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Nicaraguans discuss Contra war

By Julie Ball
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The controversy over U.S. aid to the Contras came to light at UNCA last week as two speakers from Nicaragua were on campus describing the conditions of the people in Nicaragua.

"Cut aid to the Contras; we want life, we don't want these liberators of death," said Juana Moran Valasquez, a delegate of the World for Cristo Ray Parish in Bocana De Palwas, Nicaragua.

Valasquez, who works with the cooperative gardening in Nicaragua, described an attack on the region of Jorgito, Nicaragua. She said the Contras attacked Jorgito, killing 37 people in May of 1985 driving the people out of their homes and into the town of Bocana De Palwas.

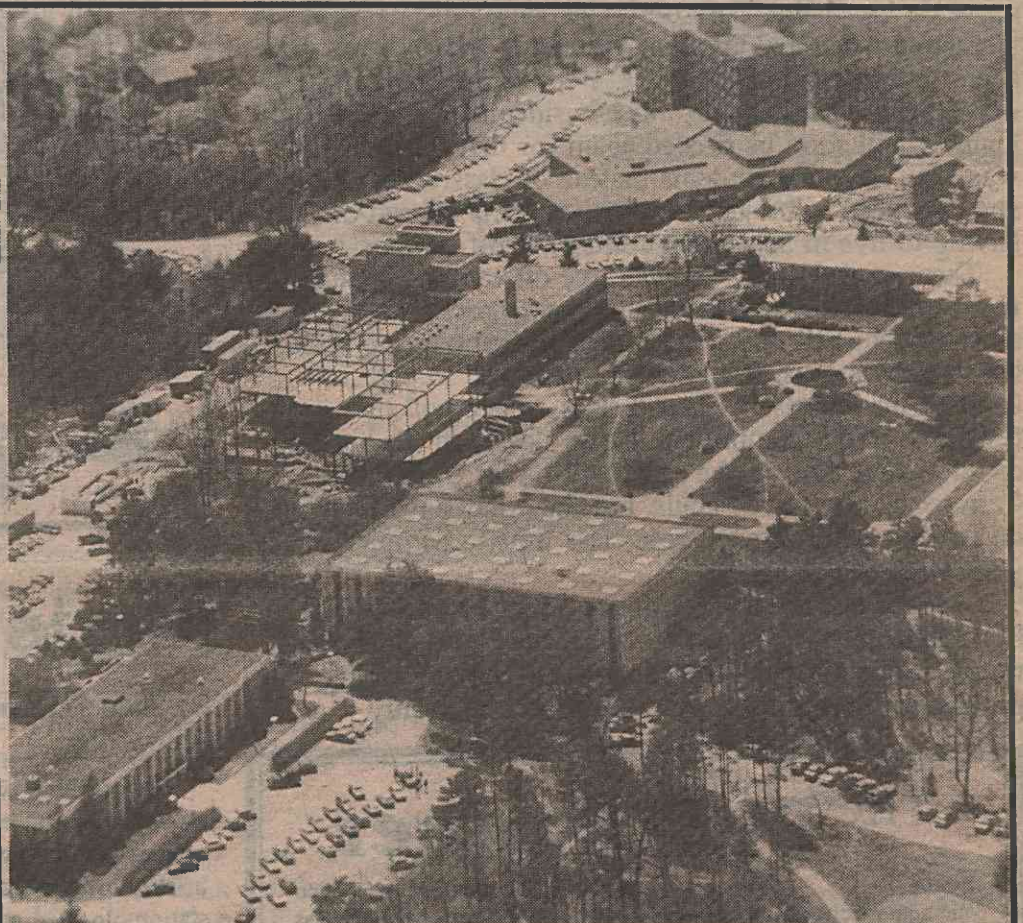
She said her trip to America marked the first time she has ever ridden in a plane, "but the clamor of my people have given me strength to come here so North America will know the situation in Nicaragua."

The United States has been supporting the Contras in their attempt to overthrow the Sandinista government headed by Daniel Ortega.

