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COURTESY OF JESSICA COLAVITA

A star is born in 'The B.C.'

Look out, Rachel Bilson; Charlottean Jessica Colavita just might take your job. She may not be the next starlet of "The O.C.," but she is starring in "The B.C." The comedy is a spoof of the Fox hit and features students at Boston College. Colavita, a junior at the Jesuit university, plays Autumn Strebor, a parody of Bilson's Summer Roberts. Colavita said Autumn is part-Summer, part-Boston College stereotype. "I'm the quintessential B.C. girl," she said. "They call us 'J-Crew U' here in Boston. I wear my iPod and my pearls around campus." Though, when filming stops, she trades in her polo shirt for a tee. The plot of the Web-based show is very similar to "The O.C." The brooding lead character Woody Atryan (parody of Ryan Atwood) is the tough guy/transfer student from Boston University. Character Seth Lohan (Seth Cohen) has a crush on Autumn. Her best friend is Melissa Hooper (Marissa Cooper). An actual Jesuit, Father Don McMillan, plays himself and takes cues from "The O.C." patriarch Sandy Cohen. Colavita also is a producer of the campus

comedy troupe, Asinine. Two troupe members thought up "The B.C." and recruited her for the role. She said the series has been well-received. The Web site received 22,000 hits in the last six weeks. The show also punctuates the rivalry between Boston College and Boston University. But Colavita said students from both schools watch without animosity. The stereotypes are "so over the top," she said, that people aren't offended.

Recently, "The B.C." has been featured by the Boston Herald and Newsweek magazine. The show is slated to soon appear on the campus TV station. But for those who don't live in Boston, new episodes of "The B.C." will still appear online. To see the first two episodes of "The B.C.," visit www.the-bc.com. — LINDSAY POLLARD