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## Confusion exists over security

by Maria Horton  
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Security is an essential service to students, but a controversy exists on campus as to whose responsibility it is to provide that security.

"Our primary responsibility is to provide a safe and secure environment for the UNCA community," Charles Carreno, chief of Campus Security, said.

The Administration, according to Chancellor David G. Brown, "sees the Asheville Police Department as the law enforcement agency in charge of the safety of the students with the security office serving as a supplement to that protection."

Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs Eric Iovacchini called the conflict over who should be in charge a "difference in philosophy as to what Security wants to do and what the Administration wants them to do."

Philosophy is not the only conflict between the two groups. Carreno said the officers need to be able to carry guns during the day in order to do their jobs while the Administration says no. At present, university policy allows officers to carry guns at night and on weekends.

"Asking an officer to work without his gun is like asking an electrician to do his job without a screw driver because it could be dangerous," he said.

"As it is right now, if a crime was being committed during the day, all we could do is be a good witness, though I would not hesitate to act if someone's life was being threatened," Officer Dennis Gregory said.

Iovacchini said he knows that restricting the officers to

no fire arms during the day makes it difficult to do their jobs.

"I've told them not to risk their lives if they are not carrying a weapon," he said. "Ultimately, it's up to the chancellor to decide if they can carry guns."

"It's important for the Asheville Police Department, as well as our own Security, to understand we are not a concave with arms here," Brown said. He added that it is important to limit the prospects that shots might be fired on campus.

The Asheville Police do not consider UNCA a priority and therefore have been reluctant to respond to calls on campus, according to Carreno. "I'm not saying they wouldn't come, but they have been slow in coming in the past," he said.

The amount of response time necessary to answer a call is a concern to Security and Administration.

"The time needed for a staff person to respond to a call can be maybe ten minutes if there is not threat of bodily injury or even 15 to 30 minutes if we are busy and must prioritize the call," Gregory said.

There has been no real growth in the security office despite the growth in enrollment on campus and increases in all other departments, Carreno said. He also said that he requested additional funds to cover 24 hour telephone service for the campus, but the request was denied.

"We just can't afford it yet," William Potts, Vice-Chancellor for Finance, said.

The security office is expected to have staff

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## River clean up costs reduced

by Joan Schnyder

Editor

UNCA researchers have devised a new combination of color-removal additives that will reduce the cost of cleaning up the Pigeon River by 10-15 percent, according to Richard Maas, associate professor of environmental science.

This decrease lowers the 10-year projected cost of 90-percent color reduction to \$52 million. This figure is down from their original cost estimate of \$58,000 made last August, said Maas.

"We're very optimistic that we will achieve further cost reductions in the near future," said J. Philip Neal, a retired Buncombe County scientist who devised the original color-removal process using chemical additives.

The estimates are based on

capital cost estimates from a major pollution-control equipment manufacturer plus cost estimates for chemical additives based on experiments run on a small-scale waste water treatment plant at UNCA.

Estimates of this sort are generally accurate predictions of full-scale costs, however, unforeseen costs for scale-up problems are always possible, according to Neal.

The \$52 million estimate does not include operating costs such as extra personnel or energy costs, nor does it include sludge handling and disposal costs, said Maas.

The controversy over Champion polluting the Pigeon River began when Tennessee residents

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## Artists offer Navity



A unique Nativity scene created by the UNCA art department as a Christmas gift to Western North Carolina is currently on display in the Owen Gallery.

The 50-foot long tableau includes 12 larger-than-life Nativity figures, several animals and a Corinthian arched manger.

Construction of the Nativity has been a collaborative effort between UNCA and St. Joseph's Hospital, where the scene will be installed on December 9 with an official lighting ceremony at 5:45 p.m. complete with holiday readings and carol-singing.

"UNCA and St. Joseph's Hospital are working together to bring something to the community," said Tucker Cooke, associate professor and chairman of the art department.

The hospital funded the project, J.M. Westall and Co. donated lumber, Ramsey Electric Inc. provided lighting - and UNCA art students and faculty created and executed the designs.

UNCA's art department donated a 20-figure Nativity scene to the city of Asheville four years ago. Figures in that Nativity were drawn in the traditional style of the "Old Masters".

By contrast, this latest Nativity used UNCA students as models and incorporated "found objects" into the design.

The Nativity figures are 10 percent larger-than-life, cut from five-ply wood coated with fiberglass, painted with acrylics and sealed polyurethane.

## Sulock and students travel to conference

by Kris Beddingfield  
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The subjects of peace and good will are often discussed and desired during the Christmas season. However, during an era of nuclear weapons, peace seems almost impossible.

Dorothy Sulock, a lecturer in mathematics at UNCA, and four students attended a conference in Washington D.C. on nuclear disarmament on October 13 and 14, which was funded by the UNCA Honors and Humanities Programs.

"The main theme of the conference was striking a balance between disarmament and

maintaining national security," Sulock said. "The overall tone was weapons provide security and we should be careful how we disarm, which was totally opposite to our viewpoint," she added.

The title of the conference was "Science and Security: Technology and Arms Control for the 1990s." Speakers were from defense suppliers, scientific organizations, the CIA, weapons laboratories and universities, Sulock said.

"The speakers had a military industrial point of view. It wasn't a peace conference like we expected," she said.

"The big topic was should we violate current treaties to proceed with others. Most people there thought we should," Sulock said.

The conference was a good experience for the students even though their views differed from the other people there, Sulock said. "In order to have a strong viewpoint and be able to support it, you have to be familiar with both sides. We received up-to-date and first hand information," she said.

She compared the situation to David and Goliath. "In order to win, you have to understand Goliath better. David did win, which shows some hope. The key is

education. We need to understand where the other side is coming from, to really listen.

"Now is when we can make cutbacks. The Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START), which were started by President Reagan, could be the solution. They've come close to an agreement to reduce each side from 12,000 missiles to 6,000. That's a 50 percent cutback in strategic weapons. It would be a step in the right direction," she said.

The future depends on George Bush, Sulock said. "We should hope and pray and get educated."

Have a merry Christmas and a safe New Year