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Forest Research Laboratory Will Rise Soon From UNC-A Soil

With a flourish of congratulatory speeches, ground was officially "broken" March 29 for a new headquarters laboratory for the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station on the UNC-Asheville campus.

The building, an imaginative A-shaped structure that will cost a total \$3.5 million, will crown a low hill south of W.T. Weaver Boulevard, opposite the University Botanical Gardens.

When completed in a year and a half, it will house scientists and staff who conduct forest research for North and South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia and Florida. The station is operated by the U.S. Forest Service. It was established in Asheville in 1921 and has never had a facility for its exclusive use in the 59 years since then.

The Station's placement on the UNC-A campus is meant to foster an exchange of scientific and scholarly research and teaching between the government facility and the university.

Chancellor Highsmith hailed it as "a relationship we know will be very important to the people we serve."

He expressed the university's thanks to former Congressman Roy A. Taylor of Black Mountain for his work in introducing the bill in Congress, to Congressman Lamar Gudger for carrying it to completion in the House, and to Senator Jesse Helms for providing crucial support in the Senate. All three legislators were present for the occasion at the entrance to the gardens.

So were Lester Roark, staff director for Senator Robert Morgan, Dr. J.B. Hilmon, associate deputy chief of the National Forest System, Dr. Eldon Ross, director of the Experiment Station, Asheville Mayor Roy Trantham and local members of the General Assembly.

UNC President William Friday was prevented from reaching Asheville by airplane trouble in Raleigh. Senator

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Digging The Dirt

Chancellor Highsmith (center) bent low to take a good dig at a patch of muddy roadside for the official groundbreaking of the new Southeastern Forest Experiment Station on Campus. Leaning into the other shovel were former Congressman Roy Taylor (left) and Station Director Dr. Eldon Ross. Adding a final ceremonial touch to the Congressional assistance they had already successfully negotiated were (right) 11th District Rep. Lamar Gudger and Sen. Jesse Helms.

Jazz Fantasy Hot To Play For Music Fans At UNC-A

The Howard Hanger Jazz Fantasy is ready to play for -- and jam with -- the music lovers at its newly-acquired alma mater, UNC-Asheville.

A three-day workshop, featuring a lecture-demonstration the first night, a join-in jam session the second and a full-blown concert the third, will begin on April 29 to celebrate the Fantasy's

new artistic affiliation with the university.

The Fantasy is an Asheville-based, world-traveling troupe of six performers, including a dancer.

The troupe started as the Howard Hanger Trio and grew to its present six members as the programs took on more variety.

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