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"For the last four years, I never know who I am voting for, except that I know the name," Cost said.

Concerning the issue of voter awareness, McDonald said, the new method of online voting allows each candidate's platform and picture to appear on the Web site. He said the email students receive will contain a "class sensitive" link. This will ensure that freshmen only vote for freshmen, etc., he said.

The following positions are available: student body president and vice president; senior, junior, sophomore and freshmen class presidents; two representatives from each class; three on-campus representatives; eleven off-campus representatives; five College of Arts and Sciences representatives; three Nursing

School representatives; two Cameron School of Business representatives; one Watson School of Education representative; one graduate student representative; two non-traditional student representatives; and three at-large representatives.

Students wanting to run for office can pick up an election packet from the SGA office in the University Union room 200. The packets are due back in the SGA office on Friday, March 30 by 5 p.m. Campaigning will begin Wednesday, April 4. Election results will be announced at noon in the Hawk's Nest April 18, and the inauguration ceremony will be held on April 24. The time and location of the ceremony is to be announced.

UNCW divers and research vessel return to *USS Monitor* for 2001 mission

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Teams of divers led by UNC Wilmington's National Undersea Research Center, will soon begin the final stages of retrieving major portions of the *USS Monitor* wreck for permanent display in a safer home ashore.

The ship sank 16 miles off Cape Hatteras soon after its battle with the Confederate ironclad, C.S.S. Virginia in 1862. In the 1970s, the wreck site became the nation's first National Marine Sanctuary.

The goals of the 2001 operation are to map and recover small artifacts in and around the wreck, recover the ironclad's engine and begin preparations for future recovery of the gun turret. The U.S. Navy will carry out the heavy lifting. The other tasks, which occur before and after the Navy's work, will be carried out by divers from UNCW, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), East Carolina University, the Cambrian Foundation and the Mariner's Museum, site of the *USS Monitor* exhibit.

Phase I of the 2001 operations begins March 25 and continues until April 13 when dive teams will make observations and measurements needed by Navy engineers and salvors to carry out the engine recovery. During Phase II in June and July, the Navy will place a barge over the top of the wreck and recover the engine. The final stage of this year's efforts, which will take place from July to September, will prepare for the turret recovery in 2002.

Advanced diving technology, including use of special breathing gas mixtures and specialized equipment,

is required for divers to safely reach the wreck sitting 240 feet beneath the surface.

"Led by UNCW's undersea research center, the Sanctuary will be able to carry out the advanced diving activities that will be done outside the Navy's heavy lift operation," said Doug Kesling, the expedition diving safety officer for UNCW's National Undersea Research Center and dive supervisor for the non-Navy diving operations.

The UNCW team will be working from UNCW's 63-foot Research Vessel Cape Fear. The R/V Cape Fear is a fast, comfortable vessel available for research, training and educational cruises in waters from near-shore to the continental slope. The vessel is equipped with DGPS, Loran, 72-mile radar, SSB and VHF radios, a colorscope fathometer and a cellular phone. The R/V Cape Fear is constructed of fiberglass and features six independent watertight compartments. The aft work area deck is 600 square feet with a canopy covering 75 percent of the area.

A water-level dive platform provides easy and safe access to the water. A steering station on the aft work deck allows the vessel captain to maneuver the vessel to accommodate science operations. Hydraulic connections, an A frame, a winch and an onboard nitrox mixing station provide additional capabilities for scientific research projects.

UNCW will also provide a hyperbaric chamber for safety purposes. In the case of a diving incident, such as 'the bends,' the high-pressure chamber will be used to treat victims in a controlled environment back on shore.

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According to DiNome, the station broadcast on cable for 15 years, and decided to leave that format due to lack of audience. Another format believed to be an option was low-power FM, which was all but ruled out due to cost and competition with other area groups to receive the frequency.

Another sticking point of allowing WLOZ to come back on the air is that it does not currently receive academic support, such as a faculty advisor or academic courses.

"It sounds to me like we have no choice but to close the radio station," said Kevin Knight, academic advisor to the *Seahawk*. "I'm expressing my disappointment on the part of the university for its failure to provide the academic support that is its' major responsibility. We are talking about a student medium that has existed for years. If WLOZ closes, it's UNCW's fault and their failure."

DiNome thinks that a lot of it has to do with how the university defines itself and that it comes down to specialization.

"Not every school can be all

things to all people," he said. "A lot of it has to do with the surveys they run."

According to DiNome, the most recent surveys indicate that students are interested in film studies and not many were interested in radio instruction.

Ashley Delph, SGA representative to the SMB, thinks the WLOZ core group can get back on the air, despite the obstacles they face.

"If they really want to have a solid structure they're going to find the people to help them with it, and they're going to be able to get it done," she said. "We are here as an advisory, not to do it for them."

Freshman Justin Queen, WLOZ core group member, agrees that the students can find a way for WLOZ to become successful.

"If we can re-group and figure out some way to promote and market properly, we will be very successful," Queen said. "We need to get this together on campus so we can expand our horizons to off-campus. I know there is an entire group of people who stood behind me today in the meeting that are willing to do whatever it is going to take."

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