

# News

## President Van Horn speaks to SGA regarding campus money concerns

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President Drew Van Horn met with students at Wednesday's SGA meeting, offering insight into the structure of Brevard College's finances.

His demonstration of the flow of money into and out of the College's coffers revealed the crucial role of tuition dollars in the school's capacity to spend money. More students mean more money.

Using an Excel pie chart in an interactive question and answer period with the members of SGA, he also delineated how funds were being allocated.

The SGA assembly marked the second

meeting of the student body with President Van Horn in one week, as a very similar meeting with the Dean Holland's student cabinet was held the day before. In both cases, the President fielded a volley of questions from students and outlined the necessity of expanding the college's recruitment focus to newer markets while upholding the college's tradition of serving the educational needs of Appalachia.

President Van Horn's reacted to the discussion easily, saying, "I enjoyed speaking with the students last night. I feel that it is important that rumors are dealt with as soon as possible. I believe that the students found our time together to be informative, as it also was for me. The students asked good questions and made very insightful observations. I hope that we will have more

opportunities for this kind of dialogue."

Students seemed to appreciate the opportunity for the discussion, applauding President Van Horn as the meeting ended. Those in attendance learned that there are two areas in which students can help keep the college financially strong in the surrounding economic climate: apply for grants to bring more money to the school (they ARE out there, you simply have to look) and reduce energy consumption (the less the school spends on electricity and water, the more they can spend elsewhere).

Sara McDorman, SGA's President-Elect, announced that she will hold weekly meetings with President Van Horn to ensure that the dialog between the students and the administration of the College will remain strong and effective.

## Environmental Issues Committee proposes ideas for a greener campus

*Academic Quad fountains may be drained and become gardens*

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The Environmental Issues Committee made a list of recommendations to President Van Horn over break that if approved will help the school become more environmentally friendly, Committee chair Ken Duke confirmed last week.

The recommendations addressed driving on campus, campus paper consumption, recycling, and water use on campus. If approved, the most noticeable change will be that the fountains in the Academic Quad will be drained and converted to gardens.

"Maintenance often requires the fountains to be drained and since there is no bottom drain, the water is pumped out and applied to the surrounding grass where it can seep into ground," Duke said.

"The savings in resources, primarily labor, used to maintain the fountains are significant."

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