

Financial awareness for students during tax season

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It's tax time and everyone is ready to do their taxes to receive their tax money. While filing, be smart and make sure you receive all the deductions and tax credit available.

Mary Bradley, a tax preparer for H&R Block said that President Barack Obama has passed a bill that gives your parents the right to claim you on their taxes age 26. This is because a lot of students cannot find jobs after they graduate from college so their parents are still

their providers. A lot of students fill out the 1040 E-Z return. One thing students can do who receive loans to pay for tuition is they can count the interest on the loans that they pay back as deductions. There are different tax credits that students can get while they are in school and are employed.

There are also some tax credits that students can get after graduation and after they start making payments on their student loans.

With tax season in full swing, often around this time you can see a long line formed outside of the

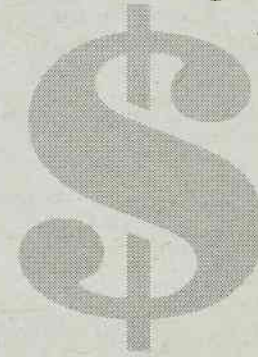
Lilly Gymnasium with students eagerly waiting to receive their refund checks.

With all this money being received by students many may ask what do students spend their refund checks on?

Mia Thigpen, a senior here at FSU said "my refund check went to my bills."

"With my refund check I will buy school supplies and gas for my car to travel to my dental class in Raleigh," said senior Will Grant said

A lot of students are being responsible with their refund



checks. FSU is among three other campuses seeking maximum tuition increases at 6.5 percent.

With an increase in tuition it is

crucial for students to learn how to save and manage their money correctly. A lot of students spend their money wisely but their may be some students who do not know how to use their money effectively. One suggestion that Mrs. Bradley makes is to buy used text books.

She also says that if you cut down on fast food that will save you a lot of money and time. Mrs. Bradley says the one thing that students can live without are credit cards! These are just a few tips that she said could help students drastically.



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Dancing their way into the semester

Students gather for the Black & Yellow welcome back dance sponsored by Student Activities Council. The dance was held at the Capel Arena on January 14th, 2011. Students that wore black and yellow received a discount to get into the dance.