

School Construction: Unfinished Job

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Have you noticed that no heavy machinery like bull dozers forklifts or bobcats have been on the work site? The reason for the stall was that it still needed approval from Building and Zoning. The construction waited for inspection in order to receive the permits necessary to begin the work. Without these documents, the much anticipated project could go nowhere.

The workers dug 30 feet into the ground and removed all the organic rock and garbage that, if left there would have made the building's foundation potentially unstable. All the organic rock was replaced with inorganic rock and compressed into the ground. Since the workers had to sacrifice the plumbing in order to do the job, and a few things were not up to code, it will be quite some time before the construction site seems to be bustling with workers and ma-

chinery, and the sound of tools being put to use.

After the plumbing is done, you will begin to see the building take form. The new building will be u-shaped, and will consist of two sections: a two story section and a three story section. on the inside of the u-shaped building there will be additional student parking which will be equal in size to the current student parking lot. It is speculated that when the whole project is finished everyone will be able to park. In addition, a roofed walkway will extend from the current building to the new one. If everything goes according to plan, the project should be done in approximately one year, say some of the construction workers.

"There will be bigger and better class rooms for the magnet classes, and more students will bring new talent," said Assistant Principal Miguel Torres. As well as giving us more students to draw from for our many sports, programs and

activities, the new building will definitely reduce the overcrowding, and thus make it easier and much more comfortable to get from one place to another. "The new construction will be great, facilitating more students and reducing the population in the current building," said Dr. Jerry Eisner.

"Getting used to the new construction site is annoying, makes the school feel very prison-like adding to the overcrowding. I hope the project is done by next year so I can walk through the halls with ease," said fellow student Andres Correa. For the time being it is an inconvenience, one likes to park their car on someone's driveway two blocks away or try to push their way through the halls like a New York subway during rush hour, but for the time being we're just going to have to bear with it. The results will definitely be worth it in the end, and hopefully we will have the convenience of this new and improved building soon.