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Internal struggles hinder SGA

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While the Student Government Association deals with their first impeachment in nearly a decade, rumors of favoritism and a fight for power plague the student leaders.

"SGA is trying very hard to achieve a mission, and it's a period of transition with the student government," said Tim Laughlin, commuter senator and chair of the finance committee. "The student government is trying to find out where they fit into the equation of student affairs. What direction we're going in, how our meetings are run and what actually is occurring isn't what I think SGA should be doing or what I feel SGA has been able to do in the past."

Investigation brings up dirty laundry

Controversy surrounding sophomore Senator Greg Goddard's possible impeachment is causing trouble for SGA, according to Laughlin.

When Goddard claimed responsibility for writing offensive statements on the Socialist Unity League's wall, which stood on the Quad last month to symbolize the wall on the West Bank in Palestine, he added fuel to an impeachment procedure which began in response to his numerous absences from meetings.

"Me, Devon Sanchez-Ossario and Greg Goddard were all on academic affairs," said Andrew Johnson, freshman senator. "Greg (Goddard) is now being impeached. Devon (Sanchez-Ossario) stepped down. So now I'm standing by myself in academic affairs. I am temporarily the head of that committee."

Johnson never met Greg Goddard and now sits on the impeachment committee for the senator. The committee, formed by Vice President Anna Lange, analyzed the factors involved in the process of removing a member of SGA.

"The impeachment process is somewhat complicated," Laughlin said. "It initially starts by a committee being formed by the vice president and the Senate approving the committee to investigate whether or not proceedings should be brought and the charges are valid. When she announced that committee, it was comprised of three freshmen senators, a newly appointed sophomore senator, a recently appointed senior senator and the chair of the committee."

Lange carefully selected individuals for Goddard's impeachment

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COURTESY OF THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Women's soccer team prepares to confront the Carolina Tarheels Friday after winning the Big South Tournament in penalty kicks against Liberty.

By Jessica Short
STAFF WRITER

The women's soccer team won the Big South title claiming the first UNC Asheville women's team bid to the NCAA tournament. The Bulldogs play the nationally ranked Carolina Tarheels on Friday at 5 p.m. in Chapel Hill.

"It's something, as a coach, that I've wanted for long time," said head coach Michele Cornish. "We've made school history, and with a very young team at that." "I'm pleased for the university and for everyone involved in getting us where we are right now. The NCAA Division I tournament is a big deal. It has not been an easy road to get there, lots of road trips, late nights, missed classes and long days. Trust me, we plan to enjoy every moment we can."

UNC Asheville defeated No. 1 seed Winthrop and No. 4 seed Birmingham-Southern to play Liberty Sunday. The Bulldogs won Friday against Winthrop 2-1 after Thursday's win against Birmingham-Southern in double overtime. In overtime the first team

to score wins.

The Bulldogs went into the Big South tournament as a No. 5 seed and defeated Liberty, the No. 3 seed, Sunday. The game went into double overtime and then into penalty kicks, where the Bulldogs outscored the Flames 4-2.

"I have enjoyed coaching this team very much. I know my assistant coaches feel the same way. I'm simply proud of them for accomplishing what we all wanted and for making school history in the process. I'm thankful to plan a few more practices this week as well," Cornish said.

The Bulldogs practiced penalty kicks Saturday. The team battled sprinklers on the field during their practice according to Cornish.

"Our keeper Ronnie was nearly blasted with water in the middle of the goal while

she waited to save a shot," Cornish said. "Everyone thought it was pretty funny actually. As coaches we can only help the confidence level by practicing penalty kicks, though not usually with

sprinklers running." Liberty nearly doubled UNC Asheville's shots on goal during regulation time.

"They came at us with high intensity, really strong. They were going really fast, a hundred miles an hour, and we just were caught off guard," Kate Barrow said. "After the first half we came back together as a team and took a deep

“At this point anything can happen.”

JANET CONE
athletic director

breath together, and we re-focused. After that, the second half was ours we played our game on the ground instead of just kicking it over, from then on I think everyone knew that that was it."

