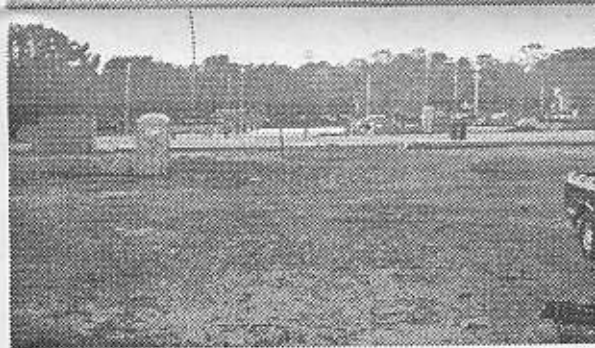


# Construction Resumes



Construction under way at South Miami. Walls to be up after Winter Break



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After much anticipation from South Miami's staff and students, progress has finally continued on the construction of the new building. Why the long

wait you ask? For the answer to that phenomenon I turned to Mr. Miguel Torres, Assistant Principal. Apparently construction was halted due to inadequate permits concerning the new building's sewer system. The building's new system is to be

connected to the townhouse complex across the train tracks. The pipes have to actually go underneath the the tracks, complicating the situation. Finally, the permits have been obtained and construction will once again resume.

The new building is projected to create classroom space for approximately 900 students. It will contain state-of-the-art science labs, a new dance room, drama room with matching stage, and a brand new cafeteria. Additionally, once construction is complete, 70 to 80 new parking spaces will be created. The eating area in the front of the school is to be eradicated, the fences taken down and the students moved to the new cafeteria.

There is no projected boundary change for the school district and no significant staff increase due to the new capacity. This projected \$16 million project is expected to reach substantial completion by February 2006, upon which furnishings, equipment, and fixtures can be brought in and assembled. Significant change can be clearly noticed as early as our return from Winter Recess. Many of the walls may already be constructed and in position. As Mr. Torres said, "prepare to see progress quickly."