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Changes to Bryan Lobby

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In 1954, Bryan lobby was built as an addition to one of Durham's hospitals founded by philanthropist George Washington Watts. Watts cared for many patients and earned an excellent reputation in the triangle area. Watts hospital was constructed with the help of generous grants from the Watts family. George Watts Carr was the architect of the brick addition to the hospital which was built for \$2,577,000. Since the dedication on December 20, 1953 the lobby has remained essentially unchanged over the years. The dedication of Durham County General Hospital on October 3, 1976 marked the end of the legacy of Watt's Hospital when all of the in-patients were transferred to the new facility. The lobby remained dormant for four years before the opening of NCSSM in 1980. Currently, in May of 2003, the building

is undergoing its first large scale renovation.

The citizens approved 3.2 million dollars on November 2, 2000 for the Higher Education Bond program designed for capital improvements in North Carolina's public schools. Due to the fact that these bonds were specifically designated for improvement projects, they could not be used for expenditures elsewhere in the school. The Bryan Lobby received a construction bid of 2.3 million dollars which is \$715,796 (24%) below the designer's estimated construction costs, and \$124,000 (5%) under the budgeted costs. With this allotted amount, major improvements to the electrical, mechanical and plumbing systems, as well as major renovations to the building itself, are possible. The object is to create something welcoming and light similar to the main entrance to the auditorium to blend in with the Spanish

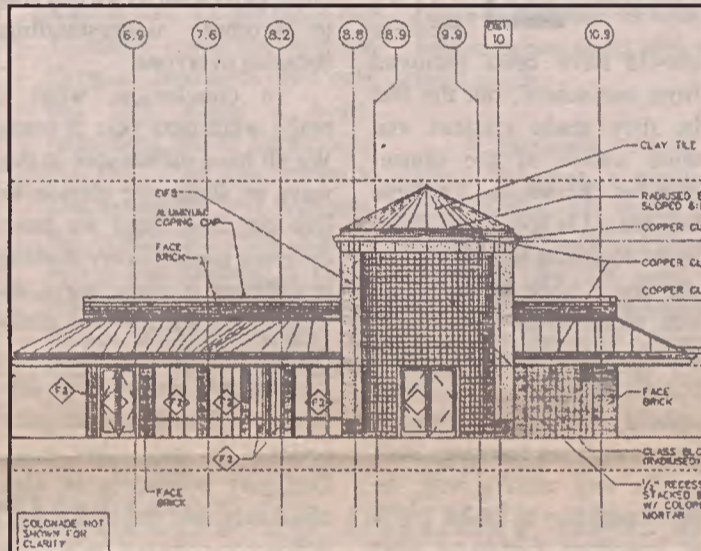
Eclectic architecture found throughout the rest of the school and the ETC.

During the time which the Hospital was built, asbestos was used in con-

seen with the naked eye. Once inhaled, asbestos can lead to a buildup of scar-like tissue and eventual loss of lung function. Due to these risk factors, the renovation of

lobby is built to bring it closer to the curb. Designed to have a series of curves and turns, the aim is to create several smaller areas within the lobby to accommodate students. An overhang from the current lobby to the main entrance of the auditorium is also being constructed to shield walking during inclement weather. The current circle is also being reshaped to promote better traffic flow. Other additions include a school store in place of the former MPC office and a coffee bar in place of the magazines in the library.

The projected date to finish the project is January 31st of 2004; however, few actually expect the construction to be completed by this date. The construction affects not only the appearance of Bryan lobby but also the residents of Second Bryan. The Bryan renovations are yet another chapter in the history of Watts hospital.



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A 3-d view of the future Bryan Lobby area.

struction. Asbestos was used in building materials because of its resistance to heat and corrosion. Asbestos fibers can become airborne when the materials containing it are disturbed but they cannot be

Bryan lobby also involves the safe removal of the hazardous materials.

All of the offices in the lobby are undergoing improvements, while an extension on the current

Presidential Speech

JEFF SIBRACK

To the student body:

I am your new president. My name is Jeff Sibrack (See-Brack). Thanks to everyone who voted. The new Student Government and I are very excited about next year. As a group, we are finally beginning to get to know one another, and we are beginning to see some interesting things happen.

Our focus is to keep SGA from seeming like an elite and distant body from the rest of the students. This year, I believe that many times when SGA felt strongly about an issue and began to discuss it with administration, the rest of the students were unaware and unsupportive. I think this was very counterproductive and really stopped a lot of the changes we wanted from taking place. I believe the lack of productivity was due to lack



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of communication on the part of SGA and probably a lack of trust from the student body. I worry that this lack of trust may have been due to more personal reasons than an overall concern for the benefit of our community. The challenge for me next year will be to put personal issues behind us and examine issues from a perspective that will benefit

everyone. I hope that the rest of SGA and I will be trusted to uphold this ideal. As I am already learning this year, this means I will have to sacrifice certain things to insure I will represent our school well.

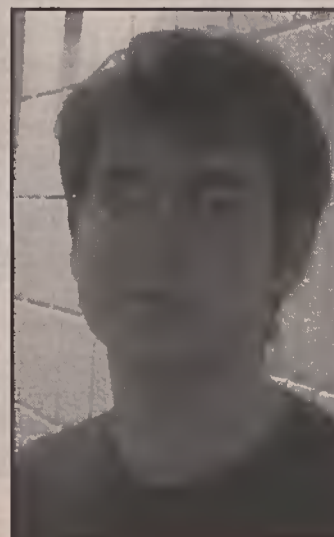
At this point we have nine of the twenty five elected members of next year's Student Government. As president, I could not ask for a better group. We have five males and four females, who I think represent every faction of our school. This year the lack of representation in SGA from the Hunt Dormitory was a constant source of complaint, but this does not appear to be a problem for next year with Justin Fleming and Kamil Faridi dedicated to Hunt. After much struggling, I decided to live on 1st Hill next year, but Hunt boys should not worry about me selling out. This was a com-

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Vice-Presidential Speech

JUSTIN FLEMING

Hi. Everyone here tonight? Let me take attendance. Raise your hand if you're not here. <Pause> Oh, great. All right, well, everyone else is here to decide whether or not this will all be just a popularity contest. Right now, every last one of



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you has had a friend or acquaintance come up to you saying, "Oh, yeah, you're gonna vote for me, right?" Half of you have already decided who you're going to vote for, and have no interest at all in what the rest of us have to say. <Pause> If you're not one of those people, my name is Justin Fleming. <Pause>

I'm up here tonight so that you can judge me, to decide whether or not you want me as part of a group that will be your voice and your power with the administration next year at Science and Math. A lot of you don't know me, so these five minutes we have together are pretty much it. While I'm up here, I have to answer one question, for those people who haven't had their minds made up for them by peer pressure. That question

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