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Senate Committee formed to investigate chief justice

By John Coutlakis

The Senate Censure Committee held the first of a series of meetings on March 5 to determine whether Doug Griffin is performing his job as chief justice as outlined in the judicial code.

The seven justices of the student court voted to ask the student senate to form a censure committee on Feb.

The committee called forth Attorney General Jody Andrews. Asst. Attorney General Ulrich Detrich, Public Defender Roxanne Smith, and Asst. Public Defender Steve Magoon.

SGA vice president Pat Cabe, chairman of the censure committee said, "We allowed them to air their grievances. They presented us with complaints that were backed up with evidence, submitted to prove that Doug Griffin is not performing his duties in the role of chief justice."

She said the committee will call forth Doug Griffin on March 12 to hear his side of the story.

Griffin said the seven justices of the UNCA court violated the procedures of impeachment when they voted to

ask the student senate to form a censure committee at what he termed an "informal meeting" on Feb. 26.

According to Griffin, the UNCA student constitution states that the justices must file charges against him in a formal student court.

Section 3 of the impeachment process gives Griffin the right to a trial, he said.

He said since both the censure and impeachment process lead to a removal from office, this section applies to "anyone facing removal from office."

Griffin must then be convicted by the University Court of Appeals. Since the positions on the appeals court are empty, the case would go to the Administrative Hearing Court, he said.

The Blue Banner received a copy of a letter Griffin said he mailed by registered mail to Chancellor David Brown concerning the issue.

The letter states that wishes to press charges against Andrews, Smith and Magoon in the Administrative Hearing Court.

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CINDY CARSWELL (L) AND UNCA baseball Coach Ken Bagwell's son Drew watched the baseball team in action at McCormick

(Photo by Jonna McGrath) Field last Saturday. The Bulldogs swept a doubleheader with ASU 7-5 and 14-11.

Commission allocates its funds

By Sherry Cathcart

The Campus Commission for Student Services Funds has announced its decisions on how it will disburse part of the available funds among various organizations.

The commission's budget for this semester was \$36,707, according to William Pott,

vice chancelor for finance.

The commission granted \$8,320 to 11 organizations, including Underdog Productions, the Pep Band, Amateur Radio Club, and the Resident's Housing Authority. These groups received the highest amounts.

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Runoff scheduled for SGA president

Student Government Presidential Candidates Ken Hardy and Steve Magoon will participate in a runoff on March

Jack Gardin, SGA elections commissioner, called the run-Tuesday evening after none of the four candidates for SGA president received 50% of the total vote plus one (a simple majority) in the SGA elections.

Gardin said the UNCA SGA constitution states that the top two vote getters will compete in a runoff if no candidate receives a simple majority.

According to the results, Hardy received 93 votes while Magoon received 72 of the 271 votes cast for president.

Billy Smith got 64 votes and Ken Baldwin had 42.

Monica Bonikowski won the vice presidential position with 178 votes. Her opponent, Athena Fox received 93 votes.

Gardin said the Buncombe County Board of Elections would conduct the runoff on March 26 in the Highsmith Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Both commuters and residents may vote during this time.

Weekend Weather

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

Thursday: Rain and thunderstorms, possibly heavy at

times; high in the mid-60s.

Showers and thunderstorms continuing; low in Priday:

the low to mid-50s with a high near 70. Saturday: Showers ending; a low near 50 and a high in the

Fair with a low in the mid-40s and a high near