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SGA approves pricey student union proposal

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An expanded student union is in the works, but it will cost students.

The proposed plan, named "To Form a More Perfect Student Union," is currently scheduled to begin its first phase in the summer of 2003, and the proposal has recently garnered a resolution of support from the Student Government Association.

Carolyn Farley, director of the University Union; Terry Curran, dean of students, and Dick Scott, associate vice chancellor of Business Affairs, all came before the SGA at the body's weekly meeting on Tuesday in order to gain the SGA's support for the project.

"Our vision is really your vision," Curran said, who stressed that both parties sought the best option for students.

Senior administration wanted SGA's backing because the reso-

lution signifies the general support of the large student body that student government represents.

The proposal calls for increases in student fees in the coming years, and "student endorsement was significant," Farley said.

The necessary funding for the project, Farley said, will primarily come from three sources — retail revenues, donor contributions and student fees. Any donations that will likely help finance the union will not be examined until the designs for the new space are completed.



The union expansion project will expand meeting and office space, food service, student gathering places and recreation facilities.

In her presentation to the board, Farley set out some definite prices students should expect to pay. The first increase is ex-

pected to take place in the fall of 2002, raising fees by \$115. The second rise in fees will be during

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Freedom of speech tested on campus

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The university received negative press this month from a *Washington Times* news story and editorial detailing the stifling of free speech on campus.

The published information—which has been proven to be inaccurate in almost all respects—included details about an investigation into allegations that a UNCW professor made political remarks to a student that made her uncomfortable.

The professor referred to was Mike Adams of the criminal justice department and the undergraduate student in question was Rosa Fuller, a former student of Adams.

The *Times* reported that a professor of criminal justice was under investigation for harassment and that

both the university police and the provost visited the professor because of political remarks he made to a graduate student regarding the Sept. 11 tragedy.

"The police nor the provost ever visited me, and I made no harassing remarks," Adams said, contradicting the report.

What really happened was that (Fuller) sent me an email about the attacks that she also

sent to 17 other people, Adams said. Among other political remarks, the email said the United States was to blame for the tragedy.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press..."
First Amendment

Fuller contends that the email was not intended to be anti-American, but to put the events of Sept. 11 into a larger context, and she said placing blame was not the issue in discussion.

"I replied to it, as well as forwarding it to a smaller amount of people than she had originally sent it to as it asked on the bottom of the page," Adams said.

His reply was in support of the United States actions and expressed his feelings of disgust for the content of the original email. Adams said that his actions were neither harassing nor threatening.

Adams said he felt the response was understandable given the nature of Fuller's first correspondence, and contacted the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education organization for counsel in the event of a lawsuit by Fuller's parents. The members of the organization made remarks to the national media, which led to coverage by the *Washington Times*.

Among the potentially inflammatory

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