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(Photo By Casey Baluss)

**A PREVIEW OF THINGS TO COME?** Eric Moncrief (L) and Sue Greenspan (R) study on the steps outside of Ramsey Library this week. More stu-

dents may have to study outside the library as Gov. Jim Martin's recent hiring freeze forced the library to drop 11 hours from its weekly operating schedule.

## Residents protest to DOE at local briefing

By Julie Ball

A public briefing by the Department of Energy (DOE) last Thursday turned into an angry protest against the proposed high-level nuclear waste facility in Western North Carolina.

The proposed site contains portions of Buncombe, Madison, and Haywood Counties.

Wearing red ribbons in protest of the proposed site, about 1500 area residents gathered in the Thomas Wolfe Auditorium for the briefing.

Department of Energy representative Ralph Stein said the purpose of the briefing

was to provide information about the proposed site and to answer any questions.

"The confidence of the public is essential to the success of the program," said Stein.

Throughout the briefing residents made comments at the DOE officials.

One resident said "We don't want it."

In the question and answer portion of the briefing, questions asked included those about possible problems transporting the waste, and the possibility of decreasing property values because of

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## Court impeaches chief justice

By Scott Luckadoo  
and David Proffitt

The seven justices of the UNCA student court decided last night to begin impeachment proceedings against Chief Justice Doug Griffin for "overstepping the boundaries of his duties as chief justice."

According to a source who spoke only on the condition of anonymity, Griffin had repeatedly "tried to be both the prosecution and defense."

"He was trying to be the whole court," the source said.

Griffin admitted that there had been differences of opinion among the justices, but added that he felt such differences should not be grounds for his impeachment.

"What concerns me is the way they are trying to get rid of me," said Griffin. "If you're going to be censured or charged, there are procedures such as filing a charge sheet and a pretrial hearing. They (the justices) did none of this," he said.

Griffin said that student advisor Dr. Cissy Petty attempted to violate his cons-

titutional rights by first trying to prohibit his taping the proceedings and later confiscating the tape.

The atmosphere during the entire meeting was tense, according to the source.

Griffin admitted that he had just become "unworkable" with the other justices, and he had known of the conflicts for several months.

"But I don't want to resign because I would like to let the proceedings go on," said Griffin.

However, the source said he thought Griffin would resign before the matter goes to the student senate.

Should the affair go before the senate, each justice, including Griffin and Petty, will be interviewed individu-

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### Martin here today

N.C. Gov. Jim Martin will be on campus today. While on campus, Martin will meet with Chancellor Brown and SGA officials. Afterwards he will attend a downtown forum at the Asheville City Council Chambers.

### Weekend Weather

The UNCA Atmospheric Science department provides this information to the campus community each week in the **Blue Banner**.

**Thursday:** Snow flurries in the morning, followed by partial clearing; will turn windy and colder. High in the upper 30s.

**Friday:** Fair and cold with a low near 20 and a high near 40.

**Saturday:** Fair with a low near 20 and a high in the mid 40s.

**Sunday:** Continued fair, but a little warmer; low in the low 20s, with a high near 50.