

# Dean requests hearing on charges

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Chapin Clark, dean of the law school, has asked the University administration to hold an open public hearing to review the unfair treatment allegations leveled against the law school by Assistant Professor Ronald Griffin.

Griffin earlier this week charged the law school with breach of promise, failure to follow procedural rules and unfair treatment.

"In that review," Clark wrote, "I

am prepared to document fully the elaborate detail and fairness of the procedures used to reach decisions in Prof. Griffin's case."

Griffin, who has been here since 1974, claimed he and Clark reached a formal agreement in the spring of 1977 that Griffin would resign at the end of the academic year in return for Clark's promise to write Griffin a favorable recommendation and not issue a notice of non-renewal for the academic year 1977-1978.

Clark said he did all he could to assist Griffin in finding other employment mainly through tele-

phone recommendations. He also said he refrained from issuing the notice of non-renewal until eight months after the date Griffin promised to resign.

However, Griffin said he didn't resign because he hadn't received Clark's written recommendation at the agreed-upon date.

Clark, in a written request sent to University Provost Paul Olum, requested the formal hearing.

"I am confident that the law school has followed the proper procedures carefully in evaluating Assistant Prof. Ronald Griffin and that the treatment accorded him

has been unscrupulously fair," Clark wrote. "I believe his allegations to be without merit.

"At the University's request, Assistant Attorney General Branchfield will be contacting Prof. Griffin's attorney immediately to arrange a prompt disposition of the issue," he continued.

Griffin also claimed three members of the law school faculty hindered his chances for employment at the University of Tennessee, thus discharging him from the contract.

In his memorandum, released earlier this week, Griffin wrote, "I well recognize how difficult it was to work, much less make a meaningful contribution in a non-supportive faculty environment. Since the law school was unwilling to transmit an unimpaired report, I am now unwilling to leave silently."

He asked that the dean be enjoined from issuing the notice of non-renewal and that he be granted a personal leave of absence.

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Dave Tyler, current Incidental Fee Committee (IFC) member, won the one-year student-at-large position. Another IFC member, Janet Eggleston won a two-year sophomore slot. Mark Farley, a chemistry major, won the other sophomore spot.

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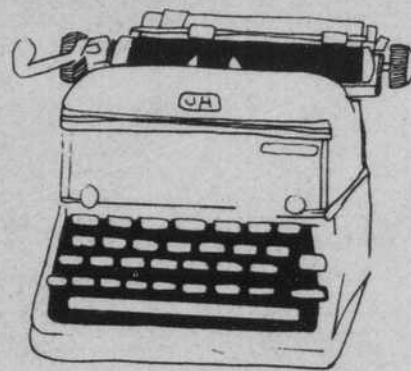
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