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no reverence for parents or old age. They are impatient of all restraint. They talk as if they alone knew everything and what passes for wisdom with us is foolishness with them. As for girls, they are forward, immodest and unwomanly in speech, behavior and dress."

Has nothing changed? It is absolutely arguable that the current generation thinks about self-serving benefits more than everything else.

There is also a decreasing value on past knowledge and experience.

Wood pointed out the disparity behind the changing emphasis on experienced knowledge, explaining when he needed assistance with some internal struggle or another, he would ask his father, or his grandfather.

The past served as an experienced guide and as a reference.

Now, the past seems to serve as a what-not-to-do cheat sheet with less significance.

Wood said some disparity might come from the understanding of other ideals.

The idyllic small-town values orbit around the idea that the small town is the center of one's universe.

There is no other reality than day-to-day life.

"People (are) more aware of alternatives that change our relationship with the rules," he said. "My inclination is that there is just more information out there and people have more choices, or a perception of more choices."

This mass customization of a personalized and individual society may be good, or it may not.

When people synchronize with another, they form bonds and relationships that social norms cannot define.

How they choose to get there is entirely up to them.

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mesters. McClellan said she is not sure if students are thoroughly aware of UNCA's requirements, but the information is available for them.

Academic advisers, check sheets on the advising Web site and catalogs outlining requirements are a few of the many resources available to students.

Degree Progress Advising Reports are perhaps the most useful tools, and both students and advisers use them to check academic progress.

"The first thing I recommend that students do is to run DegPAR," McClellan said. "We make it available to incoming transfer students prior to their enrollment so that they can see how their transfer credits match up against UNC Asheville requirements."

Despite requirements like topical clusters and intensive courses, UNCA students, especially those with only one major, can graduate in four years if they apply themselves early enough in the process.

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