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Experiment Station Closer For UNC-A

Congressional action on Nov. 2 made it virtually certain the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station of the U.S. Forest Service will be established in a new building on the UNC-A campus as soon as the work can be done.

The Senate-House Conference Committee early this month approved a \$3.6 million appropriation to put the headquarters building for the Experiment Station on 10 acres of campus land facing W.T. Weaver Boulevard opposite the University Botanical Gardens.

Chancellor William E. Highsmith said construction of the new facility could start early in 1980. The first appropriation for the project was made in fiscal 1978 when \$250,000 was approved for preliminary planning. Design work for the headquarters is finished, Highsmith said.

The Southeastern Forest Experiment Station was established in Asheville in 1921.

Now operated by 93 forest scientists, technicians and administrative personnel, it directs the federal government's forestry research in North and South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia and Florida.

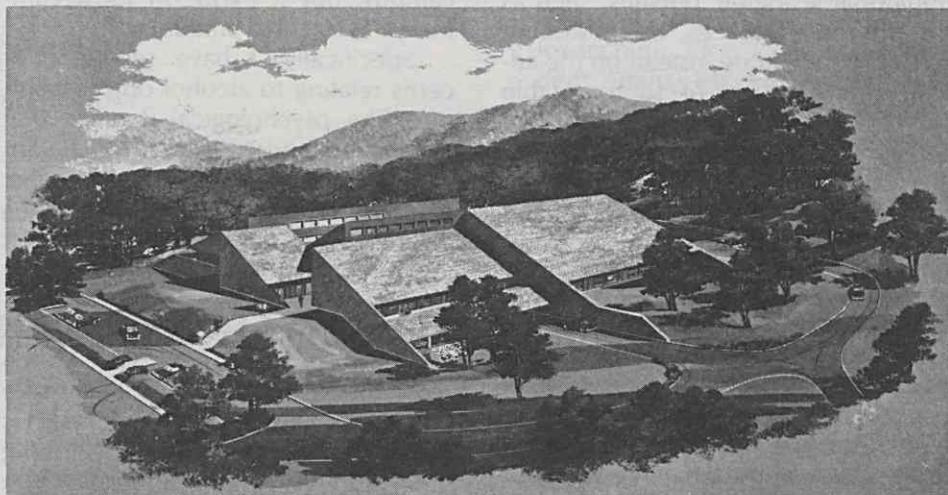
This study covers every aspect of forestry science, including timber production, disease and insect control, use of forest products, fish habitat and water quality.

Both university and government officials have been urging the move to the UNC-A campus for several years.

Dr. Highsmith said the mutual advantages to the university and to the Forest Service were clear from the beginning, with each facility reinforcing the other's potential.

"The university is the ideal location for the type of basic and applied research carried out by the Experiment Station," he said.

The Station's headquarters is presently located in the Asheville post office building, where it has been since 1930. Its director is Dr. Eldon Ross.



Design for Forest Experiment Station at UNC-A by Six Associates.

SALT AND PEPPER

The university is the prime sponsor of an important debate on national policy to be held in Asheville on Friday, Nov. 30.

With the help of a special grant from the Foreign Policy Association, UNC-A will bring two imposing spokesmen for national defense here to join the debate over the SALT II treaty now before Congress.

The debaters will be Admiral Elmo Zumwalt, a former chief of naval operations, and Lt. Gen. Arthur Collins, former deputy commander in chief of the U.S. Army in Europe.

Zumwalt will argue in favor of the treaty, which is designed to add new controls on nuclear arms between the United States and the Soviet Union. Collins will argue against it.

The debate will be held at 12:30 at the Inn on the Plaza. The event is called a SALT II Town Meeting. It will be preceded by a buffet luncheon beginning at 11:45. Reservations, which are \$3, are required.

The debate is a project of the Foreign Policy Association and UNC-A's Political Science Department.

The debaters will be questioned by John Butte, Rick Gunter, Bill Moore and Dr. Shirley Browning.

ONWARD AND UPWARD

The latest figures from Registrar Jo Cadle show once again how UNC-A is growing.

Total fall semester enrollment after Term II registration is 2,070 this year, Mrs. Cadle reports.

This is an increase of 12.93 per cent compared to total fall enrollment for 1978, she said.

The "Full Time Equivalent" enrollment is 1,379.75, a five per cent rise over last year. Full Time Equivalent (FTE) enrollment is calculated by consolidating total semester hours for which students are registered into units of 12 hours or more carried by an individual on a "full time" study schedule.

The FTE enrollment achieved this semester exceeded the enrollment budgeted to UNC-A for the 1979-80 school year by almost 30 students.

Chancellor William E. Highsmith said he is especially pleased at these enrollment increases since they come "at a time when enrollment at most institutions across the country is leveling off."

Said the chancellor, "It is helpful to us as an institution because it means we are reaching more people, and that is our steady goal."