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## WFAE Funding Issue Resolved

*From Carolina Journal Staff Reports*  
The summer long battle between WFAE, student leaders and administrators is over with WFAE receiving \$16,000 in student funds restricted to use for programming and operations of direct benefit to the students.

The Student Media Board approved a budget of \$16,000 for the station but requires the station to submit a new line item budget reflecting expenditures on student programming and student wages.

The Media Board's decision came on the heels of a 3-2 vote by the Student Activity Fees Commission in favor of funding the station. The SMB had requested a advisory opinion from SAFC.

SAFC came to its decision after holding open hearings on the matter. Although the Commission had anticipated a large crowd and scheduled the hearing for a Denny building lecture hall, no students — outside members of the Commission and WFAE's staff — bothered to show up.

Barry Brown, Student Body Government's representative to SAFC, opened the negative side of the hearing saying WFAE should no longer be funded by SAFC because, "it is no longer under the direct control of the students."

Student Body President, Ron Olsen, said he did not support the student funding of WFAE because the students did not have "democratic representation in this case," but he feared the long term effects of revoking WFAE's student funding. This campus needs a radio station. It needs that radio station. I think the best solution would be a compromise." Olsen said.

Bo Pittman, WFAE station manager, gave examples of training WFAE had given in the past and present. He said Marty Tilley, past Carolina Journal Sports Editor, was in the process of developing a UNCC sports show for WFAE. Tilley said his experience at WFAE was helping him in applying for internships at local commercial stations.

Pittman said the station had "never turned away a student from

the radio station." He said the only other way a student could get broadcast training in the Charlotte area was to "cough up \$3,000 to the Carolina School of Broadcasting.

