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students.

"We want to discuss these problems with the administration and that is what we are here to do," said Mr. Putnam.

FSU gave notice to students concerning the increase in tuition months ago. It was not until recently that students began coming forward about the increase and what it means to them.

"I do not think that they did the right thing. Sometimes the administration looks over the heads of the students instead of straight in the face. Showing them that this means something to us all hopefully will bring change," commented sophomore, Darius Robinson.

The president of the political science club, Jared Gibson, was greeted with cheers and applause when he appeared before the club and interested onlookers. The march got off to a slow start with few participants. As the march continued through campus, the participant count continued to grow to more than a few dozen students. Protestors picked up students from all areas of the campus all wanting to tell the administration what they thought.

The march gained even more momentum once it reached the Student Center and those involved started the petition that was to be hand delivered to Chancellor Anderson. Chants such as "We are Fayetteville State. We will fight for our rights." echoed between the buildings drawing attention from those around.

Onlookers of the march, Ashley Leary and Ashley Hollins, both students are currently residents of Honors Hall said that they "do

not feel safe at all." Ms. Leary and Ms. Hollins both said that they feel threatened by the recent robbery that occurred at Honor's Hall on Nov. 8. And being that it is so close to home, students feel that the administration should provide more security for the dorms, such as having more security guards stationed at all entrances to dorms around campus.

Once the march reached the Barber building where the Chancellor's office is located, the crowds chanting brought out a few members of the administration, including Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Jon Young, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, Dr. Janice Haynie, and Director of Public Relations, Jeffrey Womble.

Dr. Haynie and Dr. Young spoke briefly with participants of the march and informed them that they were welcomed and encouraged to come to all forums and meetings, whether on campus or not.

Local news crew Channel 14, showed up to shoot the student-led protest.

FSU campus police were present in case the protestors got out of hand. One of the protestors, Andy Andrews, was issued a ticket for disorderly conduct in which Mr. Womble had to sign before being issued.

The movement was heard from all areas of the campus.

Mr. Andrews stated "Peaceful protest was all we wanted. We feel as though this march should light a fire up underneath all the students at Fayetteville State because it affects everyone here."

## WHAT'S GOING ON?

### OPERATION TOY DROP

WHAT: Helping out the community  
 WHEN: Friday at 4 p.m.  
 WHERE: FSU  
 HOSTED BY: Commuter and Adult Student Learner Services  
 MORE INFO: <http://www.usacapoc.army.mil/OTD.html>

WHEN: Sunday, 4 p.m.  
 WHERE: The Seabrook Auditorium  
 HOSTED BY: The Department of Performing and Fine Arts  
 MORE INFO: Dr. Earnest Lamb, 910-672-2143, General Admission is \$5 and only \$2 if you bring a small donation of toys, clothes, or small electronics.

### WORKSHOP FOR ENTREPRENEURS

WHAT: A free workshop explaining small businesses starting in 2012  
 WHEN: Thursday, Dec. 15, 6-8 p.m.  
 WHERE: SBE 145  
 HOSTED BY: The Business Outreach Center  
 MORE INFO: Seats limited, registration required, contact Lisa Belcher at 910-672-2683, [lbelche1@uncfsu.edu](mailto:lbelche1@uncfsu.edu)

### FSU SENIOR ART EXHIBIT

WHAT: A night for seniors to showcase some of their hard work for others to see.  
 WHEN: Friday 6 p.m. to Dec. 16.  
 WHERE: Rosenthal Gallery  
 HOSTED BY: Department of Performing and Fine Arts

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

WHAT: Men's Basketball team will play St. Andrews  
 WHEN: Saturday, 7 p.m.  
 WHERE: Laurinburg, NC

### A CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR

WHAT: A holiday celebration for everyone to enjoy

### NEW YEAR'S PARTY IN THE PARK

WHAT: Family fun and counting down to the New Year!  
 WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 31, 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.  
 WHERE: Dogwood Festival, 145 Person Street, Fayetteville NC, 28301  
 MORE INFO: 910-323-1934



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