

Renovation continues to revitalize Grimsley

The historical Grimsley campus construction is now officially underway.

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For over 70 years, generation after generation of Grimsley students have listened to the same familiar clanging of pipes as the thick heat rises from the radiators on chilly winter mornings. We have borne the stifling heat of North Carolina summers together during 6th period in May, making the same paper fans and attempting to make out our teachers' voices over the loud hum of electric fans.

By the end of this year, however, those days will be over.

As construction progresses into the winter months, the fresh-air ventilation system and foundations for the brick walkways will be put in place. The concrete structures between Old Science and Main will be piers used to support the arched walkways. Mr. Harry Bradley, Grimsley's archivist, states that this Gothic architectural structure is just one way Grimsley is keeping an old style in an up-to-date way.

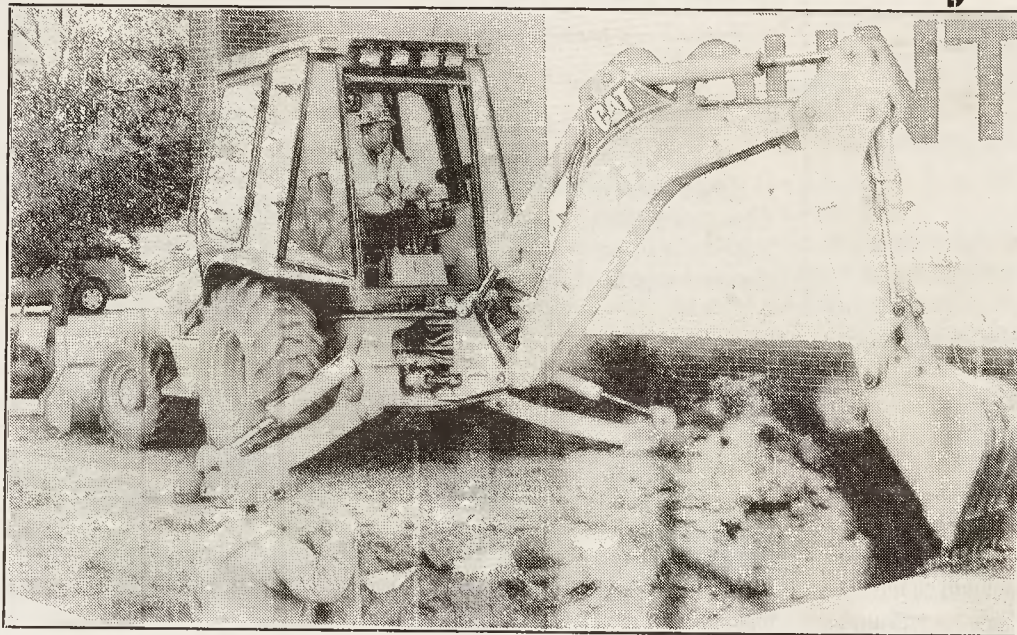
Despite the modernization

of Grimsley's buildings, there remains continuity between the past and the present. The brick work that will follow the laying out of the foundations will be done exactly like the brick work done in 1929—down the very last brick. Bradley commended the brick masons for the meticulous and time-consuming job they must complete. "Brick masonry is a real combination of art and skill to get it exactly right," he said.

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The trenches being dug between Old Science and Main reveal underground tunnels that have not been exposed since 1929. Looking down into them, the tunnels reveal the old steam lines workers put in place decades ago, still being used to deliver heat all over campus. The ancient metal lines will be replaced with white insulated pipes that will deliver water to the new registers in classrooms. The old lines will not



Bartow photo

Construction workers continue the work of digging ditches to lay the piping. The piping is part of the eagerly anticipated new air conditioning and heating system at Grimsley.

be removed, however, until the spring, when heating will no longer be needed.

The modern fresh-air ventilation system will circulate hot and cold water to the motors, or blowers, within the registers. Eighteen months from now, these blowers will release the cold air over our classrooms that Grimsley students and teachers have long been waiting for, as well as a noiseless, renovated heating system.

The large metal vents, or duct work, lining the ceilings of hallways and towering beside

sinks in several bathrooms are all a part of the fresh-air system. Schools are under very strict codes that fall under local, state, and federal guidelines, down to the kind of paint they can use. These codes require that a certain amount of fresh air be brought in from the outside.

Also, the system is not freon-based. There are a few chemicals in the pipes but nothing damaging to the environment. Bradley said, "It's a very economically and environmentally friendly system."

Students and teachers alike are looking forward to the benefits of an up-to-date system. "The big advantage [of the construction] is that my students and I will not be so hot in the afternoons thanks to the AC," Mr. Dalton said. "The temporary inconveniences, (holes in the wall, an unattractive hallway) will be over soon enough, so I'm not too worried about them."

The construction seen between Home Ec and the Media

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Exam schedule scares away holiday cheer

This year, Guilford County is implementing a new exam schedule that involves taking exams after winter break.

By Sara Nelson
Reporter

On an early December morning, an icy chill fills the air and frost covers windowpanes. Small children scream with delight as they marvel at freshly fallen snow. Instead of enjoying this winter wonderland, Grimsley students are holed up

in their rooms studying for midterms.

Yes, that's right, studying for midterms.

While this may not be the typical situation for most students during winter break, it is probable since this year, midterms will be administered in January. The change is being made to better accommodate the needs of schools on block scheduling. In order to make the semesters equal, Guilford County decided to lengthen the second quarter and administer midterms at all high schools after winter break.

This year, instead of the usual

two and a half weeks, winter break is one week. It lasts from December 24- January 1. Exams will be given January 8, 9 and 10 to allow for study and review time following winter break.

For the first time, students are faced with the choice of whether or not to study for exams over winter break. Most students feel that winter break is a time for relaxation and would rather not burden themselves with studying. Senior Eleftherios Xixis said, "Christmas break is meant to be en-

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2002 Exam Schedule

First Exam: 8:30 A.M.-10:30 A.M

Second Exam: 11 A.M.-1 P.M.

January 4, 7- 0 period exam*

January 8- 1st & 2nd period exams

January 9- 3rd & 4th period exams

January 10- 5th & 6th period exam

*one hour each day during 0 period

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