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a phone-a-thon to raise money for the Alumni Association, according to Donald Harris, assistant vice chancellor for development.

"Four members of the Mud 500 club helped with the phone-a-thon this week," said Harris. "They raised \$1,325 in one evening. The money will be used primarily for scholarships."

M5C did not receive funding from the campus commission this fall, according to Jeremy Patton, campus commission business manager.

"When the commission met at the beginning of the fall semester, the M5C constitution was not yet approved by SGA, so they were not

considered for funding," said Patton.

"Now that their constitution has been approved, they would be eligible for funding next semester," Patton said.

Each organization is required to submit a detailed funding request that specifies how money will be used, Patton said.

"We [campus commission] tell organizations what they can use the money for," said Patton. "The commission can't fund anything that will simply benefit an organization. We always ask how it will benefit the campus as a whole."

### Former assistant to secretary of commerce speaks at UNCA

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The world in which we live is growing more complex and the United States will have to rethink its foreign policy as a result, said Van Wishard, past special assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for Competitiveness.

"Global Relations in the Year 2000" was the topic of Wishard's talk Nov. 8 at UNCA's Owen Conference Center.

"We are irrevocably engaged in the wider world and that Americans of stature recognize that point and want

to come to grips with it," said Wishard. "Never in my memory have American's relationships with the rest of the world been so complicated."

The result of this is an ill-defined U.S. foreign policy, said Wishard. It shows the complexity and the pace of the world we live in, he said.

There is no longer a frame of reference in which we can understand with ease the meaning of foreign policy and our times, said Wishard.

On the positive side, said Wishard, events are taking place such as the disappearance of communism and the Soviet Union, the possible end of apartheid in South Africa, and the movement towards peace in the Middle East.

Conventional wisdom suggests, said Wishard, that the end of the Cold War destroyed the geopolitical structure that for 50 years defined foreign policy and the way that the U.S. viewed its relationships with the rest of the world. This results in the blurring of U.S. foreign policy and national interests, said Wishard. "I think that there is a lot of truth to the conventional wisdom, but, like all conventional wisdom, I think it hides a deeper reality."

"Regional situations which were frozen within the context of the Cold War have now been released and are now following the logic of their own dynamic," said Wishard.

The Cold War demanded the attention of the U.S. to the point that there was a failure to evaluate the wider forces of change that reshape the world, said Wishard.

"We tend to attribute most of the

world disorder to the end of the Cold War when, in actual fact, the disorder is the result of the inherent forces of change that have been at work throughout the 20th century," said Wishard. "In my judgment...the 20th century has been one of the great watersheds of history."

The impulses that shaped the world over the last 500 years gave way in this century to those that will shape the future, said Wishard.

This century has witnessed the dissolution of authority, established institutions, and accepted patterns of life, he said.

"It is, as well, a time of the creation of new understandings and the opening up of absolutely new vistas of possibility for America and the entire world. These conditions that define the new epoch in history make the current term 'foreign policy' obsolete," said Wishard.

The move from the era of nation states to an age of world community defines the new framework in which nations will have to function, said Wishard. The number of participating nations in the international order has significantly increased, he added.

The level of technology that nations have to affect each other vastly increased this century, said Wishard. With this comes the end of a 450 year period in which the white nations of the Atlantic community dominated world political and economic affairs and the rise of the non-white Pacific Basin community, he said.

Europe is no longer engaged as a formative world power, said Wishard,

and now has an inward posture that seeks to define the role of a post-Cold War Europe, he said.

The coming shift in geopolitical patterns foreshadows the end of world economic, political, and military predominance of the U.S., said Wishard.

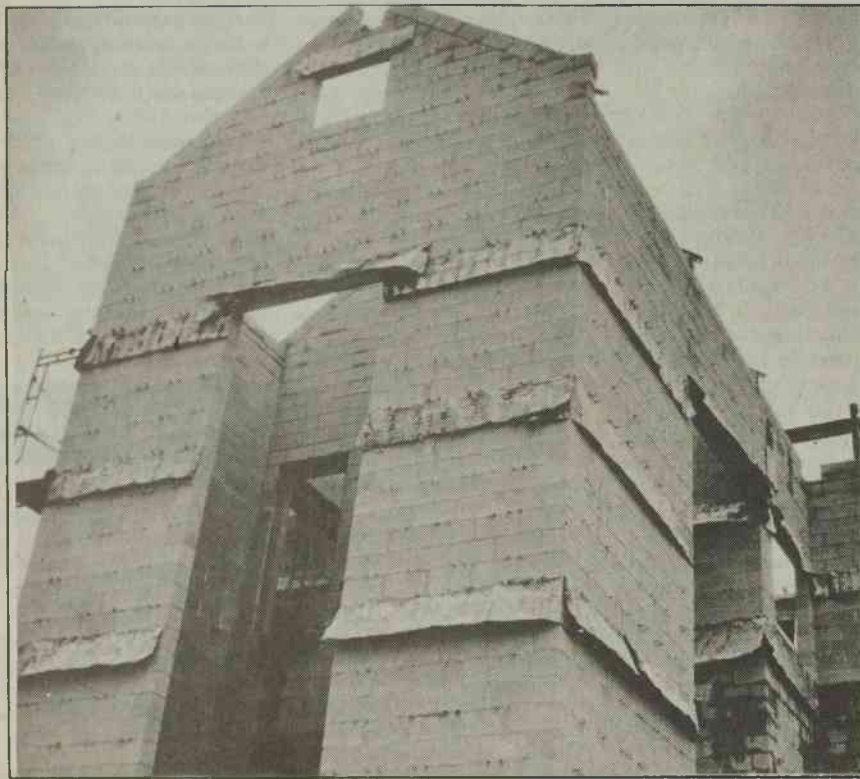
"A second element of this historic epic (is) the power to create change, and indeed the idea that change is even desirable, is now a global possession," said Wishard. "These two factors alone have multiplied world dynamics and are the primary factors making foreign policy so complex."

