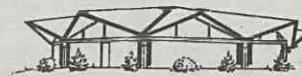


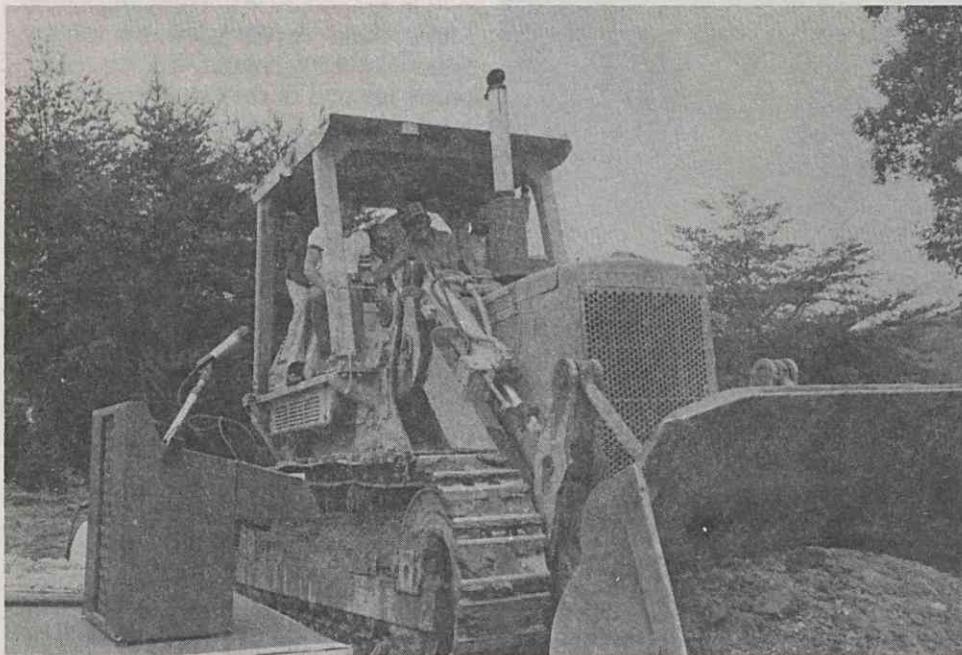
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## \$5 Million Construction Job Underway For UNC-A Students



### ON YOUR MARK!

Somewhere in the cab of this mechanical monster is UNC-A Chancellor William E. Highsmith, doing the honors with driver Junior Banks, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Eric Iovacchini, architect Bert King, and Student government President Brett Pangle as ground was officially broken for the university's \$4.8 million present to its students.

## Look Out, G. Tech!

Hopeful homegrown engineers, take note: UNC-A is ready for you!

Beginning with the fall semester starting Aug. 25, Asheville's "hometown university" will accept students for the School of Engineering at N.C. State University.

A program worked out between UNC-A officials and the engineering school in Raleigh now makes it possible for students in the best part of North Carolina to take their first two years of required engineering courses on the Asheville campus, then transfer directly to the School of Engineering at State for the courses needed in the specialty they choose.

Selected to head the program on the

UNC-A campus is Richard F. McCormack, experienced as a professional engineering consultant who has served in the Civil Engineer Corps of U.S. Navy and as a manager in the planning, design and construction of the Space Shuttle Landing Facility at the Kennedy Space Center, among other things.

McCormack will live at 204 Robin Hood Rd. with his wife, Jan, and their children Richard, 13; Kara, 12, and Katie, 10. He may be reached on the campus through the office of the NCSU coordinator at 253-3535.

The new program has been sought and planned for almost two years. It is intended to serve a frequently ex-

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UNC-A Board Chairman David F. Felmet of Waynesville can fire a quip at the drop of an invitation, and for this occasion he had one ready.

"It's with a little disappointment that I realize we're going to have these buildings here," he said.

"Up until recently I felt we would be able to move the university to Waynesville. I thought it would be a good thing to have this fine institution located over there. Asheville already has so many things going for it.

"But since they are to be built, I can tell you that we're all real proud—the trustees, the faculty, the students, Asheville and the whole area..."

Pride was the order of the day on Tuesday, June 17, as Chancellor Bill Highsmith climbed into the seat of a 10-ton front-end loader and, somewhat assisted by driver Junior Banks, scooped aside some symbolic dirt to mark the ceremonial start of a seven-story residence hall and connecting student center.

More than seven years' planning, pushing and pulling had preceded the first bite of the bulldozer eight days earlier. Two more years will pass before the residence hall will be ready for 300 students and the student center prepared to give a bright new focus to campus activity.

When the buildings are completed, they will represent an investment close to \$5 million in the student life of the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

Chancellor Highsmith called the project, the costliest addition to the campus since it opened in the fall of 1961, "the most important single event (here) since July 1, 1969, when we became the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

"This would not have been possible if it had not been for the coordinated and significant work of the board of trustees, the board of governors of the

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