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## 'Benign neglect' a major cause

### Study cites flaws in security service

By Phil Ross

An unofficial study of the UNCA Department of Security and Services conducted last spring by a N.C. assistant attorney general cited officers' "role identity crises" and the administration's policy of "benign neglect" as major causes of problems within the department.

Other problems specified by Robert E. Cansler in the 44-page report include equipment shortcomings, a lack of a specific

and policies manual, and sub-standard salaries and classifications for the positions of director and assistant director of the department.

Dr. Eric Iovacchini, vice chancellor for student affairs, said Tuesday that the administration has allotted \$5000 to the department for equipment as a short-term fix.

Cansler, as an unofficial consultant, examined the UNCA Department of Security and Services in an extracurricular study

at the request of the administration.

The department is composed of a director, an assistant director, and six officers.

Cansler found that much confusion exists within the department as to whether the officers are police officers or security guards. North Carolina law draws a very distinct line between security guards, who have no law enforcement powers, and police with full power of arrest.

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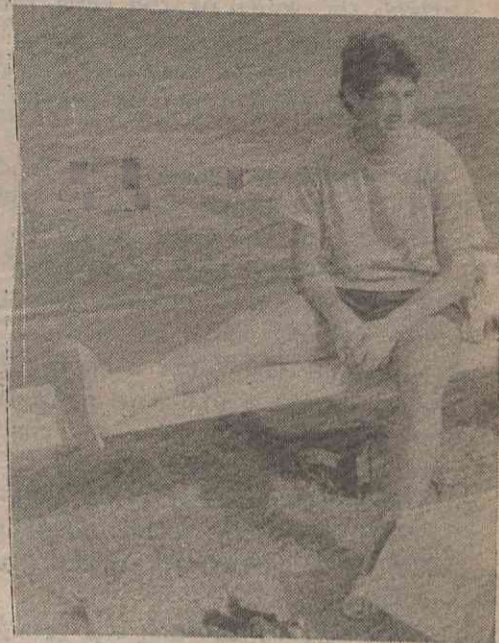


Photo by Anne May

NEAL WAGONER sits watching his fellow soccer players practice Wednesday afternoon. An injury temporarily sidelined him.

## Sewage found in creek near UNCA

By Scott Luckadoo

The creek flowing through UNCA and the University Botanical Gardens has contained raw sewage in recent months, according to Karen Morgan, the state Stream Watch captain who keeps tabs on the creek.

The state Stream Watch program is a volunteer organization. Local individual communities

adopt a nearby stream for observation and performing special projects.

Reed Creek flows from above Murdock Avenue through Weaver Park, Asheville city property, UNCA, the University Botanical Gardens and into the French Broad River.

Morgan, a Murdock Avenue resident, said she noticed sewage

in the creek this summer from about June 20 until Aug. 15.

Although Morgan said the city cooperated tully in isolating and repairing the problem, some people believe that such minor occurrences indicate a larger problem.

Cam Metcalf, adjunct professor of environmental studies at UNCA, said that sewage leaks and other forms of water pollution are problems that need further consideration.

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Photo by Jonna McGrath

MAKING A CHOICE: Chris Keith and Jennifer Ward cast their ballots for homecoming queen in front of the library Wednesday.

## Vice chancellor resigns

The UNCA vice chancellor for academic affairs announced his resignation Tuesday at a meeting of department chairmen.

Dr. Laurence Dorr, who has held his position for eight years, will remain in office through spring, 1986.

He will assume a position in the UNCA philosophy department as a full-time professor in fall, 1986.

"I've been at this job (administrative positions) for about 20 years now," said Dorr. "I've been solving other people's problems, and now I'd like to be a part of the problem," he

laughed.

"I wanted to stay on till the new chancellor settled in, and he's starting his second year now," said Dorr.

"I thought of resigning at this time last year, but we were missing four administrators, and that would have been a bad time.

"Now just seemed like a good time to go," he said.

Dorr's salary will decrease, but he said he doesn't know yet exactly how much it will drop.

"There'll be some kind of cut," he said. "Let's just hope they're generous."