



## Auditorium Plans Set

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It's been more than two years now since Winston-Salem State's Fries Auditorium collapsed during a heavy rainstorm. The school has had to use its Whitaker Gymnasium and the Fine Arts Auditorium at Salem College as the focal points of all its group gatherings.

Thus far, they have managed to get by.

Now, if the school can wait another two years, it will again have an auditorium.

Last month wreckers began demolishing houses and old business buildings on a one block area just outside campus where the new auditorium is to be built. This one block area is adjacent to the Student Union and bound by Claremont Avenue and Wallace, Bruce, and Cromartie Streets.

Fred A. Burke, university assistant business manager, said that the area should be cleared soon, but that work on the new \$1.6 million facility probably will not begin before early December. It will take from 18 months to two years to finish the auditorium, Burke said.

The new building is not quite what the school had in mind when Chancellor Kenneth R. Williams made his original request to the state Advisory Budget Commission for funds in 1970.

He had requested \$3 million for a new auditorium and multimedia communications building. The University was granted only \$1.6 million for a new auditorium, but the Advisory Budget Commission did not recommend to the General Assembly that the school get \$1.7 million needed for the communications building.

Also, the commission did not recommend funds to provide the school with an Olympic size swimming pool which Williams says is badly needed.

Williams hasn't given up hope yet, however. In a request to the Advisory Budget Commission this past July, he asked for \$10.2 million for the 1973-75 biennium.

A swimming pool and communications building were given top priority on his list of needs.

There has been other construction under way on campus since this summer began.

The electrical distribution system is being modernized and all power lines are being put underground.

Also, work has begun on completion of a street behind the gymnasium which will circle the campus and open onto Reynolds Park Road.

When completed, the street will serve as a second entrance to and exit from the campus.



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"Like a bird . . ."

## Mrs. Williams Travels To 16 Countries

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A two-month tour of 16 foreign countries and 40 cities gave Mrs. Edith Williams her first trip outside the United States last summer.

Mrs. Williams accompanied her husband, WSSU Chancellor, Dr. Kenneth R. Williams. Dr. Williams was the recipient of a Danforth Foundation Grant which funded the trip.

Because she had never been abroad before, Mrs. Williams said she felt ". . . like a bird out of a cage."

Among the spots she most enjoyed or remembered, Mrs. Williams listed Egypt, Sweden, India, London, and Denmark.

In Egypt, Mrs. Williams and her husband were entertained by the brother and sister-in-law of SU professor, Dr. S. E. Elassar. Mrs. Williams also enjoyed riding a camel and viewing the pyramids, the Sphinx, and the merger of the old and the new cities of Egypt.

A WSSU nursing school graduate-former faculty member and her husband hosted the Williams in Sweden. Dr. and Mrs. Sonny Johanson guided Dr. and Mrs. Williams through Sweden and its surrounding area.

Science professor, Dr. B. S. Sidhu and his brother were ". . . very gracious" hosts to Dr. and Mrs. Williams in India.

Perhaps the most memorable spot on the tour for Mrs. Williams was London. "I'll always remember London," she said. "That's where I had my accident." While on her way to visit Westminster

Abbey, Mrs. Williams fractured her ankle requiring a cast for six weeks. However, the cast didn't detain her one bit, she said.

Of Denmark, Mrs. Williams said it's ". . . the cleanest country that I've ever seen." They believe in planting flowers and trees for ecology's sake.

Mrs. Williams was also highly impressed by watching the making of silk from the silk worm and the floating markets in Taiwan.

Finding an alabaster bust of Egyptian Queen Nefertiti highlighted the shopping for Mrs. Williams. She added the bust to a small collection of four busts and two pendants of Nefertiti. She also bought a black handmade hostess dress (with orange hand embroidery) in Israel.

The Williams took slides of every country they visited. They invite interested students to contact **The News Argus** staff to arrange a viewing.



MRS. EDITH WILLIAMS

### SOMETHING NEW

Beginning next issue **The News Argus** will start a question-answer column called RAM (Ram Answer Man).

The column is designated to aid in answering some of the questions of students and administration concerning school policies, organizations, operations, etc.

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