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his housekeeper for the cost of having her pick up his children at school and clothing from the cleaners in a taxicab on March 4. On March 25, he requisitioned a check for \$197.27 to reimburse his housekeeper for cleaning, laundry and picking up his children.

He also requisitioned \$128.69 on April 8 for his housekeeper to cover the same type services.

If true, all of the allegations would be violations of state policy because none of the disbursements to Schexnider were properly requisitioned in advance.

Singleton, said the chancellor was not aware of any violations of state policy.

"We can not comment on that at this time," he said.

Sources say the recent allegations and controversy Schexnider finds himself in speaks to the fact that he is out of hand.

Schexnider, they say, is abusing his power as the university's chief administrator.

Sources said that since Schexnider arrived on campus at WSSU a little more than two years ago, there have been a rash of unjustified firings and demotions of faculty, staff and support personnel. They said it has hurt the morale of the administration, staff, students and faculty.

But until recently, they say, there hasn't been any specific incidents in which they could point to as a case for his abuse of authority.

Schexnider's behavior, sources close to the university say, has

resulted from the fact that he has been able to carry out his plan at the university without any impediment.

That is what led Winston-Salem State's faculty to recently issue a list of issues for discussion regarding faculty treatment by Schexnider. Faculty members say Schexnider is running a closed administration at the school.

According to a prepared statement: "The following issues constitute the most serious concerns of the faculty."

Issues for Discussion with the Chief Academic Officer of WSSU

- The formation of the Post-Tenure Review Committee.
- The drafting of the Administrative Evaluation Profile.
- The lack of University Grading Committee.
- The appointment of the Associate Vice Chancellor for Technology.
- Departmental budget allocation for use in the Xerox Center.
- The Faculty Appreciation Luncheon for the Allied Health Division.
- The Teaching Portfolio deadline date.
- Peer Review Training for the Faculty.
- Portfolio preparation for the faculty.
- Portfolio preparation assessment training for the administrators.
- Late student matriculation at the university.
- The logic and philosophy of the committee formation.
- The proofreading of the

1998-2000 university catalog.

- The documentation of the university meeting by an official secretary.
- Student responsibility and accountability in the University Handbook.
- Clarification of the university attendance policy for students and athletes.
- Institution of a university-wide grading protocol.
- University office and policy for disabled students.
- Teaching Center for the faculty as mandated by General Administration.
- University-wide Customer service placard.
- Schedule of payment for part-time faculty.
- Arbitration of evaluation disputes.
- Definition and explanation of low, medium, and high merit.
- Purchase and placement of a scanner for faculty use.
- Unencumbered faculty access to departmental copying and offices.
- Professional training for departmental chairs and division director.
- Evaluation of all university administrators.
- Timely offering of courses needed for major and minors.
- Improving communication on campus.
- Improving the timely dissemination of academic information.
- Student responsibility and accountability.
- Final copy of the Strategic Framework for Change.
- Availability of textbooks at the beginning of the semester.

Herman

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story he has told has been corroborated, though none of it clearly incriminates Herman."

The independent counsel process was created after the Watergate scandal to prevent an attorney general from investigating senior officials of the same administration. Unless a preliminary investigation can show conclusively that allegations are false, an attorney general must seek an independent counsel.

"This one really had people agonizing, and the doubts went from top to bottom," said a Justice Department official.

The memorandum on the case to Reno from the department's public integrity section recommended requesting an independent counsel, but in a sign of the unusual internal debate, it also included a section arguing the opposite view, according to a department official.

According to Reno's court filing, Yene went to the Justice Department last November with the allegation that Herman, while serving as director of the White House Office of Public Liaison during Clinton's first term, entered into a secret business arrangement

with a consulting company.

The firm, called International Investments and Business Development, was co-owned by Yene and Vanessa Weaver, Herman's close friend and former business partner.

Yene, who has since had a falling-out with Weaver, alleged that under the agreement Herman would get 10 percent of any business she facilitated for the company, and he claimed that Herman instructed Weaver to obtain contributions for the Democratic National Committee from the company's clients, including at least one foreign businessman barred by federal law from giving to U.S. campaigns.

In a statement yesterday, Weaver's attorney, E. Lawrence Barcella Jr., said, "Dr. Weaver has steadfastly maintained that the allegations were false and that her long friendship with Alexis Herman has always been an open and honest one." Barcella depicted Yene as "a vengeful former business partner."

Justice Department investigators concluded Herman met with IIBD clients and entertained at least one client at the White House. While no evidence was found that Herman attempted to influence any government deci-

sions, Reno's report concluded that the company "did benefit from its access to Herman, and through her, the White House in impressing its clients." However, the Justice Department investigation was inconclusive on the question of whether Herman received any money in return.

Reno's findings were more pointed on Yene's allegation that Herman directed Weaver to solicit campaign contributions. Yene stated that a foreign businessman had been instructed to make a \$250,000 contribution to Democratic efforts in 1996 to get help obtaining a license from the Federal Communications Commission.

The investigation found that the businessman, who was not named, had paid another Weaver company, Alignment Strategies Inc. \$250,000 during that period and that Weaver, who had not made political donations before, then gave the Democrats roughly the same amount.

