



The emerging court

by charlie peek

journal interview

asked about the new image and the role of the Student Court.

"Up till now, the court has had no role," she said, "everybody has bypassed it." She also said that as a result the government in the school has been running rough, partially due to the past attitudes of the members in the court.

"I want to see the students recognizing the court as an agent to go to," said Hinson. "It should act as more of a court to settle student-student disputes."

She said that it was also there to help interpret the SGA constitution.

SGA president Stan Patterson also had comments about the role of the court. It should be part of the check-and-balance system of the University government, he believes.

"The SGA has got to give it (the court) more power to check the actions of the Student Government," said Patterson.

Patterson also commented on the student court up until the present time. "Last year, the student court wasn't functional but it seems like this year they have got it more together."

Also dealing with the question of interpretation, Patterson said, it should interpret actions of the SGA to see if they are consistent with the Constitution.

Associate Justice Pheadra Berry said that UNCC "must have an enforcing agency to bring students to justice who cause harm to other students." Berry also stressed the court's role as an "interpretive body."

She also said that one reason that the court hasn't been very effective was because "the idea of the court has not been publicized. The students are not aware of the court."

Miss Hinson said that she was very pleased over the make-up of the court. Aside from Miss Hinson, the court is made up of one white and one black woman, one black man and three male whites. "We have moderates, conservatives, and the very liberal," she said, describing the make-up as "fantastic."

For the most part, the student court is fashioned after the U.S. Supreme Court and people seem to feel that this is rightly so.

President Stan Patterson said, that it "ought to be synonymous with the U.S. system."

Justice Berry mentioned that every other governmental body on-campus has been operating on the same basis as the federal government, and that it is consistent that the courts do also.

Five of the justices are elected at-large from the student body

and two are selected in interviews, according to the old Judicial Act.

Miss Hinson said that decisions "should be made with all the judges present." This would add credibility to the court, she said.

According to the SGA Constitution, as it now stands, "The Student Superior Court will have original jurisdiction in all cases involving the constitutionality of any legislative or executive action, and in all cases other than those assigned to lower courts or boards. This court shall act as an appeal board for cases arising in the Men's and Women's residence courts and the Election Board."

When asked about any possible conflicts with SGA committees, Hinson said "I want to restore the original balance of power."

Hinson said that their (the court's) relation to the Residence Hall Courts was that "the students can appeal their decisions to us." "Their first priority is in the dorms," she said.

Patterson, on the purposes of the court, said, "they should make sure that each student is treated in a constitutional manner by the government." He said the court should be "constitutional and fair." "My hope," he said, "is that the student court will be mature in its judgements."

Vickie Hinson said, "I would like to see the SGA recognize the court as a body. This should come about on its own."

She mentioned UNC-Greensboro as a good example of an active student court. "Students often go to their university court instead of the county court," she said, "Up until now, we couldn't even get a student case, let alone a county case."

Hinson emphasized that "the court is not power hungry; we just simply want to be recognized."

When asked about whether the court would enter into any investigative work such as the Justice Department is getting into, she said, "I would like to but I'm not sure about the legality questions."

Some have wondered about the implications of having a woman as chief justice, a move that many think to be perhaps a little innovative. Miss Hinson said that there was no difference as to her being a woman.

"There is no difference in my feminine thinking and anybody else's male thinking," she said.

Miss Hinson repeatedly talked about the problem of getting student involvement in the operation of the court system. "We will issue a 'gray' paper telling the student how to bring cases into the court," she said.

In addition to this, the justices have organized a "moot court" to take place the evening of Thursday, November 18. This event will be conducted exactly as if a student had filed a case in court, using prosecuting and defending attorneys, a bailiff, and all the rest of the courtroom paraphernalia. The public at-large is invited to attend the proceedings, according to Hinson, and learn how the system of UNCC justice will be functioning.

Like Posiden rising from the sea, a group of students are planning to make an all-out effort to be noticed and to balance the governmental operations on campus. The 1971-'72 Student Superior Court has been elected and is on a stepped-up schedule to begin operations.

Established under the revised SGA constitution, the court is authorized to "protect the rights of the Student Body and to insure the acceptance of responsibilities through procedures which shall be detailed..."

At present, the court is struggling through procedural problems related to their having to deal with an outdated Judicial act. But, the act is being re-written under the leadership of Roland Gentry and, as soon as this is taken care of, court proceeding should get underway.

Vickie Hinson, who has been elected by her fellow Justices (six in number) as Chief Justice, was



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Second 49er Pageant

by sharon deck

Twelve UNCC women will compete for the title of Miss Forty-niner this Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in the Rowe Recital Hall.

The Fungus Blues Band will play at a coronation dance in the dorm cafeteria on Friday night.

No admission will be charged for the pageant, which is sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Contestants will be judged in costume, swimsuit, casual clothing, talent, and evening gown competition. Preliminary rounds will be on Wednesday and Thursday. The new queen will be crowned Friday night.

These are the young ladies competing this year:

Miss Cordy Earle, sponsored by Delta Zeta sorority. Cordy, a sophomore art major, is from Charlotte.

Miss Michelle Evens, sponsored by Delta Zeta sorority, is a sophomore whose main interest is in her sorority. She is also from Charlotte.

Miss Laura Foxx, sponsored by the Black Student Union, is a junior English major from Charlotte.

Miss Annie Ruth Howell, sponsored by Rotaract, is a sophomore history and political science major from Charlotte.

Miss Debbie Jamison, sponsored by Alpha Delta Pi sorority, is a sophomore art major from Gastonia.

Miss Carol Loah, sponsored by Delta Delta Delta sorority, is a junior English major from Charlotte.

Miss Gail McDuffie, sponsored by the Student Nurses Association, is a junior nursing major from Rockingham.

Miss Cora Pearson, who is entering as an independent, is a sophomore vocal music major from Charlotte.

Miss Linda Ruth Ross, sponsored by the Black Student Union, is a sophomore music major from Kings Mountain.

Miss Trina Vernessa Stowe, also sponsored by the Black Student Union, is a freshman sociology major from Kannapolis.

Miss Deborah Lynn Thompson, sponsored by Alpha Kappa Psi fraternity, is a sophomore music major from Moultrie, Ga.

Miss Valerie Autumn Wilcox, sponsored by Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, is a sophomore psychology major from Charlotte.