The Liberty game went into two 10 minute overtimes and resulted in a tie. The game then went to penalty kicks.

"I was ready for it. I'm like 'just bring it'," said goal keeper Veronica Lazar.

A save from freshman Lazar secured UNC Asheville's win.

"I told Ronnie and everyone else that if she could save one penalty kick we would win," Cornish said. "Ronnie pushed one wide of the goal and Meagan sank the fifth penalty kick, we won, and we got our NCAA bid."

Juliana Duncan, Robyn Busha and Ashleigh Carter also scored for the Bulldogs in the shootout.

"Ronnie came up huge, brilliant, brilliant saves," said senior and captain Carter.

Cornish asks her players to step up and volunteer instead of designating which members of the team take the kicks, according to Carter.

"I was one of the first. I made the decision awhile ago just being a senior and just being injured and stuff like that," Carter said. "If it came down to penalty kicks then I wanted to take one. That was how I was going out whether I missed it or made it."

The Bulldogs celebrated the announcement of their NCAA pairing at Wild Wing Café on Monday. The NCAA Champion is determined by a 64-team tournament with single elimination. Cornish, Carter and UNC Asheville Athletic Director Janet Cone spoke at the event Monday.

"I said this will be the year we win it because we're not the number one team. Sometimes when you don't have that much pressure on you, you just go in there and give it everything you have. I'm really excited for the seniors on this team. Like Ashleigh said, they've been there and been so close before," Cone said.

The Bulldogs went into the past two Big South Tournaments as the No. 1 seed.

"We're just going to play hard. We'll let everyone get in and have a chance to play," Carter said. "It's not every day you get to play a Chapel Hill or somebody like that. We got to play Duke my freshmen year which was great

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Students get dressed up for a good cause

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While ghosts and ghouls haunted the night, many students celebrated Halloween by raising money for a charity in Africa.

"It was very good to see the local community taking a part in a school event where it was for a good cause," said Kee Hwan Jang, sophomore student and president of the Asian Students in Asheville Club. "Half the profits were donated to the Amani Children's Foundation, basically for children suffering from AIDS in Africa."

Student organizations and community businesses came together on Oct. 31 to raise money for the Amani Children's Foundation, located in Kenya. With music and dancing in the background, 13

organizations sold goods, donating half of their final proceeds to the foundation, according to Jang.

Asheville Pizza & Brewing Co. and Starbucks Coffee also participated in the event. The Rotract Club, ASIA and the Student Global AIDS Campaign sponsored the Night Market.

"UNC Asheville has really embraced us, and I think that all of us feel a great debt of gratitude to UNC Asheville and other student organizations," said John Stephens, junior literature student and founder of SGAC. "I think one of the most significant things about the Asian Night Market is that it was a collaborative effort with a shared vision."

During the event, Stephens gave a presentation on the Amani Children's Foundation. This

served to tell students the details about the charity, according to Kendra Dagg, junior biology student and member of the Rotract Club.

"I thought it was important, because even though everyone

“One of our main goals is to try to get these children through their first year of life.”

JOHN STEPHENS
SGAC Founder

knew part of the proceeds were going to a nonprofit organization, it would be a good idea to let them know exactly where their money is going," Dagg said. "Instead of just saying, 'AIDS and HIV' and

everyone thinks you're doing a good cause, it's explaining exactly what organization we are putting this into."

Because of the AIDS and HIV epidemic, many countries in Africa struggle with an orphan crisis. The Amani Children's Foundation rescues abandoned infants in Kenya, nurtures them back to health and raises the infants in orphanages until a family adopts them, according to Stephens.

"What the Amani Children's Foundation tries to do is support these children until they can find adoptive parents," Stephens said. "One of our main goals is to try to get these children through their first year of life. One orphanage

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Students spent the evening of Halloween raising money for the Amani Children's Foundation, a charity in Kenya that works to increase the chance of survival for many infants in Africa.