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Chancellor retires to pursue new business

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UNCA Chancellor Patsy Reed has plans to pursue business interests as a partner in a corporation after she retires from the university.

"My husband is starting a family business, and I want to be a full partner in that business," said Reed. "He and I will be owners of the

corporation. It will involve some travel, and I want to travel with him. I simply want to enjoy a different pace of life."

Reed's husband, F. Dewitt Reed Jr., recently developed and patented a new fillable dermal patch they hope to have on the market this spring, said Reed.

According to an abstract found on the international patent application available on the Internet, the new patch, a "fillable dermal and transdermal delivery device," attaches to the skin by means of an

adhesive layer. Absorption takes place through a porous film that allows the injected substance to pass through the skin. The patch may be filled by using a needle to inject the desired substance into the interior of the fillable reservoir.

"Currently, you can use a patch



Patsy Reed

for blood pressure medications, cardiac medications, and even hormones," said Shirley Kindley, a staff nurse in UNCA's Health Services. "Drug companies are now producing individual medications on patches that are used and thrown away. I could see how it could be used as a cost-saving device. It would be a great delivery for people who need insulin and do not want to be punctured by needles. You need to use caution with what you put in there."

Reed said the patch had a wide

range of uses, but it would be up to the user to decide what was important and to do background research.

According to Reed, the patch can be placed on the septum of the nose to allow vapors to be delivered directly into the nose. "It is one that can be filled," said Reed. "It relates to an aromatherapy patch. For example, Vicks Vapor Rub has eucalyptus oil in it, and people use it to relieve congestion, so you could put eucalyptus oil in the patch."

According to Reed, her husband has both a domestic and interna-

tional patent on the patch. "Global communications are such that, if you hope to market internationally, then you need to have it patented," said Reed.

Reed said she will be retiring June 30, 1999. "I think everyone gets to a time in their life where they feel like the professional years should draw to a close and they need to restructure," said Reed. "I don't know if it would be different if (my husband's) work wasn't bearing

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Power fails due to old wires

By John Stanier
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Failure of aging underground electrical wires caused a campus-wide power outage on Oct. 10 and damaged UNCA's overall electrical system. The power went out at approximately 5 a.m., and was restored to campus buildings throughout the afternoon and evening.

The outage was caused by an electrical fault of a section of the underground electrical feeder that supplies power to Lipinsky Hall. The cable failed because it was old. "Electrical cable does fail with age," said Stephen Baxley, UNCA director of facilities management and engineering. "You can't bury it in the ground and expect it to last 1,000 years. It has a life expectancy," said Baxley. The electrical cable that shorted out at Lipinsky Hall was buried in 1968 and had a life expectancy of 25 years, Baxley said.

According to that life expectancy, the cable was expected to last until 1993, but was not replaced.

UNCA was aware of the potential problems with the wiring. "We've known that the current system was aging," said Baxley.

There are now approximately 3,000 linear feet, or a little over a half a mile, of the old wiring from 1968. The wiring is spread out sporadically across the campus because construction and renovation projects over the years have replaced segments of the

old system area-by-area, said Baxley.

"It's a very expensive proposition to go in and replace all of it," said Baxley, "but it's something the university started looking into even before this cable went out."

There are no current plans for an extensive overhaul of the wiring system, he said.

The wiring problem at Lipinsky Hall caused further damage to UNCA's overall electrical system.

"The campus electrical system has four feeders," Baxley said. "One handles just the lights down on the recreational fields by the Health and Fitness Center, but the other three handle all of the electricity on campus."

The cable failure on Oct. 10 caused problems with the electrical switch gear regulating the four feeders.

"We're not at full capacity," Baxley said. "Right now, we are only able to use two of the three main feeders." As a result of the decreased power capacity, most buildings on campus are without air conditioning.

Repairing the electrical feeder system and the switch gear will be a larger project that will require a scheduled power outage on campus, said Baxley.

The switch gear, located next to Governors Village, also dates back to 1968. Baxley has located the parts to fix the aging system and will determine the best time to black out the campus. This work will likely be scheduled over the break between semesters

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Twelve Tribes' public defense



PHOTO BY TRAVIS BARKER

Members from the Twelve Tribes community visited the quad on Oct. 14 to hand out invitation fliers, play music, and dance.

Group addresses accusations at forum

By Sara Jones
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The Twelve Tribes, a communal group interested in starting a community in Asheville, responded to local concerns at an open forum on Oct. 15 at the Asheville Civic Center, where the group received mixed reactions.