As for Yene's allegation that in spring 1996, he gave Herman an envelope filled with \$10,000 in cash, Reno said the investigation found no evidence pointing one way or another and that this allegation on its own would not merit further inquiry.

Colleges

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"We can make investments for tax breaks and special incentives, but the investments for free tuition is ultimately more important because it moves us closer to what every business needs, and that is a skilled labor force," he said.

Forsyth Technical Community College President, Desna Wallin, agrees the benefits of the plan far outweigh the cost.

"This is not without precedent," Wallin said. "Other states have similar programs that guarantee free or low-priced tuition."

"It will provide access and that's what community college is about anyway. Although tuition is low, it sometimes proves a challenge for some students."

Wallin said the program has a second benefit as well. She says it may encourage young people to go to college.

"I think it will show young people that there are educational opportunities beyond high school," she said. "There are lots

of wonderful job opportunities out there, but so many young people don't have the technical skills to obtain them. This could help level the field."

While state lawmakers have just begun their short legislative session, the initiative has already become a hot topic of debate. While not yet a partisan issue, lawmakers hope the bill will not cause as much dissension as the proposal to ensure the state's neediest children. While the bill passed, it took lawmakers more than six weeks to come to a compromise.

"I personally think it's a wonderful thing for us to explore," said Rep. Larry Womble. "It's definitely something for us to give strong consideration — to make sure more of the population has access to education."

Womble says he has yet to receive anything in writing about Wicker's proposal, but he's looking forward to weighing its "pros and cons."

One source of contention may be how to handle the dramatic increase in students. Already com-

Webster

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missed the publisher's plans and said Monday that she is pressing ahead with a petition drive to have them, and another dictionary publisher, redefine the word "nigger."

"They didn't change anything. They just switched things around," Delphine Abraham of Ypsilanti, Mich., said.

The notation in italics will direct readers to the words' usage paragraphs — which in the case of "nigger" describes the word as "perhaps the most offensive and inflammatory racial slur in English."

However, Deborah Burns, marketing director for Merriam-Webster, said Monday it has no plans to remove any of the words or usages or change its practice, as a historical dictionary, of listing the oldest — and often most objectionable — use of a word first.

For example, after noting that it is usually offensive, Merriam-Webster will continue to list the first, and earliest use of "nigger," which came into American writing around 1700, as "a black person."

Abraham, who has recently expanded her petition drive to include the Oxford University Press, wants the publishers to drop references to the targeted group from their definition of such slurs. She said she had collected more than 10,000 signatures.

"Black people shouldn't be labeled niggers any more than white people should be called honkies or Jews called kikes," she said, referring to the published definitions of other slurs. "It promotes bigotry and racism."

However, Burns said Merriam-Webster cannot do more than "make very, very clear that these words are considered offensive

community colleges serve more than 169,000 students.

"That's not something I think will be a major problem for us," Wallin said, citing the addition of two extension campuses slated to open this fall. "Churches and community organizations have been good about loaning us space when we need it across the board."

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Week 3: Folk Art Fee: \$87
Folk art traditions get a creative revival this week. Projects include a painted t-shirt, a special clay project, a mosaic, and drawings, and paintings of antique toys.
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Week 4: Art Smart Fee: \$87
It's a real adventure in art history and you take your place in it by drawing your self-portrait into a famous masterpiece. In this week, you'll also explore the style and motivations of other great artists as you interpret some of the same subjects. This weeks clay project will look at the Mayan Chacmool (reclining figures) and how they inspired Henry Moore.
Monday - Friday, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. June 22 - 26

Week 5: Insect World Fee: \$70
The world of insects gives art a new perspective and this bug-eye view includes very large and very small art projects. Drawing, painting, printing and clay Bug Bowls will be covered as we think of fireflies at dusk and much-larger-than-life Bumble bees.
Monday - Thursday, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. June 29 - July 2

Week 6: Playmaking Fee: \$87
We'll spend our week together doing it all - creating a story, designing our set, making our costumes and props, as we ready our original plays for an end of the week performance in front of live parental audiences. No experience necessary! Enthusiasm is our only requirement.
Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. July 6 - 10

Week 7 and 8: Undersea World Fee: \$87 (for each week)
This world beneath the sea is an artist's fantasy land. We'll use this unending source of imagination all week to inspire our art. Among our planned projects are undersea paintings of tropical fish and coral reefs using tempera, watercolor and neon paints, and a clay project is planned. Older students will work in the darkroom doing hand-tinted photographs.
Week 7: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. July 13 - 17
Week 8: Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. July 20 - 24

Week 9: Animal Kingdom Fee: \$87
There will be lots of drawing and painting this week (inspired by many live models.) Other projects include a painted wooden sculpture and clay animals. Let us know if you have any sort of animal that would make a great model.
Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. July 27 - 31

Week 10: Sawtooth Circus Fee: \$87
Come join us as we turn the Sawtooth into a Summer Carnival complete with a parade on Friday (11:00 a.m., bring your camera!) The drawing and painting projects will be inspired by the excitement and glitter of the circus and our clay project will be of fanciful circus animals. Older students will study acrylics (on canvas).
Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. August 3 - 7

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