

Pressure

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This mindset involves embracing what is unique and special about Brevard: a natural playground that can be accessed within minutes, a long time association with music and the arts, convenience to the popular city of Asheville, but enough asphalt in between to remain distinctly independent.

Brevard and the surrounding area have tracked away from the quiet retirement community it used to cling to and has embraced the younger, more vibrant culture that has started to converge on this quiet mountain town.

Maybe it's the small town feel, maybe it's the mountain biking, and maybe it's the craft beer. Whatever it is, we are now learning that

the growing prominence of these things in our area brings us more attention and markets our school with the right brands. It has forced us to renovate old trucker motels so that we can fit all of our students.

This is a great problem to have.

This spring, SACS sent a Liaison Committee of four college administrators to reassess BC's probation. The committee was planning to stay for three days. However they cut their trip short after two, which Deborah Hall describes as a "rarity," even suggesting that Dr. Cathy Cox, one of the members of the Liaison Committee and President of Young Harris College, referred to her experience here as "positive."

It could've been Jordan Street or the Sunrise Café, which had been recommended to them, or it could've been the unseasonably warm weather for February that followed them into town. But it's more than likely that they saw all they needed to see: concrete proof that BC rose

to the occasion and then exceeded all of SACS' expectations. Not only was it evident that our financial standing had a positive outlook, but it's much harder to walk around the campus today and perceive BC as the same institution that was placed on probation.

This June, a commission of SACS members and the Board of Trustees will meet to review the reports of the Liaison Committee that visited this spring. Hopefully, we will have our accreditation status fully restored.

Looking back on the past few years, however, it's almost bittersweet to see our days of probation possibly behind us for the fear that we will lose our ability to fight.

It's tough times that really create a strong sense of community, and it's during tough times that the true character of everyone is exposed.

Some people just perform best under pressure.

Clarion crew at it again

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