

Joint-Use Library Project with the City of Virginia Beach

Planning continues in earnest for the new library at the Virginia Beach Campus. The 120,000 square foot facility will be a joint project with the City of Virginia Beach. When completed, the College will have approximately 100,000 square feet for its academic library and joint use space, while the City will have approximately 20,000 square feet of dedicated public library space.

The library will be located on land purchased by the City at the corner of Rosemont Road and Faculty Drive, across the street from the Regional Health Professions Center

currently under construction.

If all goes according to plan, we should be breaking ground in late 2009 or early 2010, with a grand opening some 16 months later.

I've included a couple of renderings of the exterior of the building for those of you that didn't see them at convocation.

It is going to be an awesome facility and eagerly anticipated for our large and growing campus and the citizens of the Princess Anne Commons area of the City.



Virginia Beach Campus Student Center

Planning is also underway for the Virginia Beach Campus Student Center. This 89,500 square foot, three-story facility will be located in the middle of our campus pond.

Many of you thought we were kidding when we first began to talk about this location but, given our area's relationship to water and given the importance of having a central place for students to gather before

and after classes, it makes a lot of sense to build it on pilings over our pond.

The building will house an expanded cafeteria, bookstore, recreational facility, child-minding services, and student meeting rooms, lounge, and study areas.

The ground-breaking—or should I say, water-breaking—should be sometime soon!



Blackwater Building Renovation

Everything is still on schedule for the C-Building or Blackwater to open for the spring 2010 semester. The newly renovated building will have offices for 23 faculty, 22 classrooms, and even a student study area.

Also part of this project is an energy plant upgrade that involves replacing the chiller unit that is outside of the Bay-side Building and many of the

underground pipes that feed the heating and cooling systems in several campus buildings: A (Princess Anne), B (Bayside), C (Blackwater), and D (Kempsville). This explains all the mess that exists around these buildings. This work is expected to be completed in March 2010. I have included a map that shows the construction areas.

