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## 'Confidentiality' issue sparks SGA dissent

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A controversy surrounding student involvement in the recent proposal to increase student fees reached an emotionally charged culmination during Tuesday's SGA meeting.

Several SGA members at the meeting last week questioned Katie Russell, SGA president, and Kyle Horton, treasurer, about their roles in student fee committee meetings.

The Chancellor's Student Fee Review Committee traditionally includes two students from the student government that represent student interests.

The controversy began when executive members Russell and Horton could not answer specific questions regarding the committee because, according to them, they were told the meetings were confidential.

The idea of students attending "confidential" meetings where the cost of at-

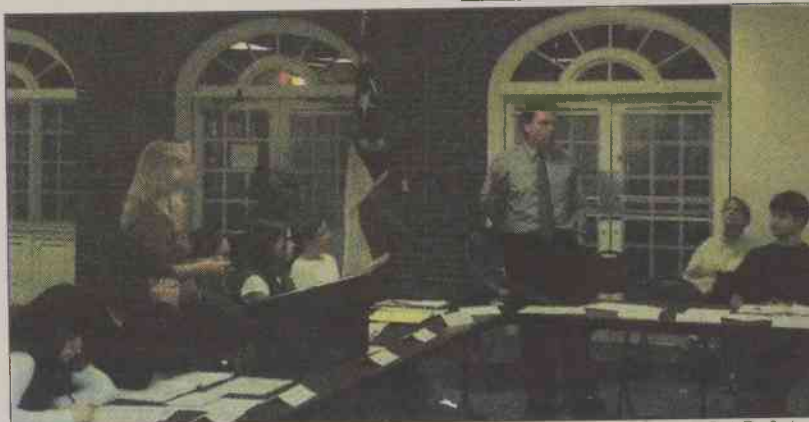
tending UNCW is discussed outraged the representatives who began questioning Russell and Horton.

"I have a serious problem with student fees discussions being confidential," said Jessica Maher, SGA represen-

tative, at last week's meeting.

The same representatives, who are members of the Planning Committee within SGA, put together what they called a "press release," which addressed

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Dean of Students Terry Curran, standing right, addresses the Student Government Association Tuesday night.

## Some dorms to receive new fire alarm system

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Advanced fire detection systems will soon comfort students and parents in Grahamlett and Galloway halls. Installation of the system at Grahamlett hall is scheduled over the next year.

The addressable fire alarm system will feature a top of the line computerized fire station panel with smoke detectors in each room. The panel will allow fire fighters to see the exact room number of the ignited area instead of hunting for the blaze. It will also store a history of activations in the panel. The

centralized system will automatically alert the university police upon activation as well. The laundry areas and garbage chutes will be equipped with limited sprinkler systems and heat sensors.

"I think we've decided this is the best thing to do - to install state of the art fire detection systems," said Brad Reid, director of housing and residence. "We really believe that this is the most important thing right now."

The Board of Governors stated in its' 1999 to 2001 budget request that fire safety improvements in residence halls were among the top priorities for universities. The BOG, as well as the North Carolina Department of Insurance, realized that, due to insufficient overhead space to accommodate piping for sprinkler systems and the presence of asbestos due to certain renovations, some university buildings were presently better serviced by installing fully compliant detection and alarm systems than by fire suppression systems.

"I would hope that [the system] would be put in by January 2002. However, it may be as late as July 2002," said Stan Harts, director of environmental health and safety at UNC Wilmington.

He expects to see many of the older

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## New Seahawk website up today

Starting today, the *Seahawk* will have a new, improved presence on the World Wide Web.

The new site at [www.theSeahawk.org](http://www.theSeahawk.org) features the latest news, sports, opinion and feature stories found in the *Seahawk* Newspaper, along with a chat room, discussion forums, polls, and links to current weather and important UNCW-related websites. Additionally, the site will feature bonus stories not found in the regular print edition of the *Seahawk*.

"This is the *Seahawk's* third, and by far the most professional, establishment of a World Wide Web presence," said *Seahawk* Editor-in-Chief Thomas Ruyle. "We've reorganized the site in order to make it the most useful, easily accessible site ever."

The site is built and hosted in conjunction with College Publisher, Inc., a Boston company specializing in Uni-



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versity newspaper websites.

Perhaps the most important new feature is that the site can be updated at any time from anywhere, allowing the *Seahawk* staff to publish breaking news, update stories, and fix problems as they happen.

"We certainly invite the UNCW community to take a look at the site, and feel free to send any feedback and suggestions on it," Ruyle said.