"Our only reason for being here is to answer the questions of those who have come against us. (We want) to clear things up that may have been misrepresented," said Ed Wiseman, a member of the Twelve Tribes and leader of the discussion.

The group met on the UNCA quad on Oct. 14 for the purpose of "ministering to people, and reaching people who are looking for something like this," said Aharon, a member of the community for approximately 13 years. After playing Hebrew music, dancing, and

passing out invitation fliers about the open forum on the following night, Eric Iovacchini, vice chancellor for student affairs, asked them to move to the free speech area in front of the Dining Hall. "They were very cooperative, very nice people," said Iovacchini.

"I haven't heard much about them, just that they're crazy and they beat their kids," said Rhiannon Dundee, senior management major.

At the open forum, children who had been raised in the community responded to this accusation.

"The Bible says 'train your children in the way they should go, and when they are older they will not depart from it.' My parents disciplined me and developed in me a respect for other people, and I love them for that," said Luke, a teenage member of the community.

Another young member of the community

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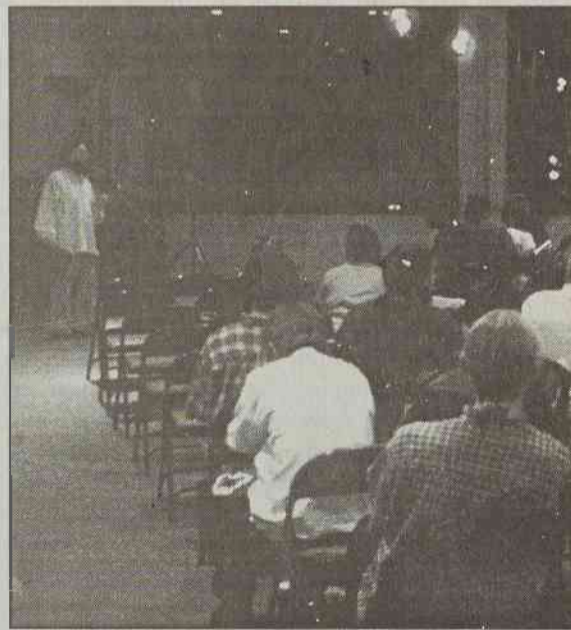


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A Twelve Tribes spokesman answers questions and defends the community's beliefs at an open forum held in the Asheville Civic Center.

SGA attempts to stall student fee increases

By Mat Peery
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Anticipating another increase in student fees for the 1999-2000 school year, the Student Government Association passed a Student Fees Omnibus Act that covers several aspects of student fees.

Doug Jones, SGA senator, introduced the legislation during an SGA meeting held Oct. 7. The legislation calls for a moratorium on "new fees or fee increases" in the coming

year. The action "is also in response to consistent increases, and to the burdensome expense of UNCA's student fee schedule over the last five academic years," according to Section One of the bill. The bill aims to keep the total fee amount from increasing, but would allow the administration to make changes to line items.

Other sections of the bill include a student fee information act that would require the line items that student fees support be listed, and a student recourse act that would send proposed fee increases to the Stu-

dent Senate for approval.

Student fees have increased an average of 7 percent since the 1993-94 school year, and have increased a cumulative amount of 35 percent in that same time period. Fees have increased 3 to 4 percent each of the last four years. This year, UNCA's 2,337 full-time students will each pay \$562 per semester. The 838 part-time students will also pay fees, adjusted for their part-time status, according to figures from the Office of Institutional Research.

The amounts are determined by a committee that meets each year to

determine the amount that students must pay in fees.

The General Administration (GA) sends UNCA a set of guidelines that includes both requirements for the committee and limits on fee increases for that year.

"The GA kind of limits how much we can ask for," said Tom Cochran, associate vice chancellor for student affairs. "Typically, from what I understand, University General Administration, through the Board of Governors, will tell us we can ask for a 4 percent increase in fees, and that is it. And then it's up to us to

decide how to increase it."

The committee guidelines from the General Administration usually call for two students and members of the faculty who have had experience with the process in some way, said Eric Iovacchini, vice chancellor for student affairs. The students serving on the committee are often SGA members, said Jones. Student fees exist to cover costs on projects and activities that cannot be funded properly in other ways, said Iovacchini.

"The things that we fund by student fees are things that the state

does not provide the resources for. Strange as it might seem, they don't provide us parking lots. So, in order to build them or maintain them, we've got to charge money for parking," said Iovacchini. Currently, each full-time student pays \$30 per semester in fees that help fund the cost of parking.

Iovacchini also said that a school UNCA's size should not be punished for not having enough students to lessen the amount of fees.

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