

Polishing

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'Just look at us now!' was on the lips of everyone in the school district. From May of 1988 right through the school year, we added new facilities and polished up the old.

In the Fall of 1987, an architect designed several much needed additions to our buildings, which were quickly becoming cramped and outdated. Due to the new requirements of the Regents Action Plan, our classes started to grow in the 1985-1986 school year. With all of the new requirements we needed to graduate, certain classrooms, like history and languages, became crowded. And, our gym was just too small. For years, we were known as the school with 'The Cheese Box' by all of the other schools in the area. It was tough to find a spot on the bleachers, and ever tougher for the players to stay in-bounds.

May of 1988 brought the start of the construction process. By mid-summer, the workers were well on their way toward the raising of the new buildings. The tennis courts were gone, and in their place was the foundation for the new gym. Inside the building, rooms were being

switched right and left. Mr Myers was sent to the old custodians' break room. His old room became an office for the BOCES supervisor. The elementary school was changed so much that when the little ones returned in the fall, they could hardly believe their eyes. In addition to these changes, there were several others. A new computer room grew out of the elementary library. Our library expanded greatly, enabling Mrs Crawford to serve us even better. Workers began building eight new classrooms to accommodate our needs. Near those classrooms, a courtyard would come into being. And, finally, our new gym and locker room began to take shape.

Through all the construction, we shared our cafeteria and gym with the elementary school. It was rather comical to watch their fearful faces as they ran through halls filled with big, nasty high schoolers. Otherwise, we really weren't affected by the workers and their loud machinery.

When the yearbook went to press, the anticipated completion date was September, 1989. We impatiently waited for our bright, shiny, new additions. The Seniors were disappointed that they would miss out on all of the advantages, but the underclassmen had something to look forward to.

