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“And our flag was still there...”

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The Tuesday, September 11th terrorist attack on the United States will change the way Americans live their lives in a way not yet comprehensible. Two hijacked planes flew into the World Trade Center, one into the Pentagon, and one into a field in Pittsburgh. All of the passengers aboard the planes perished. In addition, over 100 people who worked at the Pentagon died and over 5,000 workers at the World Trade Center have been reported missing. Many firefighters and emergency personnel lost their lives trying to save others. Despite this tragedy, America has united in order to combat evil and to restore a feeling of safety. American citizens have displayed their patriotism with flags-placing them on cars, outside homes and in the streets of neighborhoods. Here, New York City firefighters hoist up an American flag in the midst of the World Trade Center rubble.

Reviving a relic: Grimsley builds on old idea

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Reporter

Grimsley students returned to school in August to find half of the front lawn fenced in, numerous construction workers roaming about campus, and “tunnels” instead of walkways between the Main and Old Science buildings.

Eighteen months and 12.2 million dollars from now, the construction project will be complete and Grimsley will have two-story Gothic-style brick walkways between the Main, Old Science and Home Ec Buildings as well as between the Main, Music and Vocational Buildings. The plan includes elevator “towers” at both ends of the Main Building.

The Media Center will be expanded to the space behind the Media Center and Home Ec Buildings. Since Grimsley is in need of classroom space, two permanent classrooms will be housed in the new Media Center. To accommodate more technology, Grimsley will also be rewired during the construction period.

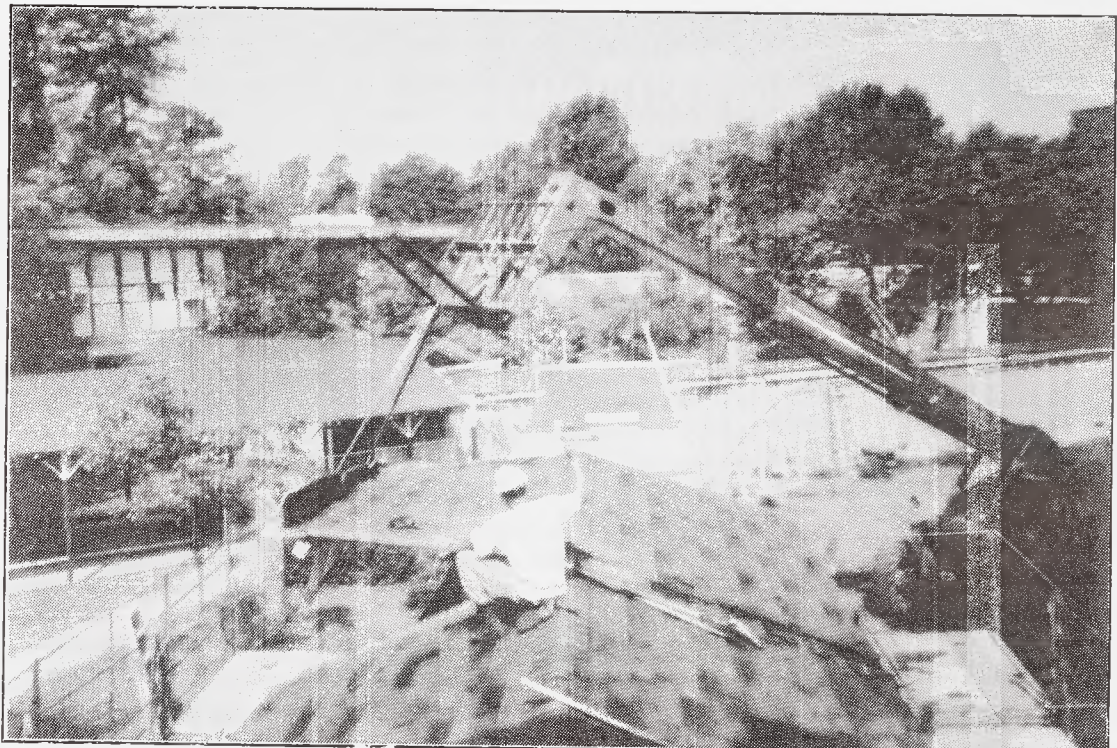
All of these improvements come from Grimsley’s share of the 200 million-dollar bond referendum passed last year to budget improvements and new construction in the Guilford County School system.

The architectural improvements being made to the campus

are not a new idea. The brick walkways, which will resemble Roman viaducts, were part of architect Charles Hartmann’s original plan for Grimsley. However, when Grimsley was being built between 1928 and 1929, the money for the brick walkways ran short because of the arrival of the Great Depression. The wooden walkways present today were built as an inexpensive alternative. The combination of elevators and two floor walkways will finally make Grimsley fully accessible for disabled students.

However, the new construction, while it will benefit Grimsley in the future, is creating its share of problems in the present. The constant noise from construction workers creates a distraction for both students and teachers. Elena Snavelly, a sophomore, said “The noise is disturbing and the dust flying through the windows makes it hard to breathe.” Teachers feel the same way. Mrs. Eller, the Latin teacher, said, “It is very hard to teach over the noise. I feel like I have to yell to teach my classes.”

In addition to the problem of noise, there is the constant congestion in the tunnels, which many students are forced to use to get to class because of the fenced-in area on the front lawn. “The tunnels eliminate options as far as routes to class, so everyone has to walk through the tunnels and they get really crowded. They flood



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Construction workers hoist the old walkway roof as construction begins for the new, two-story brick walkways.

when it rains, and they are depressing because in most of your classes you can’t see what is outside and going to class is your only chance to get fresh air. They smell funny too,” said Julia Kimmel, a junior. To compensate for the larger number of people traveling in a smaller amount of space, the administration has added an extra minute to the amount of time between classes.

Some students resent the construction because it takes away

from the beauty that the Grimsley campus is known for. Anshu Verma, a senior, said, “The construction is ugly. I like Grimsley because of the pretty campus, but now it isn’t as pretty. The construction detracts from the beauty of the campus.”

However, many students feel that the end result will be worth the congestion and changes on campus now. “Right now, I don’t like the construction, but it will be good for classes to come. It’s

worth it,” said Jackie O’Neil, a senior. Theoria Cason, a junior, said, “I can’t say if all of the problems created by the construction will be worth it for me because I don’t know if I will be here to see the benefits. It might be worth it for students in the future.”

The construction is progressing on schedule and is expected to be completed in January of 2003. Until then, the tunnels, the fence, and the noise will remain.

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