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Holiday burglaries in UPA

Lead to Increased Discussion about Crime Prevention and Reporting on Campus

by Daniel Prater
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While winter break 2011 may be a distant memory, reports of 15 burglaries at University Place Apartments just days before Christmas are a priority concern for the Fayetteville State University Student Government Association and the Department of Police and Public Safety.

After reports about unauthorized entries and stolen items from nearly 40 students in 15

UPA apartments on Dec. 18, the SGA in conjunction with campus police have decided to seek cautionary measures to prevent future break-ins. SGA Senator-at-Large Amseshmet Foy presented the issue at the SGA's Jan. 25 meeting. "Multiple break-ins during the winter breaks of 2010 and 2011 throw up a red flag and demonstrate a pattern," Foy said.

However, Associate Vice Chancellor for Police and Public Safety at FSU, Chief Robert Hassell disagreed and catego-

rized the break-ins as a "crime of opportunity" as opposed to a trend. The break-ins occurred on the last day students were moving, "just before the added surveillance was scheduled to begin," Hassell said. "The suspects took advantage of the situation."

Luckily, an FSU security officer was patrolling near UPA when the crime was in progress, Hassell said. The officer noticed suspicious individuals exiting an apartment, but the individuals fled the scene before identi-

fication could be made. Hassell said it is possible further break-ins may have occurred were it not for the security officer intervention.

Lt. Earl Johnson, Lieutenant of Investigations for FSU campus police, said further investigation concluded that 15 apartments were broken into and several items including multiple electronics, such as DVD players, game systems, and flat screen televisions as well as some clothes

were stolen. See UPA, page 2

Tuition on the Rise

by Zachary Johnson
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Fayetteville State University students will see a 6.5 percent hike in tuition next year, if the UNC president's proposal is approved. However, the following academic year FSU students would get a break.

UNC President Tom Ross is asking the UNC Board of Governors to approve a tuition increase for 16 universities in the UNC system next year, according to a report last week in the Winston-Salem Journal. The increase in tuition would be applied to offset budget cuts in state aid. The board will meet Feb. 10.

While other universities' tuition will definitely continue to rise in 2013-2014, FSU would be the only school excluded from a consecutive year increase, according to Ross' proposal.

The decision for 2013-2014 will be based on the state of the economy, said Robert Botley, FSU vice chancellor for business and finance. FSU's goal has always been to offer quality education at an affordable price, he added.

Until the 2008-2009 academic year tuition remained stable at FSU. University officials attributed a loss of 8.4 million dollars in budget cuts and \$6.3 million in federal financial aid to the need for increased tuition costs, according to past reports in The Voice.

Last semester, several FSU students voiced opposition to increased tuition. The university held a forum to address concerns and pledged to keep attendance costs affordable while maintaining academic standards.

FSU officials do not expect the proposed tuition increase to have a devastating impact on

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Financial Aid Clinic

Feb. 6 □ 9 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
in Butler Room 209



Voice Photo by Stacey Robinson

The art of story telling

Shirley Royal of the African-American Quilt Circle, shares her technique with visitor Cynthia Delgado Saturday in the Rosenthal gallery during the 'Textiles of CommUnity' reception. The exhibition features 32 quilts from contemporary African-American women quilt makers from Durham North Carolina. The quilts will be on display until Feb. 26, and the gallery open to the public.