"In Nicaragua, we don't believe that the people in the United States know what is happening there or what your government is doing," said Valasquez. The money sent to the Contras by the United States is used to terrorize the citizens, according to Valasquez.

Valasquez was accompanied by

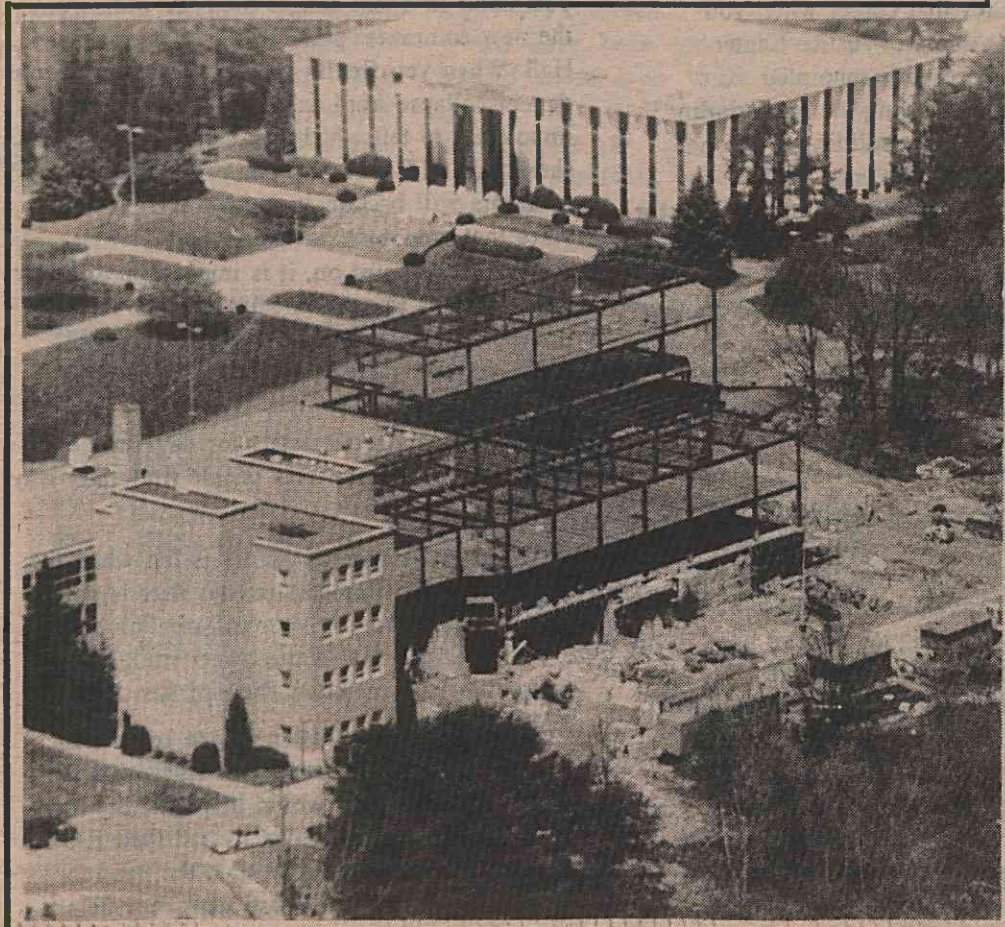
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Staff photos--Casey Baluss

A new perspective

Piloted by UNCA communications major Scott Wilhelmi, Banner editors Scott Luckadoo and Casey Baluss viewed the campus from a new perspective Friday.



Highrise may house classes in the fall

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With the changes in housing conditions next fall and the increase of student population, it is possible that UNCA may have classes in the highrise next semester, according to Pete Williams, director of resident life.

If the administration makes the move, classrooms, academic offices, storage and meeting room areas would fill the first and second floors

of the highrise, said Williams.

Because housing plans to fill the new dorm first, the space will be available for this move.

According to Williams, both halls of the third floor of the highrise will be quiet halls. Williams said he does not think this will pose any problems.

"The classrooms will only be used

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