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FSU budget woes worsen

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At Fayetteville State University jobs will be lost, and students will have to scramble to meet class requirements.

"I have been here 30 years, this is absolutely unprecedented," said Dr. Young referring to the budget crisis and cuts that will be necessary next year.

Budget concerns have been at the forefront of every topic throughout the country. It is the concern of every state, city and county

as states scramble to cover budget short falls.

Last year, Governor Bev Purdue called for an additional 15 percent in budget cuts throughout the state. FSU budget director, Carlton Spellman indicated that the expectation was to shoot for cutting 10 percent and only if it was necessary make those 15 percent cuts.

That absolutely necessary time has come to make extensive budget cuts to meet these expectations with more changes to come.

Primarily this will mean extensive changes in the operation, class availability and job

Cut backs may include reduction in hours of operation as well as some services being eliminated all together.

positions for existing faculty.

"Students should be aware that there will be fewer class sections next year," said Dr.

Young, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at FSU. "In fall 2007, we offered 1450 sections but because of reductions in 2008 and 2009 this year we offered only 1269 class sections."

This means basically that in the past three years there was a 12.5 percent decrease in class availability. There have been 181 fewer classes.

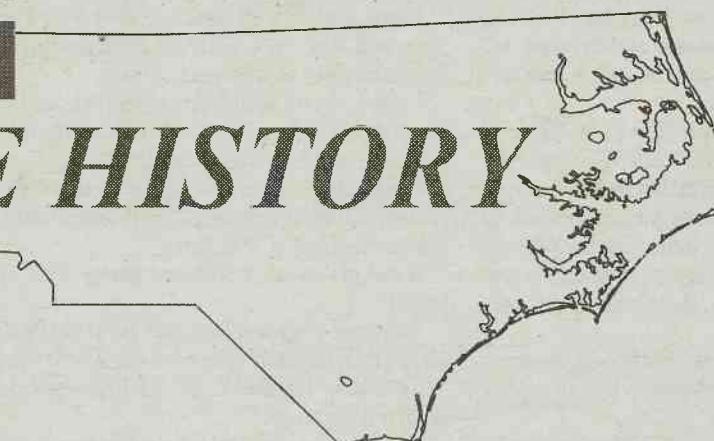
Dr. Young indicated that next year the estimate is that there will be 100 fewer classes

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SHAPING STATE HISTORY



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Marcela Casals (left), a junior Visual Arts major with a Concentration in Sculpture, along with FSU Professor Soni Martin, works to develop the casting process of a bronze hand for the 100 Bronze Hands, Wall of Oath, for the North Carolina Veterans Park. The theme is "From The Soil of North Carolina" and the hands will be dedicated on July 4 at the grand opening of the new park.



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FSU students help create first veterans park in state

By Charnell Harris
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Imagine walking through an 18-acre pristine park with reflection pools, lush green grass, complete with several water features. When suddenly you come across a curving granite wall adorned with 100 pledging hands. In awe by the many artistic elements, it is no wonder that a few brilliant visual arts majors from Fayetteville State University had con-

siderable involvement in the project.

FSU students are working to complete the many art fixtures for the new North Carolina Veterans State Park currently under construction.

The park is scheduled to open July 4. It will be next to the Airborne and Special Operations Museum located off of Bragg Boulevard. It will feature many hand crafted symbolic pieces of art and authentic history reflecting all five branches of the United States Armed Forces and all 100 counties of the state.

Soni Martin, a professor of Art at FSU, was chosen to coordinate the project, and has hand selected a diverse group of individuals to assist her with the project. Among the group picked, were FSU art students Marcela Casals, Aaron Wallace and FSU alumna, Amanda Stephens, who is now a graduate student at Western Carolina.

The park's theme is "A Veteran's Journey: Life

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