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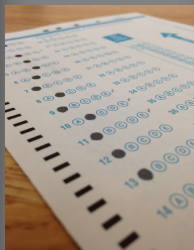
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The new SAT format could affect incoming freshmen

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Spring 2014 EWC WRITING WORKSHOPS!

Feb. 4th (T), 6th (TH), 25th (T), 27th (TH)
March 4th (T), 6th (TH), 25th (T), 27th (TH)
April 1st (T), 3rd (TH), 22nd (T), 24th (TH)

Conveniently located in the Student Union building, the workshops are designed to meet your needs.

Students should prepare for the EWC test ahead of time.

See Don't get held back by the EWC

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Increase in tuition to improve university

By Danielle Kirsh

To mitigate the drop in enrollment and improve the university's budget, Norfolk State University's governing board voted and approved a tuition increase.

In total, in-state undergraduate students will see an increase of \$576. Annual tuition and mandatory fees will increase by \$326 and undergrads will have to pay \$7,552. Room and board will also see an increase of \$250, raising the cost of living on campus to \$8,624 annually.

Out-of-state students will see an increase of \$250, putting their total at \$29,320 annually.

During the Board of Visitors meeting on Mar. 21, Interim President and CEO of Norfolk State Eddie N. Moore Jr. said Norfolk State is "not charging in-state students enough," while they are "over collecting for out-of-state" students. Moore said they are within the state law when it comes to setting

tuition rates.

Currently, in-state undergraduate students pay 32 percent of the cost of education while out-of-state students pay 144 percent, but NSU's tuition remains the lowest of the Virginia's public four-year colleges.

The majority of Norfolk State students are in state and the university is trying to expand their market to bring in more out-of-state students to change the falling trend. Currently, only 16 percent of Norfolk State's incoming freshman class is out-of-state.

The drop in out-of-state students isn't the only number falling. As reported earlier in the semester, Norfolk State is projecting 500 less students to attend the university next semester. The drop in enrollment affects the budget and faculty employment.

Norfolk State's budget will increase \$6 million for next



The Board of Visitors has approved to raise tuition, leaving a bigger hole in the wallets of in-state students. Photo by Donte Hayden and Tykhari Coles

year, bringing the budget to \$175 million. The university hopes to use the additional funds to bring more employees into student services such as financial aid and academic counseling.

However, if the enrollment doesn't change, Norfolk State could risk building closures and faculty firings.

Professor of Chemistry and Norfolk State faculty senate president Dr. Suely Black said the faculty would like to work

closer with the administrative part of the university. Black said the faculty hasn't had clear information throughout this process.

"Let's work together," Black said.

The university currently employs 400 instructors, both full-time and part-time. For every 500 students, there are to be 25 faculty members. If the university projects 500 less students next semester, this could mean 25 less faculty members.

Penny eyes future in the NBA

By Jason Gill



Men's Basketball star Penny Williams continues to aim for his chances in the NBA. Photo credit by Tykhari Coles

Senior Pendarvis "Penny" Williams has certainly finished his NSU basketball career with a legacy unlike most.

Williams has played a huge role in bringing many memorable moments to the basketball program.

"My greatest memory would for sure be going to the NCAA tournament and knocking off Missouri in 2012," said Williams. "It was great to be at the NCAA tournament, but to knock off a team that a lot of people thought was going to the final four was great."

The 2013 MEAC player of the year will surely go down as one of the greatest Spartans to ever wear the uniform.

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NEWLY-ELECTED BETHEA AND BARNER HAVE BIG PLANS FOR SGA

By Worship Chaleka

Quashawn Bethea and Tory Barner are the newly-elected Student Government President and Vice-President, respectively, for 2014-2015. Even though the pair will not be able to take office until May 11, they are already working toward closing the communication gap between students and Norfolk State University's administration.

"Tory and I want to build a more accessible administration than what we have had over the

past few years," said Bethea. "We want everyone from our e-board to our class representatives to be visible and accessible so any concern or issue can be heard and dealt with as swiftly as possible."

This duo even has plans in the works to improve upon communication between students and the offices of financial aid, the registrar

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