



Teens yearn for simpler days when nothing was more important than their Saturday morning cartoons. **page 8-9**

the high LIFE

“ The protest of China's policies is similar to the mindset of people during the Cold War: If others don't run their countries like we do, then they're doing it wrong. ”



-Elizabeth Detmar
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Students gather in the grove on August 21 to enjoy music, consume ice cream, and to meet teachers and friends at the Whirle Nation Celebration. Principal Anna Brady introduced herself to the Whirle community. *McDiarmid photo.*

Physical changes on campus freshen atmosphere, add appeal

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Reporter

While students were sleeping late or cooling off in a pool over summer break, their high school's appearance transformed. Minor construction projects enhanced the campus by making it more appealing and providing more room for the students and faculty to relax at lunch and after school.

Worth approximately \$12 million, the improvement bond is supposed to fund a handful of major projects including the new cafeteria addition and renovation of the existing cafeteria; repaving of the student parking lot; and restoration of the main gym and Jamieson Stadium. These changes, however, will not occur for a while.

Conducting only two lunch shifts with such a large school population results in numerous students wandering around in search of seating. To fix the problem of limited benches and picnic tables, contractors built small brick walls between the pillars leading to the entrance of the main building. As a result, students wishing not to feel packed into the busy grove, loud cafeteria, or sport-filled front lawn will have another area to eat and talk to friends.

With a fast growing population, the school has been in dire need of additional classrooms. Over the summer, portables, or trailers, arrived on campus, creating more space for comfortable learning environments so students are not overcrowded into small rooms yet still expected to learn.

Yet another improvement involves the formerly gray and bumpy parking lot, which has been transformed into a new, sleek, black pavement. At the present time, however, only bus drivers and visitors can enjoy it.

Old and dilapidated tennis courts have also been repaved into green and dark blue, at least representing one school color and instilling pride for the entire community.

"They slapped some concrete everywhere!" said sophomore Lauren Boyette in reference to the changes on campus.

Other improvements include a well manicured landscape, fresh paint on the bathroom doors and walls, and new carpets and painting the main office.

"The newly painted office and fresh carpet really brightens up the workplace," said Administrative Assistant Alana Neal.



Students take a lunch break while resting against the new pillars. Contractors built this new addition to the Main walkway during the summer break. *Detmar photo.*

Vocational also has new furniture back in place, get graffiti off walls, and clean all of the bathrooms. All floors had to be stripped because of a new floor wax finisher. If that were not enough, we had to maintain the buildings for summer school and Driver's Ed," said lead custodian Rosalin Bendolph.

Before students arrived for the fall semester, the custodial staff tended to numerous laborious duties. Attendance personnel returned to their former location across from the main office, and the concrete "GHS," which was located on the east side of Jameson Stadium, was demolished.

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furniture back in place, get graffiti off walls, and clean all of the bathrooms. All floors had to be stripped because of a new floor wax finisher. If that were not enough, we had to maintain the buildings for summer school and Driver's Ed," said lead custodian Rosalin Bendolph.

Because of the help of several people, good organization, and a precise list of chores, the school's condition was pleasing to all who entered on the first day.