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## Online voting to make debut on campus

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Online voting has become a topic of national debate, and the UNCW Student Government Association decided last week to make it the official method of selecting student leaders.

Improving voter turnout is a goal the SGA has worked toward all year, and this is a way they felt they could achieve that goal, said Crisp McDonald, sophomore class president. Carolyn Farley, the acting student government advisor, proposed the idea at the beginning of the academic year, according to McDonald.

The elections are set for Tuesday, April 10 and Wednesday, April 11, and students will have both days to cast their votes. Each UNCW student email account will receive a message that will link to a Web site containing the ballot. Once on the Web site, in order to cast a valid ballot, students will have to enter their identification number and password just as they would if ac-

cessing SEAWEB, the UNCW online registration system.

All UNCW email accounts can be configured to forward messages to other commercial email accounts including Hotmail, Yahoo! and AOL. Students unaware of this feature can contact the computer help desk in Hoggard Hall at 962-4357.

According to Ashley Delph, SGA secretary of public relations, the SGA is hopeful that using the online system for voting will reduce the chance of error in the election and increase participation.

"It's been a goal of SGA to bring in online voting and to try and move us into a more technological stage," she said.

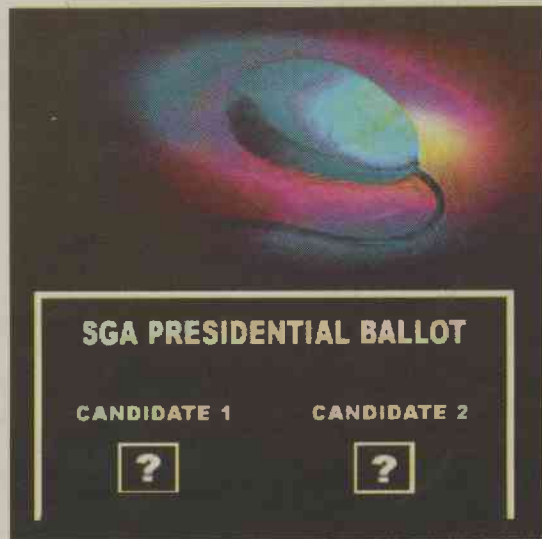


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Rosalie Cost, a UNCW senior who has voted in past student elections, is concerned about learning a candidate's platform. She said in the past it was difficult to find the information, and she usually voted for a friend or a name she frequently saw on a campaign poster.

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## WLOZ will remain silent until station reorganizes

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WLOZ will remain closed until the station can be reorganized, at the earliest next academic year.

The decision was made at a Stu-

dent Media Board (SMB) emergency meeting last Thursday. The board allotted the station \$2,000 in money for training and reorganization. It also requested that a representative from the WLOZ core group work with the board and present them regular progress reports.

The decision of the SMB comes one week after the WLOZ viability committee recommended to the board that they reopen the station with certain guidelines and conditions. After a lengthy and emotional discussion the SMB decided the station needs to remain closed until the WLOZ core group can make more progress.



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Several SMB members agreed that the station must be reorganized and receive some form of training before it will begin broadcasting. The format of broadcasting is another issue since the current signal would be considered "pirate" if it bleeds off campus, according to Bill DiNome, student media coordinator.

"The only two other options I see right now are web streaming and direct feed (via cable)," he said. "Neither of them can guarantee much of an audience."

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### Sunset on the Cape Fear

The U.S.S. North Carolina is illuminated by the setting sun over the Cape Fear River downtown this past week.