

School nurse loses job

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Rumors were flying and tempers were flaring yesterday as the word spread quickly, across campus and beyond, that Director of Medical Services Susan Martin had been let go.

Students, alumni and staff have rallied to Facebook groups to express dismay and even outrage that Martin, a friendly and consoling figure to anyone with a problem, medical or otherwise, may be the latest victim of financial problems at the College.

A particular Facebook group titled “Brevard

College needs Susan Martin” was created at 5:53 p.m.—within two hours it had accumulated more than 100 members.

Mixed with the outrage and dismay online were questions, such as *why*, or *what happened*, and *what does this mean for students in need of medical attention*? One question that has been answered, however, is the most obvious: Martin has confirmed with the Clarion that she has in fact been laid off.

As of press time, the College had not issued an official statement regarding the change in campus medical services. That did not stop rumors from spreading quickly around campus late Thursday afternoon, however, including one as yet unconfirmed suggestion: that students would need to pay for medical

services out of pocket at the Urgent Care clinic near the College.

The Clarion contacted various members of BC’s administration for the facts on how this decision was made and what the impact will be on the community. Because the story broke so late, past business hours, the Clarion had received no official word from members of the administration to our requests for more information. The Clarion will continue to report on this story as more information is brought to light.

Given the reactions so far, however, one thing seems certain—Martin has left her mark on BC, and according to her, the feeling is mutual. “I love all of you, and you know how to find me,” she said.



National Championship held at Beech Mountain Ski Resort in Banner Elk

Each year the USA Cycling National Championships are held, bringing together the fastest riders in every mountain discipline. This year, and next, the USA Gravity Championship will be hosted by Beech Mtn Ski Resort in Banner Elk, NC. Cyclists will race Downhill, and Dual Slalom.

Brevard Alumni Danny Cesare was a member of the crew contracted to build the course, and will compete against some of the best in the nation.

Johanne Tuttle, another Brevard Alum, will race in the Pro category, against the nations fastest women. Racing on familiar terrain gives Tuttle an extra edge. Women coming from out west will not be used to the soil, rocks and roots.

Several current Brevard Cycling Team members will make the trek to Banner Elk this weekend. Senior Tripp Bagnal will race Cat 1, the same category as Cesare, and Kate Weisenfluh will also race the Cat 1.

Asher Blackmore, Mac Banner, and Trey Cassell from Brevard College will also be racing. Cassell won the qualifying race two weeks ago in Cat 2.