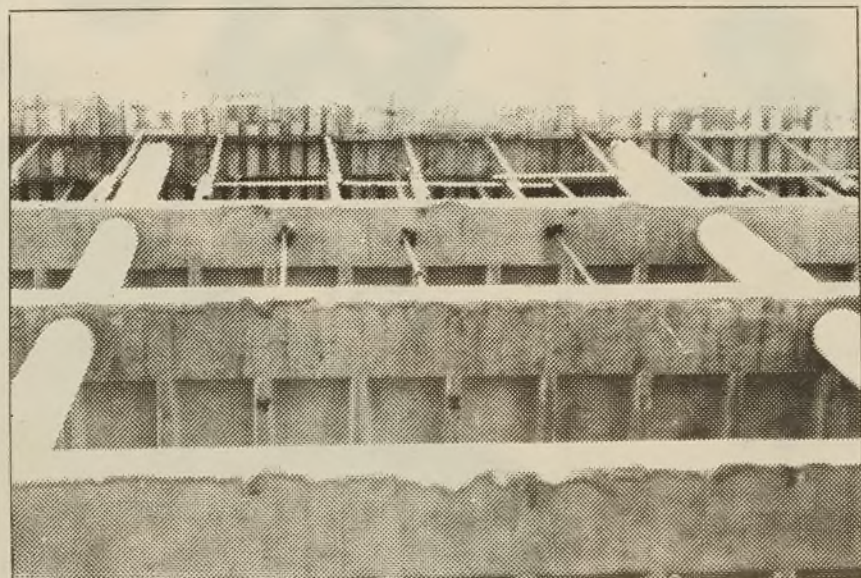
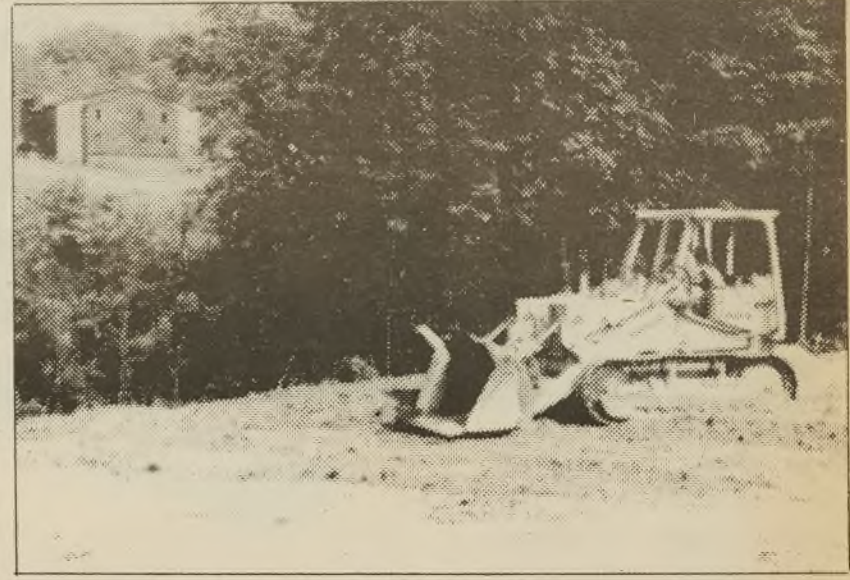
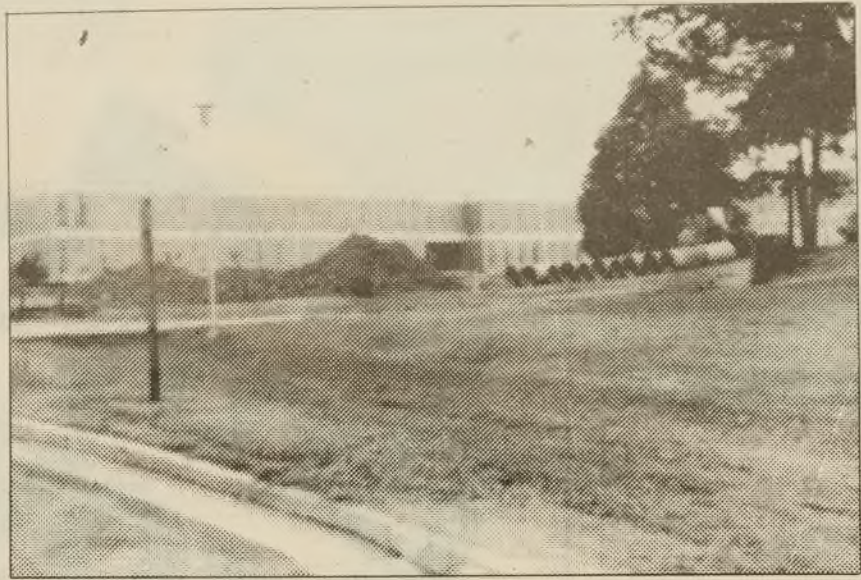
He said WFAE is responsible to the Federal Communications Commission, the University, and the students for its monies. "We're talking about a \$180,000 budget and we're asking for

\$20,000 of it from the Media Board. The student fees are being used in our total operations budget to help us attract other grants. A grant would allow us to hire four more part-time people, and we might lose that grant if we lose this money." Pittman said.

Although no formal resolution was drawn, each SAFC member expressed their opinion of the funding issue.

SAFC chair, Lesa Moore, was in favor of the funding. "If anyone deserves (student funding), they do." UPB representative, Mac Ritchie and at-large member Anita Kimber also cast affirmative votes.

Brown and Monroe voted in the negative. "I'd like to see them get \$100,000, but I don't want it coming from student fees." Monroe said.



### UNder Constant Construction

Just when it seemed like things were getting back to normal after having construction on Colvard building and the Bookstore going on at the same time, hardhats are beginning to outnumber notebooks on campus once again. The most notable building going up is the new Reese Administration Building, (bottom left) which will be topped out at five stories sometime this week. The Phase III Apartments (bottom right) are expected to be ready for occupancy by no later than the first or second week of school, with the exception of the fire damaged apartment which should be opened in mid October. Construction on the Bill and Ira Friday Building (top left) which is to house the College of Business and the Phase IV Apartments (top right) began last week. If that isn't enough, bids for a new cafeteria-activity building, to be located in the amphitheater area between Phase II, III and IV Apartments, are expected to go out within the next few weeks.