

# Change Is in the Air

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In all the years we have been at Bartram, we have noticed some untimely changes at The Bolles School.

In the fifth grade they had the soda machine at this campus. When we came in the sixth grade, it had vanished.

Today, they are making plans for tearing down the Curry Hicks Building and other nearby buildings. Next year, our classes will be hosted in trailers outside of the Pratt Library. What did we ever do to them? We pay the same tuition as the ones before us. We need to take a stand.

If you take away our dignity, at least give us something in return like not requiring us to wear uniforms. We are tired of looking like clones day after day. We may all be going to the same school, but that doesn’t mean we are all the same person. We need our individuality. Something as simple as a sweatshirt can get us cleaning duties. A tiny insignificant button will get us in trouble. Is there no end to our suffering?

As I stroll from class to class some garbage catches my eye. It’s everywhere. We do not mean to offend the staff members in any way. One poor defenseless student named Sara McLaughlin commented on the situation; “I think it is rather unseemly that the campus is not very clean. Honestly, no offense to Mr. Anderson or any of the staff, but the bathrooms need some work. I think that next year we should kick off the year with a nice clean campus.”

We do not mean to insult anyone with this article; we are just stating our case in hope of some change.



## Mr. Anderson Responds to “Change Is in the Air”

“The trash on the grounds is picked up every morning. So who throws the trash on the ground during the day? The bathrooms are cleaned every night. Who messes them up during the day? I would welcome a student-led initiative to come with a plan that will keep students from throwing trash on the ground and messing up the bathrooms. Not only do we kick off every year with a nice clean campus, but we kick off every day with a nice clean campus. All the school can do is keep picking up the trash and cleaning the bathrooms every day. What can the students do?

“As for the campus changes, we are tearing down Curry/Hicks and building a new auditorium and a new classroom building. While this will cause some inconvenience next year, these new buildings will greatly benefit the students. In order to make our school better, we have to make changes. Remember, students a couple of years ago did not have a nice gym on campus to use. Current students now have the benefit the new gym, but only after an inconvenient construction period that students who are now in high school had go through. This is the nature of change. We can’t improve the school without making changes.”

## BATTLE OF THE JAMS

BY ALI & MB

Mr. Crowley, 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and advisor, has finally challenged Mr. Creter to a duel of beats! Mr. Creter, 7<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher, has accepted the challenge.

Mr. Crowley is a drummer in a local Jacksonville band called Quiet Time. They play at multiple sites, some being our very own campus. Though he is mostly known to play in Quiet Time, Crowley used to also play in a DC band commonly called Tinkle. He plays with a group of his friends: Everett, Jerry, and Hunter.

Mr. Creter is surprisingly a drummer for his own band, though the band has recently lost two players.

This contest will take place on May 8th this year, a Monday. Crowley and Creter will be competing during activities that afternoon.

Who will win? Crowley or Creter? Find out live, here on the Bartram Campus!

