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UNCA awarded \$25.9 million for major improvements

By Penny Kramp

UNCA will soon undergo a major facelift — to the tune of \$25.9 million.

Thanks to North Carolina General Assembly funds appropriated over the past year, UNCA will gain everything from a \$338,000 baseball field to a \$6.7 million addition to the Rhoades Science Building.

"This is an outstanding year for us," Chancellor David Brown. "It's difficult to conceive our actually getting any more than we have in this cycle."

Included in the \$25.9 million total is \$13.4 million doled out by the GA during this summer's session.

"Special credit is due to our legislative delegation and House Speaker Liston Ramsey," said Brown.

"It's clear that there's

a recognition on the part of our legislators, and the UNC general administrators, that it's time for this campus to catch up, and we're moving quickly."

Allocated to UNCA during the summer session were a \$6.8 million addition to Ramsey Library; a \$5.6 million link to the micro-electronics center of North Carolina and \$1 million for the purchase of 60 additional acres.

The new library addition will double the current building's space.

"We are in the process of selecting an architect this month," Brown said. "Construction will start at the earliest the summer of 1986."

The microwave link will create a two-way video classroom between UNCA and the Research Triangle Park near Chapel Hill.

The link will make pos-

sible a two-way video classroom on the Asheville campus plus a high-speed "data-path" for research.

"It will allow a professor in Chapel Hill to be heard and seen in a classroom in Asheville," Brown said. "And the professor can simultaneously hear and see the class."

The new addition to the Rhoades building will house the communications system, and officials expect the project to take at least two years.

Brown said UNCA is "currently in the process of negotiating for 60 additional acres of land worth roughly \$1 million."

"This will make the campus a beehive of construction activity in the coming months," said Brown.

Other projects currently on the drawing board include:

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A SIGN THAT SUMMER IS ALMOST OVER: Students Rudi Schwab and Renee Pfeifer unload the car, preparing for another fall semester at UNCA. Photos by Caroline Brown

Parking woes again

By David Proffitt

Students returning to fall classes Wednesday morning faced a parking situation that makes successful business owners rub their hands together gleefully, but causes customers to grumble and curse.

UNCA's overflowing lots are a very visible indication of the growing pains the university is experiencing.

"The parking situation here seems to get progressively worse," said Rod Morton, a student who has

attended UNCA for two years.

The administration instituted some new policies this semester designed to improve the situation immediately, and a new 125-150 space parking lot is in the works.

Student parking has now been divided into two areas: Zone "C" for commuters and Zone "R" for residents, said Charles Carreno, chief of campus police.

The expected crowd also prompted the hiring of two traffic directors to assist drivers in locating a

space.

They will work during the morning hours for a couple of weeks, said John Coutlakis, the director stationed Wednesday morning in a bright orange vest at the entrance to the first parking lot students encountered as they drove up University Hts.

"I just try to wave them on around to the Zageir parking lot where they might possibly find a space," said Coutlakis.

"After that fills up, we'll just park them on

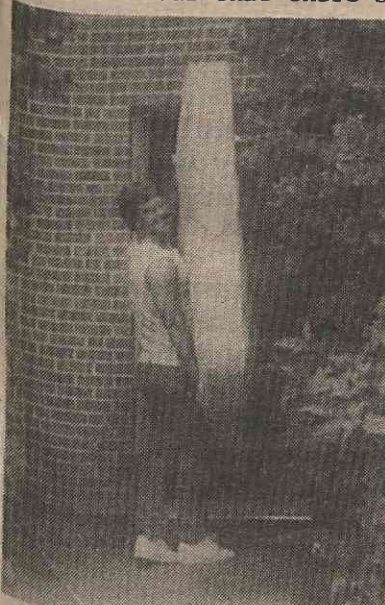
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SGA nominations

The Student Government Association will accept nominations for freshman senate positions this week.

Candidates will campaign this week and elections for the three senate positions will take place Sept. 6 and Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Highsmith Student Center.

Candidates may place nominations in the SGA office in the student center. Deadline is Sept. 5 at 2 p.m.



MOVING IN: "No problem!" grins senior Pat Lancaster as he wrestles with an unwieldy piece of furniture certain to turn any dorm room into home.