

"THE BC" cast includes Fr. Don MacMillan, center, who plays Fr. Don MacMillan.

FOX PRIME TIME was a dark, empty void in October. No Red Sox. No "Arrested Development." And the worst: no new episodes of "The O.C."

But thanks to a group of Boston College students and a Jesuit priest who blogs and splices phrases like "holla at your boy" into conversation, "O.C." enthusiasts found a temporary replacement in "The BC," a spoof of the Fox drama.

The Internet-based show, created by and starring BC seniors Woody Tondorf and Joe Sabia, follows Woody Atryan (Tondorf), a BU student kicked out of school for stealing cars who's given a second chance at BC by kindly Fr. Don

MacMillan (the Sandy Cohen character, minus the eyebrows).

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The stars are real students, priests and administrators, the show is edited on Sabia's laptop, and the taping takes place whenever the cast can duck out of class (and in some cases, midterms).

But what started as a skit for their comedy group, Asinine, has already captured the attention of CBS National Evening News, FOX 25 News, Newsweek and a group of girls at Princeton University who started a "BC" fan club.

As word of the show grows, so does their fan

base. Their Web site, www.the-bc.com, receives more than 2,000 hits a day — and even more when weekly commercials or monthly episodes premiere.

'We're on a mission'

After taping of episode three, which airs tomorrow, Metro had coffee with Tondorf, the Friar, Sabia (who plays Seth Lohan) and Ryan Farnan (Ryan Lukewalker).

"I'm getting a minor in film," says Farnan, about the group's TV experience. "Oh, and Laura [Murphy, who plays Liz Fulton] has done some acting. But I think that's it?"

"We learn every day," says Sabia. "But you can basically say we have no idea what we're doing. We have a \$3,000 camera on loan now from student government."

Which is not to say they're not ready for the bigtime. If someone offered them a Hollywood deal, "I'd drop out of school tomorrow," deadpans Tondorf.

"I told you guys I want to see you graduate," chides the Friar.

"This just started out as an innocent spoof," says Sabia, "but we're on a mission now. We want to make the administration more approachable and bring the BC community together. And where else are you going to find two Jesuits jamming to Usher?"

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