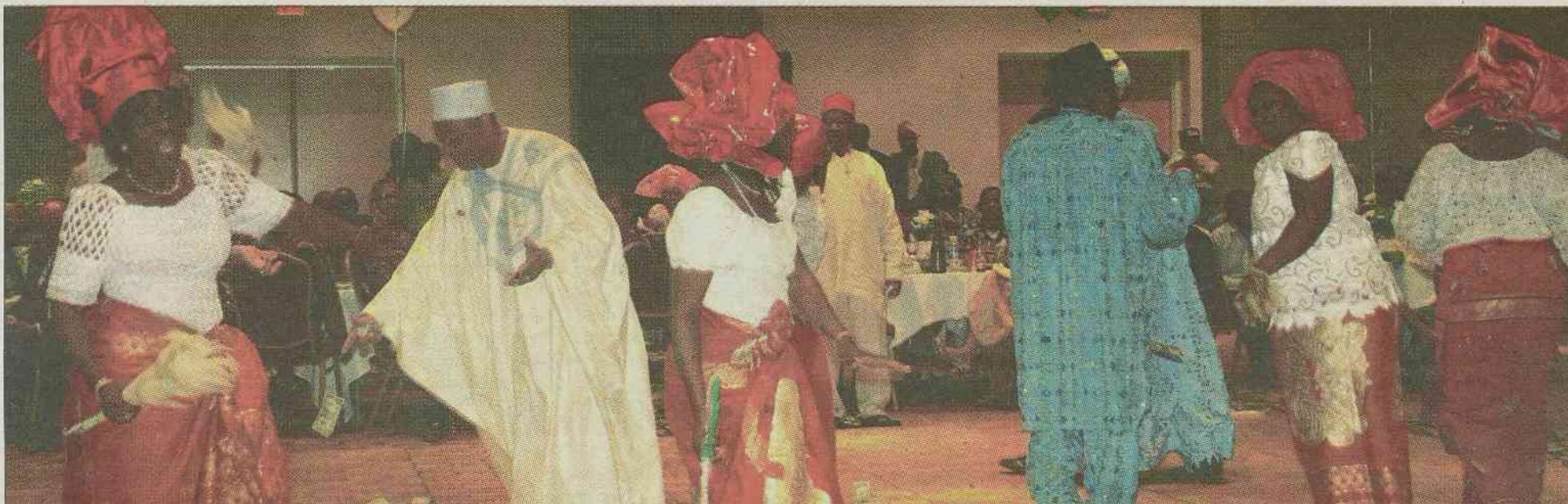


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CELEBRATING NIGERIA'S INDEPENDENCE

Fayetteville State University Chancellor James Anderson joins dancers during a celebration to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the independence of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at the Crown Coliseum in Fayetteville Saturday. The event was sponsored by the Nigerian Cultural Association, which was founded by FSU students in 1982. See story on page 5.

Budget shortfalls affect everyone

By Alicia Bayat
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"We try to protect the core," said Fayetteville State University Director of Budget Carlton Spellman. "Safety, security and instruction are the core. That is the strategic plan."

Last week, *The Voice* sat down with Mr. Spellman, who is the man in charge of helping to steer FSU through rough budget times as the state is currently facing.

Two weeks ago North Carolina Governor Beverly Perdue called for another round of budget cuts to reduce spending by up to 15 percent.

When asked for his take on North Carolina's budget issue and its effects on FSU, he had quite a bit to

say on how the university is affected; the strategy to protect students and what students, faculty and staff can do to support these efforts.

As the state budget shortfalls become the topic of conversation and concern across the state, FSU also struggles with ways to preserve a quality educational experience for students.

From an increase in tuition to a reduction in staff, the repercussions are felt throughout the campus and community, as jobs on campus become fewer, class sizes are augmented and workloads for permanent staff swell to fill the gap and implement expected budget readjustments called for by Governor Perdue.

Director Spellman said there have

been no significant rifts from the budget short fall yet. The current strategy is to leave positions open that are normally filled, to hire fewer adjuncts and to increase the work load for existing staff and faculty.

"What drives us is enrollment numbers. That's really the key for us," Mr. Spellman said. "Projections seem flat from the previous year and the previous year enrollment was down about 10 percent from previous years."

It means FSU might be forced to further reduce staff and possibly faculty. With less faculty and staff available, the increase in class sizes will continue to be phased in and

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6 ways you can conquer your midterm exams

By Camellia Sansberry
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Study, study, study! Let's all make the Chancellor's List!

Midterm exams are right around the corner and it's important that students are preparing themselves accordingly. With the pressure that often comes with having to prepare for a test, students may find it difficult to figure out which studying techniques are best.

1. MAKE A STUDY GUIDE

One of the first things a student can do while studying is to write out a study guide. You

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