

Senate Announcement
October 10, 1989

Re: Planning for Library Expansion

I appreciate this opportunity to make an announcement concerning our efforts to plan a major expansion and renovation of Joyner Library. The project will almost double the size of the library and will create, in effect, a new library out of our existing one.

I want to draw your attention at this time to the crucial first step in the architectural planning of the new facility. This step can and should involve the entire university community.

As you may have read, we have chosen an architectural firm for the project: Walter Robbs Callahan & Pierce, of Winston-Salem, a firm which is now completing the planning of a similar library project at Wake Forest University.

The first step in the architect's work will be to solicit ideas and information from our faculty, staff, and students. To do this, Mr. Larry Robbs, the Director of the project, and two people working under him will spend the first two weeks in November on our campus gathering opinion and information.

During the weeks of November 6 to 10 and November 13 to 17, Mr. Robbs will use the conference room in Joyner Library as a place for people to come by and offer their opinions and suggestions for the library. In this process, Mr. Robbs will seek to understand the goals, the needs, the facts, and the concepts of the project. Comments will be posted on the walls of the conference under these headings--goals, needs, facts, and concepts--so that you may see what other people think and so that you may make comments on the comments made by others.

The first three days of this process--November 6, 7, and 8--are especially important. Those are the days when Mr. Robbs hopes for open comments from across the university. These comments will then form the basis for later discussions with specific groups of library staff and users.

So please make those days on your calendars: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, November 6 through 8, as the days for open comments on the new library. You may come in after those days, but it will be especially important for the architect to collect ideas on those three days.

Let me point out again that Mr. Robbs himself, a principal in the firm of Walter Robbs Callahan & Pierce, will be directing this process, aided by another architect in the firm and by the firm's interior designer.