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permanent staff and faculty workloads will continue to increase in order to protect class availability.

"We have to cut down on everything; travel, supplies and staff," Spellman said. "Campus wide, the hardest hit departments are the business and finance division and facilities maintenance."

Every department may see this differently as everyone's priorities are different and more narrowly focused.

Governor Purdew's budget has funds reallocated and cut. There are a variety of increases and decreases affecting different facets of the state. Jobs are being cut across North Carolina. Everyone is tightening their belts and expecting more budget reductions on the way.

However, Governor Purdew's budget seems to protect and advocate for education, yet 16 campuses including FSU may be required to get rid of management, staff and programs to meet the expected budget cuts. That may involve layoffs, though it's not certain yet.

Unless it becomes absolutely necessary to phase in the 15 percent reduction requested by Governor Purdew, FSU is poised to implement a 10 percent reduction in the budget as opposed to immediately instituting the 15 percent reduction, according to Spellman.

TUITION INCREASES LOOM

As of fall 2010, tuition has increased, but Governor Purdew's budget ensures the support of fully funded need-based aid as well as funds allocated to cover increased enrollment throughout the UNC system.

The proposal allows campuses to increase tuition by up to \$750 per student, per semester. That is on top of other tuition and fee increases that have already been enacted.

FSU students are paying almost \$250 more in tuition per student, per semester on top of other institution hikes and increases across the board. This is to date the lowest tuition increase in the UNC system with three other campuses allowed to implement the \$750 tuition hike.

The availability of classes needed for graduation could also be affected. With the decrease in class availability, graduating students could find they may need to delay graduation as they are cut out of classes that fill quickly.

FSU may be forced to cut back on aesthetics such as landscaping. Students may have to wait in longer lines for refunds and service. Beautifying projects that make the university appealing to parents, visitors and pro-

spective students are affected.

Available staff members have to work harder to get the same amount of work done. Security officers may have to work longer shifts. Housekeeping staff has increased workloads and is forced to cut back on cleaning schedules.

Director Spellman advises everyone to do their part to preserve the quality of education and experience provided at FSU. Conservation and knowledge are the keys to making it possible.

"Everything will be transparent to students," Mr. Spellman said.

In addition, he added that students, faculty and staff should educate themselves on ways to conserve energy, resources and supplies on campus.

Everyone should be involved in campus activities that support a wide range of ways to help conserve and protect the integrity and productivity of FSU.

"Everyone has a part they can play. If you don't do it at home don't do it here," says Mr. Spellman.

Remember to turn lights off when you leave a room as you would do at home. Pick up trash and don't litter. Use designated recycling bins and refuse receptacles.

Everyone should utilize email to conserve paper and ink. Remember to save on supplies and resources, use recycled scratch paper. Staff and faculty should cut down on printing and copying.

Class sizes have and will continue to increase to meet the needs required to protect instruction at Fayetteville State University.

"Before programs are affected jobs would go first," said Spellman. "It has to get really bad before people go."

Students, faculty and staff can keep informed on how funds are allocated throughout the state by reading newspapers and keeping up to date on current events.

Controller Lisa Blausner of the office of Business and Finance provided the following information for obtaining audited annual financial statements for any state agency including Fayetteville State University. This site can be accessed from the Office of the State Auditor at www.ncauditor.net.

Keeping informed is an integral part of understanding events outside of Fayetteville State University that may affect everyone.

Affairs in the state affect one and all. State budget short falls are everyone's priority. If you want to help protect jobs, your educational experiences, and safety on campus, the advice seems to be – do your part.

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FSU celebrates its bond with Nigeria

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"One nation bound in freedom, peace and unity."

Those are the words embedded in the national anthem of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. Those are also the words espoused by members and guests of the Nigerian Cultural Association's (NCA) celebration gala Saturday night at the Crown Coliseum.

On Saturday, NCA members and guests gathered to celebrate 50 years of Nigerian independence, to share stories, mingle with new and old friends and to recognize those in the community that support the association and its mission.

The West African country of Nigeria gained its independence on Oct. 1, 1960 from the United Kingdom. Today, it is one of the world's largest growing economies and a major exporter of oil in Africa. It is also a country rich in culture and history.

Still young in the throes of growing pains, the Federal Republic governmental system is modeled after the United States.

The system is composed of a President and a congress and senate to balance the executive power.

NCA was founded by Fayetteville State University Students in 1982. The association's mission is to be visible in the community, to raise money to help support other local organizations, educate the community, and address issues that affect the association, Nigeria, North Carolina and Fayetteville.

This was not a conventional sit-down dinner with speaker after speaker passing through the podium in assembly line fashion. The night was filled energy and entertainment.

NCA has taken the idea behind the Nigerian national anthem, and reached out to envelope the whole of the local community as one nation regardless of nationality, or color of their skin. This idea was passionately expressed throughout Saturday's independence celebration.

NCA announced their support of The Care Clinic, a local health clinic for those

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How? E-mail Professor Skye Dent at sdent@uncfsu.edu.

Skye Dent is a WGA West member from the inner city streets of Roxbury, Boston who parlayed her writing skills into selling narrative scripts to Star Trek Voyager, The Burning Zone, Disney Showtime, Universal Studios, Discovery Channel, Paramount, and the National Institutes of Health.

"Those who can ... both do ... and teach."