in the Homicide and Narcotics Division: "I got tired of seeing kids in the morgue."

Woodson says he left his previous job at Mars Hill College (where he was Director of Safety and Security as well as Custodial Services) because he wants to keep his duties in his chosen field of law enforcement.

A native of Weaverville, Woodson is only 32 years old but has worked in law enforcement for twelve years. He has a wife and two sons — Brad, who is 13, and Nicholas, who is 21 months old. The Woodsons raise and train Arabian horses, two of which have placed fourth and fifth in world ranking.

Woodson claims that he prefers the atmosphere of a small campus. "I don't want to have a big school type of thing. I want to get to know the students," he says, "their names, their faces. I want it on a personal basis."

Woodson feels strongly about his role as Security Director. He says, "My philosophy is that I'm here to provide a safe environment for students to get a good education in life as well as academically. And it's my responsibility to assist the student in any way to help achieve his or her goals."

This interest in young adults is obvious in Woodson's goals on the BC campus. He considers himself open-minded and plans to get involved in campus dances and social activities. When asked about his musical tastes, he replied, "I like all kinds of music, but for instance, when my son plays his really hard rock, I don't like it, but I don't yell at him!"

Woodson admits that there will be a transition period as he gets used to his new job. He is already familiar, however, with many of BC's problems. "One of the first things I'm going to be looking at," he says, "is the parking situation. Also our relationship with the police department."

He continues, "I don't want to be viewed as a negative part of campus. I want to be a helping hand, a friend. Someone that the students can trust."

"I like to have an open door policy," he continues. "If students have a complaint they can come to me. I might be busy but we can always work something out."

Woodson's office is on the second floor of Stanley Hall, the Student Affairs building.

College plans for paving in the future

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First the good news: the parking problems at BC are going to be fixed. And the bad news: they won't be fixed this year.

The SGA has been working long and hard on the problem of parking here at BC, and their hard work is finally paying off. Speaker of the Legislature Derrick Briggs says, "The College is trying to get something done, but it just takes time to get it all together."

According to Director of Development Don Scarborough, the College plans to add a new parking lot with 50 spaces. This new lot may be made near the Barn Theatre to help alleviate parking problems that have come up in the past with activities in the Barn.

The college also plans to pave the parking lot behind Green and Taylor, the road going to the Complex/Duplex, the parking area behind Jones, and the roads that need resurfacing, says Scarborough. Scar-

borough is optimistic, although no exact date for the work is set.

Briggs says students complaints center on the dirt roads and muddy parking lots during bad weather. Students are also concerned about the excessive amount of dust that gathers not only on cars but in any room in which the windows are open.

The biggest delay in the paving is the cost. It is estimated that it will cost \$250,000 to pave and resurface the areas that need it the worst. Since BC is a private non-profit institution, improvements such as paving are paid for mainly by donations. Scarborough commented that unrestricted donations or money donated expressly for paving is needed, but that paving wasn't an attractive item that many donors want their money spent on.

In all likelihood the sophomores won't be here when the work is completed, but there is a good chance that this year's freshmen will get to take advantage of the new and upgraded parking system.



Europe-bound BC students are making plans for an eventful spring semester abroad. The BC semester in Austria program will include: front row, left to right, Ethan Summers, Kelly Ferguson, Cory Clark and Marla McNeill; back row, Andy Parse, Russ Washburn and Grant Westfall. (Clarion photo)