The explosion of scientific knowledge and the abundance of available information has a damaging effect on the decision making process, said Wishard. The over abundance of information has a numbing effect, he said. "In terms of foreign policy, we're swamped with information about every corner of the world."

"America became involved in Somalia because of TV images of starving children touched the American sense of outrage, of generosity," said Wishard. In the same way, the images of dead American soldiers have elicited the response to withdraw from Somalia, he added.

The emotional effect of images on TV and not the wisdom of statecraft drives the process of foreign policy, said Wishard.

"In this sense, CNN may at least be as powerful as the state department in shaping global perceptions about America and ultimately America's reaction to the rest of the world."



Building a foundation

Staff Photo By Lat Ray

The new dorm, located behind the physical plant, is expected to be completed by next fall.

### Professor forms new organization

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Joseph Sulock, professor of economics, started a new organization this semester called the Issues Forum (IF).

He said, "I don't see it as an organization like student government, a fraternity, or a German Club and Economics Club. In a sense it's an event."

He says the main purpose of IF is to bring students, faculty, and the community together to discuss current topics.

"There's ample opportunity for people to explain what they think is important or what they think the relevant factors are in an issue. It's sort of a give and take. They can take something away, become more informed about something. They can also give something. We're trying to

encourage discussion," said Sulock.

The next meeting is tentatively set for Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Laurel Forum.

The subject is the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"And I believe Charles Taylor has agreed to come or a representative from his office," Sulock said.

"I'd like the students to hear some people other than their faculty talking about something."

There will be two sessions a semester. Sulock said he tries to schedule them around test times.

"You can't be afraid to try and fail, and that's what I'm trying to do here is do something. It may be a flop at the end of the year. I mean judging from the first one, it went good," he said.

The format involves a moderator and two panelists.

The moderator will hand out information about the topic and a set of questions.

The panelists will speak, and then the floor will be open for discussion.

"The hard part of these things is thinking through what you want to do, sort of thinking through the format you want to use; how you want to publicize things, and what you want to give out. Hopefully by the end of the year, you'll have it down to a science," Sulock said.

IF had their first meeting Oct. 6. The topic was health care coverage. Forty people attended.

"There was good student help in putting this on. The students were very involved in making sure things go right, very professional about setting it up," said Sulock.

"I've been to things where, if it doesn't seem like it's well done, it's like a lousy term paper. It's got good ideas, but it's full of mistakes and everything. You're not going to make much of an impression," said Sulock.

He said it would be good to get other student organizations involved.

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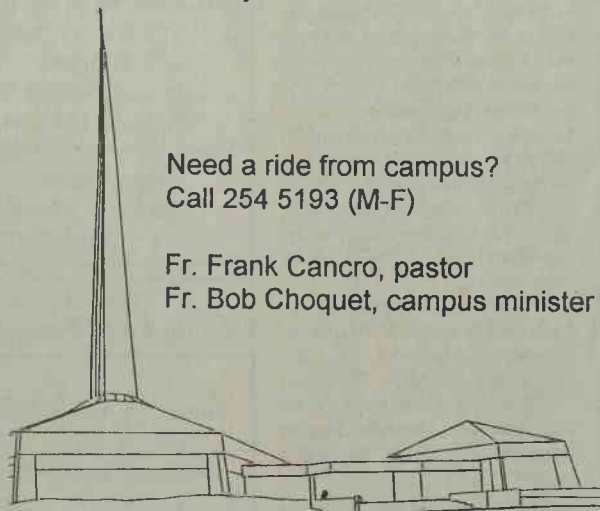
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infrastructure of the conference center," said Iovacchini. It's a \$15 or \$20 million final project, but it gets that project started, he said.

As reported in the Asheville Citizen Times, voting results on the university bond issue show 53 percent in favor of the bond and 47 percent against it.

According to the Buncombe County Supervisor of Elections, Michael Allen, Buncombe County voters approved the university bond, voting 11,654 in favor of the bond and 10,768 against it.

"The bond failed in many counties, but the counties that were the strongest in favor of the bond, were the counties that had

universities located in them," said Iovacchini.

The bond money will be used for building projects at all of the North Carolina university campuses.

Appalachian State University will receive \$15 million to begin work on a science and mathematics complex, which will house the astronomy, chemistry, geology, physics, and mathematics programs. ASU will use an additional \$8.7 million for an academic support services building.

Western Carolina University will use \$3.2 million to complete renovation of the Belk Building, which houses the School of Applied Sciences and the art

department. WCU will also use \$2.3 million for the renovation of Reid Gymnasium, and an additional \$3.9 million for other construction projects.

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte plans to use \$22.6 million for a classroom building for the College of Arts and Sciences. UNCC will also use the money to build a classroom addition to a building used by their College of Business.

Other bonds approved in the Nov. 2 election include a \$250 million bond for the community college system, a \$145 million clean water bond, and a \$35 million state park bond.

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