



**TICKETED AGAIN** - Parking on campus is becoming an increasingly acute problem as the tickets on these cars attest. **Kaleidoscope** will report on plans for a new parking lot in next week's issue.

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## The great debate: Korean airline incident

By Leigh Kelley

"The shooting down of a Korean jet liner doesn't make any sense in terms of Soviet objectives," said UNCA political science professor Dr. Ted Uldricks, in a debate Sept. 14 with UNCA political science professor, Dr. Gene Rainey.

The American public is frustrated at trying to find an explanation for the Soviet action, he said. "No one in the West has any

knowledge of why this happened."

Uldricks said he rejected the theories that the downing was an attempt to "get" Georgia congressman MacDonald or part of a master plan in a Soviet quest for world dominance.

A plausible scenario is that shooting the plane down was a way of keeping information from getting into enemy hands, said Uldricks.

He said it is not unheard of  
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## Botany center construction nearly complete

By Ramona Huggins

The new Botany Center under construction in the Botanical Gardens just southwest of UNCA's campus is close to completion, said Dr. Robert Kemp, chairman of the funding committee for the center.

The exhibit and lobby areas, receptionist's office, library, conference room, restrooms and basement apartment are complete and will open to the public in a few weeks. "There will be an opening ceremony soon after," said Kemp.

The apartment is for the caretaker who will clean the center and be security guard, said Kemp.

"The gardens are maintained by volunteers," Kemp said. "The receptionist at the center will also be a volunteer," he said.

The center will be open seven days a week. The volunteers manning it will work on a half-day basis, said Kemp. Two people will work together each shift, he added.

"The volunteers will be largely from local garden clubs," said Kemp. He said students may participate also.

"I'd like to see more as-

sociation between the Botanical Gardens and the college," Kemp said.

Funding for the Botany Center came from individual contributions and from organizational donations, said Kemp.

He said over \$170,000 is already in but \$10,000 more is needed to complete the building.

"We still need furnishings for the center," said Kemp. "We need books, chairs, filing cabinets, and other things," he said.

"To raise money, several women made a wildflower quilt and raffled it off this spring," Kemp said. "They sold 3240 raffle tickets for \$1.00 each. Next spring they'll make another one."

He said the North Carolina State legislature donated \$10,000 to the project and the U.S. Department of Energy gave another \$5,800.

The energy department donated the money with the stipulation that the Botany Center will educate the public about solar energy.

"The building is heated by solar energy with a backup heat pump," he said.

Kemp said the center will house a greenhouse constructed four feet below



**ROAD BLOCK** - Bulldozer and workmen blocked the road in front of the highrise dorm last week as construction and renovations in the Botanical Gardens continue.

Photo by Pam Walker

the ground surface. "This is because the earth holds a constant temperature of 55 degrees," said Kemp.

Heat from the greenhouse and from the thick cement floors in the exhibition

area that receive sunshine all day will radiate into the building, Kemp said.

When the Botany Center is completed it will contain a lecture hall accommodating about 60 people, Kemp said.